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INTRODUCTION

Let J_f and μ_f be the Julia set and the maximal entropy measure of the rational function f [1-5]. In this paper it is proved that the class of all rational functions of a fixed degree with common Julia set J_f or, in exceptional cases with common measure μ_f , is finite, with one exception. Also considered is the following question: How are the function of this class connected with f ? For polynomials a complete answer was obtained in [6]. Our method leads to a generalization of results of Fatou [7], Julia [8], and Ritt [9] on commuting rational functions in the style of the paper [10].

With the theory of iteration of rational functions one can become acquainted from the surveys [11, 12]. The Julia set J_f is defined as the set of points of the Riemann sphere \bar{C} , in the neighborhood of which the set of iterates $(f^n)_{n \geq 0}$ is not precompact (normal in the sense of Montel [13]). The Julia set coincides with the closure of the repulsive periodic points of f . The measure μ_f is defined to be the unique measure of maximal entropy of the endomorphism $f: \bar{C} \rightarrow \bar{C}$ [4]; it is characterized by the balancedness property [5]: $\mu_f(f(A)) = m\mu_f(A)$, where $m = \deg f$, for any Borel set A on which f is injective; the support of μ_f coincides with J_f .

The rational f is said to be critically finite if the set P_f of iterates of its critical points is finite. According to Thurston [14, 15], to each such function there corresponds an orbifold \mathcal{O} that is a sphere C together with the map $n: \bar{C} \rightarrow N \cup \{\infty\}$, defined as follows. If the point z is not in P_f then $n(z) = 1$, whereas if $z \in P_f$ then $n(z)$ equals the least-common multiple of the numbers $n(t) \deg_t f$ for all preimages t of the point z : $f(t) = z$ ($\deg_t f$ denotes the multiplicity of the function f at the point t). The orbifold \mathcal{O} is said to be parabolic if $\sum_{z \in P_f} (1 - 1/n(z)) = 2$. In this case there exist a covering map $F: C \rightarrow \bar{C}$ and a lift $\tilde{f}: z \mapsto az + b$, such that $\deg_z F = n(F(z))$, $z \in C$, and $f \circ F = F \circ \tilde{f}$ [14, 15]. The measure μ_f is the image $F_* \ell_2$ of the lebesgue measure ℓ_2 on R^2 . The parabolic orbifolds and the corresponding covering maps and lifts are described in [15]. We shall use the following assertion, proved in [10]: f is critically finite with parabolic orbifold if and only if the measure μ_f is fibered at some point $z_0 \in J_f$. Here a locally finite Borel measure σ on R^2 is said to be lamellar at the point $z_0 \in \text{supp } \sigma$ [10] if there exists a diffeomorphism ψ of some domain onto a neighborhood of z_0 such that the measure $\psi^* \sigma$ is invariant under translations along the x axis in R^2 .

1. Main Results. We term exceptional those cases in which the Julia set is the Riemann sphere \bar{C} , a circle, or a segment (in \bar{C}). Fix a rational function f of degree $m \geq 2$. Let $J = J_f$, $\mu = \mu_f$, and let $H \neq \text{id}$ be a function that is meromorphic in some disc $B(a, r)$ of radius r centered at the point $a \in J$.

Definition 1. We call H a symmetry on J if the following conditions are satisfied: 1) $x \in B(a, r) \cap J$ if and only if $H(x) \in B(a, r) \cap J$; 2) in the exceptional cases there exists an $\alpha > 0$ such that $\mu(H(A)) = \alpha\mu(A)$ for any set A on which the map $H: A \rightarrow \bar{C}$ is injective. A family \mathcal{H} of symmetries in the disc $B(a, r)$ is said to be nontrivial if \mathcal{H} is normal in $B(a, r)$ and no limit function for \mathcal{H} is equal to a constant.

Let us state our main result.

THEOREM 1. The function f is critically finite with parabolic orbifold if and only if there exists an infinite nontrivial family of symmetries on J_f .

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We let $R_d(f)$ denote the set of rational functions g of degree d with the property that $J_g = J_f$ and, in the exceptional cases, $\mu_g = \mu_f$. Set

$$R(f) = \bigcup_{d \geq 2} R_d(f).$$

Two rational functions are said to be equivalent if they are conjugate by means of a linear-fractional map. Notice that if f is equivalent to $z^{\pm m}$, then for any $d \geq 2$ the set $R_d(f)$ is isomorphic to the unit circle.

THEOREM 2. If f is not equivalent to $z^{\pm m}$, then $R_d(f)$ is finite for any d .

THEOREM 3. Suppose $g \in R(f)$ and one of the following conditions is satisfied: 1) there is a point a that is preperiodic (i.e., a preimage of a periodic point) for f and periodic and repulsive for g ; 2) the limit set P_f' of the iterates of critical points of f is finite and contains no neutral irrational periodic points of f . Then either f and g are critically finite and have a common parabolic orbifold, or $f^\ell \circ g^k = f^{2\ell}$ for some positive integers ℓ and k .

Remark 1. Suppose f and g commute. Then, by Theorem 3, either $f^\ell = g^k$, or f and g are critically finite with common parabolic orbifold, and so we recover Ritt's theorem [9].

Remark 2. The condition $f^\ell \circ g^k = f^{2\ell}$ guarantees that $J_g = J_f$ and $\mu_g = \mu_f$.

THEOREM 4. If J_f is a circle and $g \in R(f)$, then either f is equivalent to $z^{\pm m}$, or there exists a linear-fractional symmetry h and numbers $\ell, k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^\ell \circ h = f^\ell$ and $g^k = h \circ f^\ell$.

2. Auxiliary Propositions. The following assertions are of independent interest.

LEMMA 1. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\lambda| > 1$, and let ϕ_n be a sequence of univalent functions in $B(0, \varepsilon)$, such that $\phi_n(0) \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\phi_n \rightarrow \text{id}$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$). Then there exist $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon/2)$, $q \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and sequences (ℓ_i) and (n_i) of positive integers, such that for any $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, starting with some number i , the maps $R_i: B(0, \delta) \rightarrow B(0, 2\delta)$ given by the formulas

$$R_i(z) = \lambda^{\ell_i - m} \Phi_{n_i}(\lambda^{-(\ell_i - m)} \Phi_{n_i}^{-1}(z)) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} R_i(z) = z + q\lambda^{-m}, \quad z \in B(0, \delta). \quad (2)$$

Proof. Let $q_n = \phi_n(0)$. Since $q_n \neq 0$ and $q_n \rightarrow 0$, there exist sequences of positive integers (ℓ_i) and (n_i) such that $\lambda^{\ell_i} q_{n_i} \rightarrow q$ ($i \rightarrow \infty$), where $|q| \neq 0$ and is small. For these sequences and small $\delta > 0$ we expand the functions (1) in series and obtain (2).

LEMMA 2. Suppose the map R is holomorphic in a neighborhood of the point a , $R(a) = a$, $R'(a) = 1$, and R preserves a finite measure σ such that $\sigma(\{a\}) = 0$ and $\sigma(U) > 0$ for any neighborhood U of the point a . Then $R = \text{id}$.

The proof follows from the description of the local dynamics of R [11].

LEMMA 3. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\lambda| > 1$, and suppose in the half-plane $\{z | \text{Re } z > M_0\}$, $M_0 > 0$ there is defined a single-valued analytic function ψ of the form $\psi(z) = 1 + z + O(|z|^{-\gamma})$, $\gamma > 0$, $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. Then for any $c > 0$ there exist sequences of positive integers (n_i) and (ℓ_i) and a number $M > M_0$ such that $\lambda^{-n_i} \psi^{\ell_i}(\lambda^{n_i} z) \rightarrow z + c$ ($i \rightarrow \infty$) for all $z \in \Pi = \{z | \text{Re } z > M\}$.

Proof. Choose $M > M_0$ such that $\overline{\psi(\Pi)} \subset \Pi$. It is known [1] that

$$\psi^\ell(z) = l + z + o(|z|) + o(l) \quad (l \rightarrow +\infty, z \rightarrow \infty).$$

Let $c > 0$ and the sequence (n_i) be such that $\lambda^{n_i} \rightarrow 0$ ($i \rightarrow \infty$). Set $\ell_i = [c |\lambda|^{n_i}]$. Then

$$\lambda^{-n_i} \psi^{\ell_i}(\lambda^{n_i} z) \rightarrow z + c \quad (i \rightarrow \infty).$$

Using Lemmas 2 and 3 we prove

Proposition 1. If the rational function f and the symmetry H on J_f have a common repulsive fixed point a , then f and H commute.

Proof. In a small neighborhood of a consider the function $R = H \circ f \circ H^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$, where the branches of H^{-1} and f^{-1} are chosen so that $H^{-1}(a) = f^{-1}(a) = a$. We have: $R(a) = a$, $R'(a) = 1$. In the exceptional cases R preserves the measure μ_f and, by Lemma 2, $R = \text{id}$, i.e., $H \circ f = f \circ H$. Now suppose J_f is not the Riemann sphere, a circle, or a segment. Assume $R \neq \text{id}$. Let us show that if the point $z \in J_f$ is close to a , then J_f contains an analytic arc connecting z and a . As shown in [7, 8] (see also [10]), this forces J_f to be \bar{C} , or a circle, or a segment. Thus, let $z \in J_f$ be close to a . Then $\bar{R}^k(z) \rightarrow a$ when $k \rightarrow \infty$, where \bar{R} denotes R or R^{-1} . By a theorem of Schröder [5], there exists a holomorphic change of coordinates in a neighborhood of a which maps J_f into a set that is invariant under the map $z \rightarrow z/\lambda$, where $\lambda = f'(a)$. Now subject the new coordinates to the change $z \rightarrow A/z^p$ with suitable $A = 0$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. and then apply Lemma 3. Proposition 1 is proved.

We shall need the following fact.

Remark 3. A. É. Eremenko showed that there is no neighborhood U such that $U \cap J_f$ is diffeomorphic to the product of an interval and a Cantor set.

Indeed, suppose the contrary holds.

One can assume that U is a neighborhood of a repulsive fixed point. Let F be its Poincaré function [1]. Then the full preimage $I = F^{-1}(J_f)$ is the product of a line (say the x axis) and a Cantor set. Now consider some component of the set $\bar{C} \setminus J_f$ that is periodic for f [11] and let P be a component of the preimage $F^{-1}(D)$; the horizontal strip P is bounded by lines ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 from I . The boundary of D consists of $F(\ell_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) and the boundaries of the two periodic cluster sets C_+ and C_- for the meromorphic function $F: P \rightarrow \bar{C}$, obtained when $\text{Re } z \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\text{Re } z \rightarrow -\infty$. By Iversen's theorem [16], the boundaries of the complete cluster sets C_+ and C_- are contained in the boundary of cluster sets

$$C_+^0 = \bigcap_{M>0} \overline{F(\partial P \cap \{z: \text{Re } z > M\})}$$

and

$$C_-^0 = \bigcap_{M>0} \overline{F(\partial P \cap \{z: \text{Re } z < -M\})}.$$

Since C_+^0 and C_-^0 are at most two-connected and lie in ∂D , the domain D is finitely connected. Since the boundary of D contains analytic curves, D cannot be a Siegel disc or a Herman ring [11]. If D is a simply connected domain of direct attraction, then, by a theorem of Fatou [2], J_f is a circle or a segment. We reached a contradiction.

3. Proof of Theorem 1. Suppose \mathcal{H} is an infinite nontrivial family of symmetries on J_f . Let us prove that f is critically finite with parabolic orbifold (the converse is obvious). The proof is broken into steps.

1. By Definition 1, there exist a sequence (H_n) , $H \in \mathcal{H}$, a point $a \in J_f$, and a number $\rho_0 > 0$ such that each H_n is univalent in the disc $B_0 = B(a, \rho_0)$ and (H_n) converges in B to a univalent function H . One can assume that: a) $H = \text{id}$ (this is achieved by replacing H_n with $H_{n+1}^{-1} \circ H_n$); b) a is a repulsive fixed point of f and in B_0 there is defined the branch f_0^{-1} of the function f_0 , singled out by the condition $f_0^{-1}(a) = a$. Set $F_n = H_n^{-1} \circ f_0^{-1} \circ H_n$. Starting with some n , the maps F_n are defined in a smaller disc $B = B(a, \rho)$, $0 < \rho < \rho_0$. They enjoy the following properties: 1.1) each F_n is univalent in B ; 1.2) $F_n \rightarrow f_0^{-1}$ in B ; 1.3) $F_n(B) \subset B$, $F_n(a_n) = a_n$, $F_n'(a_n) = \lambda^{-1}$, where $a_n = H_n^{-1}(a)$, $\lambda = f'(a)$; 1.4) $x \in J_f \cap B$ if and only if $F_n(x) \in J_f \cap F_n(B)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$; 1.5) in the exceptional cases $\mu(F_n(A)) = m^{-1}\mu(A)$ for any Borelian set $A \subset B$, where $\mu = \mu_f$, $m = \text{deg } f$.

2. Suppose that $a_n = a$ for some n . Consider the function $R = f \circ F_n$. Then $R(a) = a$, $R'(a) = 1$. A verbatim repetition of the proof of Proposition 1 gives $R = \text{id}$. Therefore, $F_n \neq f_0^{-1}$ implies $a_n \neq a$.

3. Schröder's theorem and properties 1.1)-1.3) of F_n guarantee the existence of an $\varepsilon > 0$, a sequence of functions (h_n) , and a function h , all univalent in $B(0, \varepsilon)$, such that $h_n(0) = a_n$, $h_n'(0) = 1$, $h_n \rightarrow h$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$), $f_n \circ h_n = h_n(z/\lambda)$, $f_0^{-1} \circ h = h(z/\lambda)$, $z \in B(0, \varepsilon)$. Set $\Phi_n = h^{-1} \circ h_n$, $q_n = \Phi_n(0)$. By Sec. 2, either $q_n \neq 0$, or $F_n = f_0^{-1}$. Suppose $F_n \neq f_0^{-1}$ for large n . Now notice that

$$\lambda^l \Phi_n(\Phi_n^{-1}(z)/\lambda^l) = h^{-1} \circ (f^l \circ F_n^l) \circ h(z),$$

and apply Lemma 1. If $I = h^{-1}(J_1 \cap B)$ and $\nu = h^*\mu$ (the preimage of the measure μ), then we conclude that the set I and the measure ν are invariant under the translations $z \mapsto q + z/\lambda^m$, $q \neq 0$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, the set I is either a full neighborhood of zero, or an interval, or the product of a Cantor set and an interval. The last case is impossible (see Remark 3). In the first two cases the measure μ is lamellar at the point a . It follows that f is critically finite with parabolic orbifold.

4. Thus, we showed that either f has a parabolic orbifold or, starting with some index, $F_n = f_0^{-1}$, i.e.,

$$f_0^{-k} \circ H_n = H_n \circ f_0^{-k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3)$$

Now let us carry out the last step: In the disc B choose a small disc B_1 centered at another repulsive fixed point b , $a \neq b$, of some iteration f^p , and let f_1^{-p} be a branch of f^{-p} satisfying $f_1^{-p}(b) = b$, $f_1^{-p}(B_1) \subset B_1$. Repeating the arguments (for the new functions $\tilde{F}_n = H_n^{-1} \circ f_1^{-p} \circ H_n$), we arrive at the equality $f_1^{-p} \circ H_n = H_n \circ f_1^{-p}$. From this and (3) it follows that $H_n(f_0^{-k}(b)) = f_0^{-k}(b)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e., $H_n = \text{id}$. The theorem is proved.

4. Functions with Common Julia Set or Common Maximal Entropy Measure: Proofs.

Proof of Theorem 2. Suppose f is not equivalent to $z^{\pm m}$. Find a sequence (g_n) in $R_d(f)$ which converges to a rational function \tilde{g} everywhere but at finitely many points. If $\tilde{g}(z) \equiv c$, then $c \in J_f$. On the other hand, for large n the sequence of iterates of g_n is normal in a neighborhood of c . We reached a contradiction. Therefore, $\tilde{g} \neq \text{const}$ and, by Theorem 1, it suffices to consider the case where f has a parabolic orbifold \mathcal{O} . Let $g \in R_d(f)$. Since $\mu_g = \mu_f$, \mathcal{O} is also an orbifold for g . One can assume that $J_f = \bar{C}$. If F_f and F_g are covering maps for f and g , then $F_g^{-1} \circ F_f$ locally preserves the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^2 . Consequently, there exists a covering map common for all $g \in R_d(f)$, and only finitely many of lifts, corresponding to a given degree d [15, 10]. Theorem 2 is proved.

Proof of Theorem 3. Suppose $g \in R_d(f)$ and f, g are not critically finite with parabolic orbifold.

1) Passing to iterates one can consider that the points a and $b = f(a)$ are fixed for f and g , respectively, and a is repulsive for g . First, let us prove that b , too, is repulsive for f . Assume the contrary, i.e., $|\lambda_2| = 1$, where $\lambda_2 = f'(b)$. Let p be the multiplicity of the point a in the equation $f(x) = b$. Since $|\lambda_1| > 1$, where $\lambda_1 = g'(a)$ in a neighborhood of b there is defined a holomorphic function H_1 such that $H_1 \circ f = f \circ g$. Set $H_2 = f$. The symmetries H_1 and H_2 satisfy $H_1(b) = H_2(b) = b$, $H_1'(b) = \lambda_1^p$, $H_2'(b) = \lambda_2$. By a holomorphic change of coordinates one can ensure that $H_1(z) = \lambda_1^p z$. If $\lambda_2^q = 1$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}$ then by Lemma 3 we reach an exceptional case (see the proof of Proposition 1). If, however, $\lambda_2^q \neq 1$ for all $q \in \mathbb{N}$, then expanding H_2 in a series we obtain: $\lambda_1^p \lambda_2^q H_2(z/\lambda_1^p) \rightarrow \lambda_2^q z$, $q \rightarrow \infty$, and again we arrive at an exceptional case. Therefore, $\mu_f = \mu_g = \mu$. But then $\mu(H_2(A)) = m\mu(A)$ and $\mu(H_1 \circ H_2(A)) = md\mu(A)$ for a small neighborhood A of the point b . Moreover, $|H_1'(b)| = |(H_1 \circ H_2)'(b)| = |\lambda_1|^p$. Consequently, $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \ln \mu(B(b, \varepsilon)) / \ln \varepsilon$ equals simultaneously $\ln m / \ln |\lambda_1|^p$ and $md / \ln |\lambda_1|^p$: contradiction.

Thus, we proved that $|\lambda_2| \neq 1$. Hence, $|\lambda_2| > 1$. We fix a small neighborhood B of the point a and we shall construct a nontrivial family of symmetries in B . In B there is defined a branch of g_0^{-1} by the condition $g_0^{-1}(a) = b$. Also, in a small neighborhood B_1 of the point b consider the branch of f_0^{-1} specified by the condition $f_0^{-1}(b) = b$. Let h_1 and h_2 be holomorphic changes of coordinates that are defined in neighborhoods of zero and take g_0^{-1} and f_0^{-1} into the maps $z \mapsto z/\lambda_1$ and $z \mapsto z/\lambda_2$, respectively. Set $H_\ell = f^{p k_\ell} \circ f_0^{-n_\ell} = h_2 \circ (\lambda_2^{p k_\ell} h_2^{-1}) \circ (f \circ h_1 \circ (\lambda_1^{-n_\ell} h_1^{-1}))$, where (k_ℓ) and (n_ℓ) are chosen so that $\lambda_2^{p k_\ell} / \lambda_1^{n_\ell} \rightarrow 1$, $\ell \rightarrow \infty$, and p is the multiplicity of the point a under f . We have $H_\ell = h_2 \circ (\lambda_2^{p k_\ell} \psi) \circ (h_2^{-1} / \lambda_1^{n_\ell})$, where $\psi = h_2^{-1} \circ f \circ h_1$, $\psi(u) \sim Cu^p$, $u \rightarrow 0$, $C \neq 0$. Expanding ψ in a series, one verifies that the sequence (H_ℓ) converges in B to a holomorphic function $H \neq \text{const}$. Now apply Theorem 1 and conclude that $H_i = H_j$ for some $i \neq j$, $n_i > n_j$. It remains to put $x = g_0^{-n_i}(z)$. Then $f^{p k_i}(x) = f^{p k_i} \circ g_0^{-n_i}(z)$. This completes the examination of the case 1). In case 2), fix a repelling fixed point a of the function g . Two subcases are possible: a) $\omega_f(a) \subset \bar{P}_f$; b) there exists a point $b \in \omega_f(a) \setminus \bar{P}_f$ [here $\omega_f(a)$ denotes the set of limit points of the sequence $(f^n(a))_{n \geq 0}$]. Since P_f' is finite and contains no neutral irrational cycles, in subcase a) the point a is periodic for f and we arrive at case 1) of the theorem. Now consider subcase b). For some $\delta > 0$ and some sequence $n_k \rightarrow \infty$, $f^{n_k}(a) \rightarrow b$ and in each disc $B(f^{n_k}(a), 2\delta)$ there is defined a branch $f_k^{-n_k}$ by

the condition $\bar{f}_k^{n_k}(f^{n_k}(a)) = a$. Fix a small neighborhood $B_0 = B(a, \varepsilon)$ of the point a such that $|g^{i_k}x| < 2|\lambda_1|$ for all $x \in B_0$, where $\lambda_1 = g^{i_k}(a)$. In $B_k = B(f^{n_k}(a), \delta)$ consider the function $\varphi_k = g^{i_k} \circ \bar{f}_k^{n_k}$, where i_k is the smallest number for which $\text{diam } \varphi_k(B_k) > \varepsilon/4|\lambda_1|$. Then $\text{diam } \varphi_k(B_k) < \varepsilon/2$ and, by the distortion theorem $C_1 < |\varphi_k'(x)| < C_2$ for some $C_1, C_2, 0 < C_1 < C_2 < \infty$, and all $k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in B_k$. It follows that there exists a disc B centered at a such that $B \subset \varphi_k(B_k)$ for all k . Set $H_k = \varphi_k^{-1}|_B$. Then (H_k) is a nontrivial family of symmetries in B and $H_k = f^{n_k} \circ g_0^{-i_k}$, where the branch g_0^{-1} is defined in B_0 by the condition $g_0^{-1}(a) = a$. By Theorem 1,

$$f^{n_i} = f^{n_j} \circ g^{i-j}$$

for some $i \neq j, i > j$. Theorem 3 is proved.

Proof of Theorem 4. Suppose f is not equivalent to $z^{\pm m}$. Since $J_f = S$ is a circle, condition 2) of Theorem 3 is satisfied. Therefore, $f^{2k} \circ g^{2k} = f^{4k}, g_1 = g^{2k}$. The maps $f_1, g_1: S \rightarrow S$ preserve orientation. Let F and G be lifts of these maps to \mathbb{R} , and let $\bar{\mu}$ be a lift of the measure $\mu = \mu_f = \mu_g$ to \mathbb{R} . Introduce the homeomorphism

$$\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \varphi(x) = \mu([0, x]), \quad \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \text{ and}$$

$$\varphi(x+n) = \varphi(x) + n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From the fact that the measure μ is balanced, it follows that the difference $\varphi \circ F(x) - \varphi \circ G(x)$ does not depend on $x \in \mathbb{R}$. From this it follows, upon descending to S , that for some homeomorphism $h_0: S \rightarrow S$ and some number $\alpha, |\alpha| = 1$, we have

$$h_0 \circ g_1(z) = \alpha (h_0 \circ f_1)(z), \quad z \in S.$$

Thus we proved that $h = g_1 \circ f_1^{-1}$ does not depend on the branch f_1^{-1} on S . Therefore, h is a linear-fractional function. The theorem is proved.

Remark 4. All assertions of this paper carry over to polynomial-like maps [17] and to RB-domains and maps [18].

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GENERALIZATION OF THE PALEY-WIENER THEOREM IN WEIGHTED SPACES

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1. Introduction

Let X be a linear topological space of complex functions defined on some subset $T \subset \mathbb{R}^n (\mathbb{C}^n)$, and assume that a system of functions $e^{\langle t, z \rangle}$, $z \in \Omega$, is complete in this space. Then the generalized Laplace transform, which takes a linear continuous functional S on X to a function $\hat{S}(z) = (S, \exp(\langle t, x \rangle))$, $z \in \Omega$, establishes an isomorphism between the adjoint space X^* and a linear topological space of functions defined on Ω .

Many mathematicians have devoted their work to the problem of describing the adjoint space in terms of generalized Laplace transform. For example in [1] the projective limit of weighted Banach spaces of the form

$$\{f \in H(D): \|f\| = \sup_z [|f(z)| / \exp(-\psi(-\ln d(z)))] < \infty\}$$

was considered, where D is a convex, bounded region in \mathbb{C}^n , $d(z)$ is the distance from a point z to ∂D and ψ is a convex function, and a complete description was given of the adjoint space in terms of the generalized Laplace transform. In [3, 4] some generalization of the Paley-Wiener theorem for weighted Hilbert spaces.

The present article is devoted to the problem of describing adjoint spaces in terms of the Laplace transform on the space

$$L^2(I, W) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}(I): \|f\|_{L^2(I, W)}^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_I |f(t)|^2 / W(t) dt < \infty \right\},$$

where I is a bounded interval on the real axis and $1/W(t)$ is a measurable function on I .

THEOREM 1. Let $W(t)$ be a function on I bounded from below by a positive constant and bounded from above on each compact subinterval of I . Let $\tilde{h}(x) = \sup_{t \in I} (xt - \ln \sqrt{W(t)})$ - Young's conjugate function of the function $\ln \sqrt{W(t)}$, and define $\rho_{\tilde{h}}(x)$ by the condition

$$\int_{x-\rho_{\tilde{h}}(x)}^{x+\rho_{\tilde{h}}(x)} |\tilde{h}'(x) - \tilde{h}'(t)| dt \equiv 1.$$

Then

1. The generalized Laplace transform $\hat{S}(z)$ of the functional S on $L^2(I, W)$ is an entire function satisfying the condition $|\hat{S}(z)| < C_S \exp(\tilde{h}(x))$,

$$\|\hat{S}\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{S}(x + iy)|^2 e^{-2\tilde{h}(x)} \rho_{\tilde{h}}(x) d\tilde{h}'(x) dy \leq \pi e \|S\|_{L^2(I, W)}^2.$$