

The Characterizations of $(A_q(U))^*$

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For $q > 1$ Bers defines a Banach space $A_q(U) = \left\{ f \in H(U) \mid \int_U |f(u)|(1-|u|^2)^{q-2} dx dy < \infty \right\}$ and shows that any bounded linear functional Λ on $A_q(U)$ may be represented as $\Lambda(f) = \int_U f(u) \bar{G}(u) (1-|u|^2)^{2q-2} dx dy$ where $G \in B_q(U) = \{h \in H(U) \mid \sup_{u \in U} |h(u)|(1-|u|^2)^q < \infty\}$ and is unique. This work is done in [1]¹. Duren, Romberg, and Shields, pursuant to their work on H^p for $p < 1$, define a Banach space $B^p(p < 1) = \left\{ f \in H(U) \mid \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 |f(re^{i\theta})|(1-r)^{1/p-2} dr d\theta < \infty \right\}$. They show that a bounded linear functional Λ on B^p may be uniquely represented as $\Lambda(f) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} f_r(e^{i\theta}) \bar{g}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta$ where

- (i) $f_r(e^{i\theta}) = f_r(re^{i\theta})$
- (ii) $g \in A = \{h \in H(U) \mid g \text{ is continuous on } \bar{U} \text{ and } g^{(n-1)}, \text{ and } n-1 \text{ st derivative of } g, \text{ is in } \Lambda_\alpha = \{h \in H(U) \mid h'(re^{i\theta}) = O(1-r)^{\alpha-1}\}\}$. (Here $\alpha = 1/p - n$ where $n < 1/p < n+1$, so $\alpha \neq 0$. If $1/p = n+1$, the conditions on g are: $g \in A, g^{(n-1)} \in \Lambda_* = \{h \in H(U) \mid h''(re^{i\theta}) = O((1-r)^{-1})\}$.) This work appears in [2].

In this paper, after showing that $B^p \cong A_q(U)$ with $1/p = q$, we derive the relationship between G and g , namely:

$$G(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} A_k \cdot g^{(2k+1)}(z) \cdot z^{2k+1},$$

($|z| < 1$) where A_i are constants, $A_{2n+1} \neq 0$. (in this case $q = 1/p$ is an integer. The Theorem is slightly different if q is not an integer.)

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We begin by showing that B^p is isomorphic to $A_q = A_q(U)$ with $1/p = q$. (the mapping is the identity.)

PROOF: Take $f \in B^p$.

$$\int_U |f|(1-|u|^2)^{q-2} dx dy = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} |f|(1-r^2)^{q-2} r dr d\theta \leq \frac{\max(1, 2^{q-2})}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} |f|(1-r)^{q-2} dr d\theta.$$

This shows that $k\|f\|_{B^p} \geq \|f\|_{A_q}$. So $B^p \subset A_q$, with a continuous injection. Now it is easy to verify that if $f \in A_q$ then $f \in B^p$. Thus we have $i: B^p \rightarrow A_q$, i the injection, is continuous and onto. The Open Mapping Theorem implies that i^{-1} is continuous, completing the proof that $B^p \cong A_q$, with $1/p = q$.

We turn to the Duren, Romberg and Shields representation. We hereafter will only refer to A_q , dropping all reference to B^p . If $f(z) = z^n, n \geq 0$ (which is certainly in A_q).

$$\Lambda(z^n) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} r^n e^{in\theta} \bar{g}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \bar{g}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta,$$

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since $g \in A$.

But now

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \bar{g}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \bar{g}_r(e^{i\theta}) d\theta,$$

by the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem since $\|g_r\|_\infty \leq \|g\|_\infty$. Now, letting $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \bar{g}_r(e^{i\theta}) d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \sum_0^{\infty} \bar{b}_k r^k e^{-ik\theta} d\theta \\ &= \sum_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} (\bar{b}_k r^k e^{in\theta - ik\theta}) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

(since the power series for g_r converges absolutely in \bar{U})

$$= 2\pi \bar{b}_n r^n$$

and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \bar{g}_r(e^{i\theta}) d\theta = 2\pi \bar{b}_n.$$

We have proved

LEMMA 1: If $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$,

$$\Lambda(z^n) = 2\pi \bar{b}_n.$$

Now we turn to the Bers representation of $\Lambda(z^n)$. If

$$G(z) = \sum a_k z^k, \quad \lambda(z) = (1 - |z|^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(z^n) &= \int \int_U z^n \bar{G}(z) \lambda^{2q-2} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} r^n e^{in\theta} \sum_0^{\infty} \bar{a}_k r^k e^{-ik\theta} (1 - r^2)^{2q-2} r dr d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Define $G_\rho(z) = G(\rho z)$. Then

$$\sup_{|z|=s} |G_\rho(z) \lambda^q(z)| = \sup_{|z|=s} |G_\rho(z)| \lambda^q(s)$$

(since λ depends only on $|z|$)

$$\leq \sup_{|z|=s} |G(z)| \lambda^q(s)$$

$$= \sup_{|z|=s} |G(z)| \lambda^q(z).$$

We have shown that

$$\begin{aligned} |G_\rho(z)\lambda^q(z)| &\leq \sup_{|\zeta| \leq |z|} |G_\rho(\zeta)\lambda^q(\zeta)| \\ &\leq \sup_{|\zeta| \leq |z|} |G(\zeta)\lambda^q(\zeta)| \leq K; \end{aligned}$$

since $G \in B_q$. Then,

$$(*) \quad \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 1} \int \int f \bar{G}_\rho \lambda^{2q-2} dx dy = \int \int f \bar{G} \lambda^{2q-2} dx dy$$

since

$$|f \bar{G}_\rho \lambda^{2q-2}| = |f(G_\rho \lambda^q) \lambda^{q-2}| \leq K |f \lambda^{q-2}|,$$

by above. But since $f \in A_q$, $K |f \lambda^{q-2}|$ is integrable so (*) holds. Now, as before, we compute

$$\int \int z^n \bar{G}_\rho \lambda^{2q-2} dx dy, n \geq 0.$$

$$\int \int z^n \bar{G}_\rho \lambda^{2q-2} dx dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} r^n e^{in\theta} \left(\sum_0^\infty \bar{a}_k \rho^k r^k e^{-ik\theta} \right) (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} \cdot r^{n+1} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\theta} \left(\sum_0^\infty \bar{a}_k \rho^k r^k e^{-ik\theta} \right) d\theta dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r^{n+1} \sum_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \bar{a}_k \rho^k r^k e^{in\theta - ik\theta} d\theta dr \end{aligned}$$

(since the series for G_ρ converges absolutely for $|z| = r \leq 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r^{n+1} \bar{a}_n \rho^n r^n \cdot 2\pi dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi \bar{a}_n \rho^n \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r^{2n+1} dr \end{aligned}$$

and taking limit as $\rho \rightarrow 1$ we get

LEMMA 2: If $G(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_k z^k$

$$\Lambda(z^n) = \bar{a}_n \cdot \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r^{2n+1} dr = \bar{a}_n \cdot c_n$$

where

$$c_n = \int_0^1 (1-r^2)^{2q-2} r^{2n+1} dr.$$

COROLLARY 3: $n \geq 0$

$$2\pi b_n = a_n c_n.$$

PROOF: By taking conjugates, and noting that c_n and 2π are real.

We shall need the following computation.

LEMMA 4: *Let*

$$p^n = \int_0^1 r^{2n+1} (1-r^2)^p dr,$$

then

$$p^n = \frac{n! \Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p+n+2) \cdot 2}.$$

(Here $p \neq -1$.)

PROOF: By integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} p^n &= \int_0^1 r^{2n+1} (1-r^2)^p dr \\ &= \frac{1}{p+1} \int_0^1 r^{2n-1} (1-r^2)^{p+1} dr \\ &= \frac{n}{p+1} (p+1)^c (n-1). \end{aligned}$$

Also, it is easy to compute

$$p^0 = \frac{1}{2(p+1)}.$$

Using our recursion equation and initial condition, we obtain:

$$(**) \quad p^n = \frac{n!}{2(p+1) \dots (p+n+1)}.$$

Now

$$p \Gamma(p) = \Gamma(p+1).$$

So

$$[2(p+1) \dots (p+n+1)] \Gamma(p+1) = 2 \Gamma(p+n+2)$$

or

$$[2(p+1) \dots (p+n+1)] = \frac{2 \Gamma(p+n+2)}{\Gamma(p+1)}.$$

Substituting in (**), we obtain

$$p^n = \frac{n! \Gamma(p+1)}{2 \Gamma(p+n+2)}.$$

We can now prove the basic theorems. First, the case when $q = n + 1$, an integer.

THEOREM 5: Let $q = n + 1$, then

(1) $G(z) = A_{2n+1}g^{(2n+1)}(z) \cdot z^{2n+1} + A_{2n}g^{(2n)}(z) \cdot z^{2n} + \dots + A_0g(z) (|z| < 1)$ where A_i are constants, $A_{2n+1} \neq 0$.

PROOF: $a_m = 2\pi b_m / c_m$ where

$$c_m = (2q - 2)^c m = \frac{m! \Gamma(2q - 1)}{2\Gamma(2q + m)}$$

$$2q - 2 = 2(n + 1) - 2 = 2n$$

$$c_m = \frac{m! 2n!}{(2n + m + 1)! \cdot 2}$$

Then

$$a_m = 2\pi b_m / c_m = \frac{2\pi b_m \cdot 2 \cdot (2n + m + 1)!}{m! 2n!}$$

Now, $\frac{(2n + m + 1)!}{m!}$ is a polynomial of proper degree $2n + 1$. Such polynomial is a linear combination of the following $2n + 2$ polynomials:

$$C_0(m) = 1$$

$$C_1(m) = m$$

$$C_2(m) = m(m - 1)$$

$$C_3(m) = m(m - 1)(m - 2)$$

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$$C_{2n+1}(m) = m(m - 1) \dots (m - 2n)$$

Thus we have

$$a_m = \frac{4\pi b_m}{2n!} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} B_i \cdot C_i(m).$$

(B_i constant, $B_{2n+1} \neq 0$); then

$$a_m r^m e^{im\theta} = \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} B_i C_i(m) b_m r^m e^{im\theta}$$

and, if $r < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m r^m e^{im\theta} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} B_i C_i(m) \cdot b_m r^m e^{im\theta} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \sum_m \sum_i B_i \cdot C_i(m) b_m r^m e^{im\theta} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \sum_i \sum_m B_i C_i(m) b_m r^m e^{im\theta} \end{aligned}$$

(since $r < 1$)

$$= \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \sum_i B_i \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_i(m) b_m r^m e^{im\theta}.$$

Now,

$$g^{(k)}(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_k(m) b_m r^{m-k} e^{i(m-k)\theta}$$

or

$$g^{(k)}(z) = z^{-k} \cdot \sum_m C_k(m) b_m r^m \cdot e^{im\theta}$$

or

$$z^k g^{(k)}(z) = \sum_m C_k(m) b_m r^m e^{im\theta}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m r^m e^{im\theta} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{2n!} \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} B_i \cdot g^{(i)}(z) \cdot z^i. \end{aligned}$$

Now, with $A_i = \frac{4\pi B_i}{2n!}$ we have $(1) \cdot A_{2n+1} \neq 0$ because $B_{2n+1} \neq 0$.

We now turn to the case when q is not an integer.

COROLLARY 6: Let $n < q < n+1$. Then $G \in B_q$ may be written

$$G(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} A_i \cdot z^i \cdot g^{(i)}(z), \quad A_{2n+1} \neq 0$$

where not only is $g^{(n-1)} \in \Lambda_*$, $g \in A$ but $g^{(2n+1)} = 0 \mid \frac{1}{(1-r)^q}$.

(We shall see shortly that $g^{(n-1)} \in \Lambda_* \Rightarrow g^{(2n+1)} = 0(1/(1-r)^{n+1})$.)

Note that we do not claim that this g is the same as the g associated with Λ .

PROOF: Choose β such that $q + \beta = n + 1$. $G \in B_q$, $G \in B_{q+\beta} = B_{n+1}$ since $\lambda(z) \leq 1$, and $\beta > 0$. Apply

Theorem 5, getting $G(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} A_i z^i g^{(i)}(z)$. The proof that $g^{(2n+1)} = 0(1/(1-r)^q)$ depends on

LEMMA 7: Say $f \in H(U)$,

$$|f(re^{i\theta})| < k/(1-r)^l.$$

Then

$$|f'(re^{i\theta})| < k'/(1-r)^{l+1}.$$

PROOF: Pick z , $r = |z|$, $r < \rho < 1$, $C_\rho = \{z \mid |z| = \rho\}$. Then

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\rho} \frac{f(\zeta)}{|\zeta - z|^2} d\zeta$$

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{k}{(1-\rho)^l} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_{C_\rho} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - z|^2}.$$

We must estimate the last integral

$$\int_{C_\rho} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - z|^2} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\rho d\theta}{|\rho e^{i\theta} - z|^2}$$

(where $\zeta = \rho e^{i\theta}$, $d\zeta = \rho i e^{i\theta} d\theta$, so $|d\zeta| = \rho d\theta$).

Now, let $\rho = (1+r)/2$. If we set $z^* = z/\rho$, $|z^*| = 2r/(1+r) < 1$, when $r < 1$. Then.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\rho d\theta}{|\rho e^{i\theta} - z|^2} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\left| \frac{e^{i\theta} - z}{\rho} \right|^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{1+r} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|e^{i\theta} - z^*|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us look at the last integral.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi &= \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \frac{e^{it} + z^*}{e^{it} - z^*} dt \quad (\text{Poisson Kernel}) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \frac{(e^{it} + z^*)(\overline{e^{it} - z^*})}{|e^{it} - z^*|^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \frac{1 - |z^*|^2 + (e^{it} z^* - e^{it} \bar{z}^*)}{|e^{it} - z^*|^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

Now $\overline{e^{it} z^*} - e^{it} \bar{z}^*$ is imaginary so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - |z^*|^2}{|e^{it} - z^*|^2} dt \\ &= (1 - |z^*|^2) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{|e^{it} - z^*|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{2}{1+r} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|e^{i\theta} - z^*|^2} = \frac{2}{1+r} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{1 - |z^*|^2}$$

Now since $G \in B_q$, $n < q < n+1$ we see that

$$(***) \quad (1-r)^q \cdot z^i \cdot g^{(i)}(z) = 0(1)$$

for $i > 2n+1$.

$$G(z) (1-r)^q = 0(1) + (1-r)^q g^{2n+1}(z) \cdot z^i$$

by (***). Thus $g^{2n+1} = 0(1/(1-r)^q)$.

This concludes the proof of *Corollary 6*.

We ask the following question: Is every sum of the form

$\sum A_i \cdot z^i \cdot g^{(i)}(z)$ in B_q ? First, if q is an integer, the answer is yes. For then $g^{n-1} \in \Lambda_*$ which

implies

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g^{n+1} &= 0(1/(1-r)) \\ g^{n+2} &= 0(1/(1-r)^2) \\ g^{2n+1} &= 0\left(\frac{1}{(1-r)^{n+1}}\right) = 0\left(\frac{1}{(1-r)^q}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{successively,} \\ \text{by Lemma 7.} \end{array}$$

Thus clearly

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} A_i \cdot z^i \cdot g^{(i)}(z) \in B_q.$$

If q is *not an integer*, then not every such sum is in B_q . Only those with $g^{2n+1} = 0(1/(1-r)^q)$ will be in B_q . $g \in \Lambda_*$ only implies that $g^{2n+1} = 0(1/(1-r)^{n+1})$, and $0(1/(1-r)^{n+1})$ is a weaker condition than $0(1/(1-r)^q)$, since $q < n+1$.

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