

## ARGUMENT OF BOUNDED ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS AND FROSTMAN'S TYPE CONDITIONS

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ABSTRACT. We describe the growth of the naturally defined argument of a bounded analytic function in the unit disk in terms of the complete measure introduced by A. Grishin. As a consequence, we characterize the local behavior of a logarithm of an analytic function. We also find necessary and sufficient conditions for closeness of  $\log f(z)$ ,  $f \in H^\infty$ , and the local concentration of the zeros of  $f$ .

### 1. Introduction

One of the basic theorems in complex analysis is the Argument principle, which states that if  $f(z)$  is a meromorphic function inside and on some closed contour  $\gamma$ , with  $f$  having no zeros or poles on  $\gamma$ , then the increase of  $\text{Arg } f(z)$  along  $\gamma$  divided over  $2\pi$  is equal to  $N - P$ , where  $N$  and  $P$  denote respectively, the number of zeros and poles of  $f(z)$  inside the contour  $\gamma$ . It seems reasonable to ask what can be said if the number of zeros (poles) of  $f$  is infinite. Obviously, the contour should contain a singular point and the increase of  $\text{Arg } f(z)$  along  $\gamma$  need not be bounded in this case. Theorem 2 of this paper can be considered as a generalization of the Argument principle for bounded analytic functions in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . We compare the growth of the naturally defined argument of a bounded analytic function  $F$  with the distribution of its complete measure in the sense of Grishin ([11], [8]).

Let us introduce some notation. We write  $D(\zeta, \rho) = \{\xi \in \mathbb{C} : |\xi - \zeta| < \rho\}$ . The symbols  $C(\cdot)$  and  $K(\cdot)$  stand for some positive constants depending on values in the parentheses, not necessarily the same in each occurrence. Let  $H^\infty$  be the class of bounded analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$ . It is well known ([13],

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[6]) that  $f \in H^\infty$ ,  $|f(z)| < C$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $C > 0$ , can be represented in the form

$$(1) \quad f(z) = Cz^p \tilde{B}(z)g(z),$$

where  $p$  is nonnegative integer,  $\tilde{B}$  is the Blaschke product constructed by the zeros of  $f$ ,

$$(2) \quad \tilde{B}(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{a}_n(a_n - z)}{|a_n|(1 - z\bar{a}_n)} \equiv \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(z, a_n)}{|a_n|}, \quad a_n \neq 0, \sum_n (1 - |a_n|) < \infty,$$

and  $g_\psi$  is an analytic function without zeros of the form

$$(3) \quad g_\psi(z) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\psi^*(t) + iC' \right\},$$

where  $\psi^*$  is a nondecreasing function, and  $C'$  is a real constant.

We shall also consider the product

$$(4) \quad B(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} b(z, a_n)$$

which differs from  $\tilde{B}(z)$  by a constant factor, provided that the Blaschke condition (2) holds.  $B(z)$  converges almost everywhere to a finite limit  $B(e^{i\theta})$  as  $z$  tends to  $e^{i\theta}$  nontangentially; moreover,  $|\tilde{B}(e^{i\theta})| = 1$ .

For a fixed  $\theta_0$ , the following theorem of Frostman ([6], [9]) gives necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of the radial limit of  $\tilde{B}(z)$ .

**THEOREM A.** *Necessary and sufficient that*

$$(5) \quad \lim_{r \uparrow 1} f(re^{i\theta_0}) = L$$

and  $|L| = 1$  for  $f = \tilde{B}$ , and every subproduct of  $\tilde{B}(z)$ , is that

$$(6) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_k|}{|e^{i\theta_0} - a_k|} < \infty.$$

If we drop the condition  $|L| = 1$ , then the theorem holds for  $B$  instead of  $\tilde{B}$  as well.

Theorem A was generalized and complemented by many authors ([2], [1], [5]). Usually one uses the condition

$$(7) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_k|}{|e^{i\theta_0} - a_k|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty$$

with  $\gamma \leq 0$  instead of (6). We note that if (7) holds with  $\gamma \leq 0$  and  $|a_n - e^{i\theta_0}| < 1$ , then there is only a finite number of zeros  $a_n$  in any Stolz angle with the vertex  $e^{i\theta_0}$  where the Stolz angle with the vertex  $\zeta$  is defined by

$$S_\sigma(\zeta) = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{D} : |1 - z\bar{\zeta}| \leq \sigma(1 - |z|)\}, \quad \sigma \geq 1,$$

provided that (7) is valid. We are interested in the case when (6) fails to hold, but (7) hold, when  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ . The limit cases  $\gamma = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0$  correspond to the Blaschke condition and the Frostman condition, respectively. In this situation, the zeros of  $B$  can be accumulated on the radius ending at  $e^{i\theta_0}$ , which is impossible when  $\gamma \leq 0$ . Thus,  $\arg B(z)$  should be defined carefully. If we want to obtain lower estimates for  $|B(z)|$ ,  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta_0}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , we must exclude exceptional sets including the zero set.

Relations between conditions on the zeros of a Blaschke product  $B$  and the membership of  $\arg B(e^{i\theta})$  in  $L^p$  spaces,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ , were investigated in [19]. Criteria for boundedness of  $p$ th integral means,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , of  $\log |B|$  and  $\log B$  were established in [18].

Since the proof of the necessity of Theorem A is based on estimates of the argument, one may ask whether it is possible to describe the zero distribution of a Blaschke product in terms of the behavior of  $\arg B(z)$ . A simple example shows that it is not sufficient to know the radial behavior of the argument.

Let  $(a_n)$  be an arbitrary Blaschke sequence with nonreal elements. We define  $c_{2n-1} = a_n$ ,  $c_{2n} = \bar{a}_n$ . Then

$$B(r) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} b(r, c_n) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|^2 |a_n - r|^2}{|1 - r a_n|^2}, \quad 0 \leq r < 1.$$

Thus,

$$\arg B(r) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arg b(r, c_n) \equiv 0, \quad 0 \leq r < 1.$$

But a situation is quite different if we consider the behavior of  $\arg B(z)$  in a Stolz angle  $S_\sigma(\zeta)$ ,  $\zeta \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ ,  $1 < \sigma < +\infty$ ,  $S_\sigma = S_\sigma(1)$ . Then we are able to describe the zero distribution, and even the distribution of the so-called complete measure in the sense of Grishin ([11], [8]).

Let  $SH^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  be the class of subharmonic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$  bounded from above. In particular,  $\log |f| \in SH^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  if  $f \in H^\infty$ . Every function  $u \in SH^\infty(\mathbb{D})$  which is harmonic in a neighborhood of the origin can be represented in the form (cf. [14, Chapter 3.7])

$$(8) \quad u(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \log \frac{|b(z, \zeta)|}{|\zeta|} d\mu_u(\zeta) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial\mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|\zeta - z|^2} d\psi(\zeta),$$

where  $\mu_u$  is the Riesz measure of  $u$  [14], and  $\psi$  is a Borel measure on the unit circle. A complete measure  $\lambda_u$  of  $u$  in the sense of Grishin is defined ([11], [8]) by the boundary measure and the Riesz measure of  $u(z)$ . But, since [6]

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \log \frac{|b(re^{i\theta}, \zeta)|}{|\zeta|} d\mu_u(\zeta) d\theta = 0, \quad -\pi \leq \theta_1 < \theta_2 \leq \pi,$$

i.e., the boundary values of the first integral in (8) do not contribute to the boundary measure, we can define  $\lambda_u$  of a Borel set  $M \subset \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  such that  $M \cap \partial\mathbb{D}$

is measurable with respect to the Lebesgue measure on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  by

$$(9) \quad \lambda_u(M) = \int_{\mathbb{D} \cap M} (1 - |\zeta|) d\mu_u(\zeta) + \psi(M \cap \partial\mathbb{D}).$$

The measure  $\lambda = \lambda_u$  has the following properties:

- (1)  $\lambda$  is finite on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ;
- (2)  $\lambda$  is nonnegative;
- (3)  $\lambda$  is a zero measure outside  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ;
- (4)  $d\lambda|_{\partial\mathbb{D}}(\zeta) = d\psi(\zeta)$ ;
- (5)  $d\lambda|_{\mathbb{D}}(\zeta) = (1 - |\zeta|) d\mu_u(\zeta)$ .

If  $u = \log|f|$ ,  $f \in H^\infty$ , then we shall write  $\lambda_f$  instead of  $\lambda_{\log|f|}$ . If  $\tilde{B}$  is a Blaschke product of form (2), then  $\lambda_{\tilde{B}}(M) = \sum_{a_n \in M} (1 - |a_n|)$ .

We shall say that  $g$  is a *divisor* of  $f \in H^\infty$  if  $g \in H^\infty$  and there exists an  $h \in H^\infty$  such that  $f = gh$ . It is easy to see, that in this case we have  $\lambda_g(M) + \lambda_h(M) = \lambda_f(M)$  for an arbitrary Borel subset  $M$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  such that  $M \cap \partial\mathbb{D}$  is measurable.

The following generalization of Frostman’s result on bounded functions is valid.

**THEOREM B** (Lemma 3, [1]). *Let  $F \in H^\infty$ , and  $\lambda_F(\{\zeta\}) = 0$  for some  $\zeta \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (1)

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_F(\xi)}{|\zeta - \xi|} < \infty.$$

- (2) *Every divisor of  $F$  has a radial limit at  $\zeta$ .*

### 2. Main results and examples

Without loss of generality, we can consider the local asymptotic behavior in a neighborhood of  $\zeta = 1$  ( $\theta_0 = 0$ ). Let  $A(z, \xi) = \frac{1 - |\xi|^2}{1 - z\xi}$ ,  $\arg w$  be the principal branch of  $\text{Arg } w$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $\xi \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{\xi\}$ . Then  $|\arg b(z, \xi)| \leq \pi \min\{|A(z, \xi)|, 1\}$ .*

Consider the product  $B(z)$  defined by (4). We make radial cuts  $l_n = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{D} : \zeta = \tau a_n, \tau \geq 1\}$ . The region  $\mathbb{D}^* = \mathbb{D} \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty l_n$  contains no zeros of  $B(z)$ . Due to Lemma 1, we define (cf. [19]) a continuous branch

$$\log B(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \log b(z, a_n), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}^*,$$

$\arg B(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Im \log B(z)$ . In particular, we have  $\log B(0) = 0$  and  $\arg(B_1 B_2) = \arg B_1 + \arg B_2$ , where  $B_1, B_2$  are Blaschke products. Later, in the proof of Lemma 1, we also define  $\arg B(z)$  on the cuts except zeros. But the resulting function will not be continuous there.

In order to formulate our results, we need some information on fractional derivatives [7, Chapter IX], [21, Chapter 8]. For  $h \in L(0, a)$  (integrable in the sense of Lebesgue on  $(0, a)$ ), the fractional integral of Riemann–Liouville  $h_\alpha$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  is defined by the formula ([12], [7], [21])

$$h_\alpha(r) = D^{-\alpha}h(r) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^r (r-x)^{\alpha-1}h(x) dx, \quad r \in (0, a),$$

$$D^0h(r) \equiv h(r), \quad D^\alpha h(r) = \frac{d^p}{dr^p} \{D^{-(p-\alpha)}h(r)\}, \quad \alpha \in (p-1, p], p \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the Gamma function. The function  $h_\alpha$  is continuous for  $\alpha \geq 1$ , and coincides with a primary function of the correspondent order when  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . We note that for  $\alpha < 0$  the operator  $D^\alpha$  is associative and commutative as a function of  $\alpha$ . When writing  $D^{-\alpha}f(z)$ , we always mean that the operator is taken on the variable  $r = |z|$ .

Let  $S_\sigma^*(\zeta) = S_\sigma(\zeta) \cap D(\zeta, \frac{1}{2})$ . The following theorem yields a necessary and sufficient condition for the local growth of  $\arg f$  in terms of the generalized Frostman's condition for the complete measure in the sense of Grishin of a bounded analytic function in the unit disk.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $F$  be a bounded analytic function in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . In order that for every divisor  $f$  of  $F$  and every  $\sigma > 1$  there exist a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, F) > 0$  such that*

$$(10) \quad \sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma} \arg f(z)| < K,$$

*it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$(11) \quad \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_F(\zeta)}{|\zeta_0 - \zeta|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty.$$

**REMARK 3.** Since (10) must hold for every divisor  $f$  of  $F$ , (10) is equivalent to

$$(12) \quad \sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} D^{-\gamma} |\arg f(z)| < K$$

for every divisor  $f$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ . In fact, we shall prove that (10)  $\Rightarrow$  (11)  $\Rightarrow$  (12). Since it is evident that (12) implies (10), this will prove Theorem 2.

**REMARK 4.** As we shall see, in order that (11) hold it is sufficient that (10) holds for a finite number of divisors of a special form. Moreover, it is enough to require that

$$\overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \zeta_0, z \in \Gamma_j} |D^{-\gamma} \arg f(z)| < +\infty,$$

for two particular segments  $\Gamma_j$  ending at  $\zeta_0$ ,  $\Gamma_j \subset \mathbb{D} \cup \{\zeta_0\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

COROLLARY 5. Let  $B$  be a Blaschke product defined by (4),  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . In order that for every subproduct  $B^*$  of  $B$  and every  $\sigma > 1$  there exist a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, B) > 0$  such that

$$(13) \quad \sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma} \arg B^*(z)| < K,$$

it is necessary and sufficient that

$$(14) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_k|}{|\zeta_0 - a_k|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty.$$

COROLLARY 6. Let  $F \in H^\infty$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ . If (11) holds, then for every divisor  $f$  of  $F$  the function  $\arg f(r)$  is bounded if  $\gamma = 0$ , and belongs to the convergence class of order  $\gamma$  if  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , i.e.

$$\int_0^1 (1 - r)^{\gamma-1} |\arg f(r)| dr < +\infty.$$

*Proof.* In fact, if  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{0 < r < 1} D^{-\gamma} |\arg f(r)| &= \sup_{0 < r < 1} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^r (r - x)^{\gamma-1} |\arg f(x)| dx \\ &\geq \sup_{0 < r < 1} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^r (1 - x)^{\gamma-1} |\arg f(x)| dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^1 (1 - x)^{\gamma-1} |\arg f(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

The case  $\gamma = 0$  follows from Theorem A. □

Since for any  $\sigma > 1$  we have  $\mathbb{D} \subset \bigcup_{|\zeta|=1} S_\sigma^*(\zeta) \cup \overline{D}(0, \frac{1}{2})$ , from Theorem 2 we get the following corollary.

COROLLARY 7. Let  $F$  be a bounded analytic function in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . Then for

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |D^{-\gamma} \arg f(z)| < \infty$$

to hold, it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\sup_{\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_F(\zeta)}{|\zeta_0 - \zeta|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty.$$

EXAMPLE 8. The analytic function

$$F(z) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right\}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

shows that the condition  $\lambda_F(\{\zeta\}) = 0$  in Theorem B is essential. In fact, we have  $\lambda_F(\zeta) = \delta(\zeta - 1)$  where  $\delta(\zeta - 1)$  is the unit mass supported at  $\zeta = 1$ . The

function  $F$  has the nontangential limit 0 as  $z \rightarrow 1, z \in \mathbb{D}$ , but

$$(15) \quad \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_F(\xi)}{|\xi - 1|^{1-\gamma}} = \infty, \quad \gamma < 1.$$

We have

$$\arg F(re^{i\varphi}) = \Im \left\{ -\frac{1 + re^{i\varphi}}{1 - re^{i\varphi}} \right\} = -\frac{2r \sin \varphi}{|1 - re^{i\varphi}|^2}.$$

It is clear that  $\arg F(re^{i\beta(r-1)}) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $r \uparrow 1$  for any positive constant  $\beta$ . Theorem 2 yields that  $D^{-\gamma} \arg F(z)$  is unbounded for any  $\gamma < 1$ , consequently

$$\arg F(z) \neq O\left(\frac{1}{(1 - |z|)^\gamma}\right), \quad z \rightarrow 1, z \in S_\sigma, \sigma > 1, \gamma < 1.$$

The last relation follows from the fact that  $h(r) = O((1 - r)^{-\gamma})$  ( $r \uparrow 1$ ) implies  $D^{-\gamma_1} h(r) = O(1)$  ( $r \uparrow 1$ ) provided  $\gamma < \gamma_1 < 1$  (cf. Lemma 14 and the lemma from [4]).

EXAMPLE 9. Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,

$$\psi^*(t) = \begin{cases} t^{1-\alpha}, & t \in [0, \pi], \\ -|t|^{1-\alpha}, & t \in [-\pi, 0]. \end{cases}$$

Consider the function  $g(z) = g_\psi(z)$  defined by (3), where  $C' = 0$ . Then  $g$  is analytic, bounded and has no zeros in  $\mathbb{D}$ . In this case,  $\lambda_g|_{\mathbb{D}}$  is the zero measure, and  $d\lambda_g(e^{it}) = d\psi(t), t \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . We have

$$(16) \quad \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_g(\zeta)}{|\zeta - 1|^{1-\gamma}} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\psi^*(t)}{|e^{it} - 1|^{1-\gamma}} = 2(1 - \alpha) \int_0^\pi \frac{dt}{t^\alpha |e^{it} - 1|^{1-\gamma}}.$$

Since  $|e^{it} - 1| \sim t$  as  $t \downarrow 0$  the integral from (16) is convergent if and only if the integral  $\int_0^\pi t^{-1-\alpha+\gamma} dt$  is convergent.

Thus, if  $\gamma > \alpha$  we have

$$D^{-\gamma} \arg g_\psi(z) = O(1), \quad z \rightarrow 1, z \in S_\sigma, \sigma > 1.$$

In the limit case  $\gamma = \alpha = 0$ , one can show that

$$\arg g(r) \asymp \log \frac{1}{1-r}, \quad r \uparrow 1.$$

Now we consider the local behavior of the logarithm of a bounded function. Following Linden [17], we introduce characteristics of concentration of zeros. Let  $n_z(h)$  be the number of zeros of an analytic function  $f$  in  $\overline{D}(z, h(1 - |z|))$ ,

$$N_z(h) = \sum_{|a_n - z| \leq h(1 - |z|)} \ln \frac{h(1 - |z|)}{|z - a_n|} = \int_0^{(1 - |z|)h} \frac{n_z(s)}{s} ds.$$

These quantities are usually used for characterizing the local behavior of the modulus of an analytic function ([15], [16]).

**THEOREM 10.** *Let  $F \in H^\infty$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < h < 1$ , and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . In order that for every divisor  $f$  of  $F$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ , there exist a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, F) > 0$  such that*

$$(17) \quad \sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma}(\log f(z) + N_z(h))| < K,$$

*it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$(18) \quad \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\lambda_F(\zeta)}{|\zeta_0 - \zeta|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty.$$

**COROLLARY 11.** *Let  $B$  be a Blaschke product defined by (2),  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ ,  $0 < h < 1$ . In order that for every subproduct  $B^*$  of  $B$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ , there exist a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, B) > 0$  such that*

$$\sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma}(\log B(z) + N_z(h))| < K$$

*it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_k|}{|\zeta_0 - a_k|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty.$$

Statements of such type can be used for obtaining estimates for the minimum modulus of analytic and subharmonic functions ([15], [16], [17]), but we omit this topic here.

If  $F$  has no zeros, we easily obtain the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 12.** *Let  $g \in H^\infty$  be of the form (3),  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . In order that for every divisor  $g^*$  of  $g$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ , there exist a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, g) > 0$  such that*

$$\sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma} \log g^*(z)| < K,$$

*it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$(19) \quad \int_{\partial\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\psi(\zeta)}{|\zeta_0 - \zeta|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty,$$

*where  $\psi$  is the Stieltjes measure generated by  $\psi^*$ .*

Let  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  be Borel measures on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ . We shall write that  $\chi \prec \psi$  if  $\chi(M) \leq \psi(M)$  for an arbitrary Borel set  $M \subset \partial\mathbb{D}$ . Note that  $g_\chi$  is a divisor of  $g_\psi$  if and only if  $\chi \prec \psi$ .

Applying Corollary 12 and Theorem 2 to the function  $g_\psi(z) = \exp\{h_\psi(z)\}$  of form (3), we obtain the following theorem.

**THEOREM 13.** *Let*

$$(20) \quad h_\psi(z) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\psi^*(t),$$

where  $\psi^*$  is a monotone function on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Let  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $\psi$  be the Stieltjes measure generated by  $\psi^*$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) For every Borel measure  $\chi$  on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  such that  $\chi \prec \psi$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ , there exists a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, \psi) > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma} h_\chi(z)| < K.$$

(2) For every Borel measure  $\chi$  on  $\partial D$  such that  $\chi \prec \psi$  and every  $\sigma > 1$ , there exists a constant  $K = K(\gamma, \sigma, \psi) > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{z \in S_\sigma^*(\zeta_0)} |D^{-\gamma} \Im h_\chi(z)| < K.$$

(3) Condition (19) holds.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 2

We may assume that  $\zeta_0 = 1$ . We restrict ourself to the case  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Let  $f$  be a divisor of  $F$ , and  $f$  of form (1). First, we consider  $\arg B(z)$ , and start with proof of Lemma 1.

*Proof of Lemma 1.* We consider the triangle with the vertices  $A = z\bar{\xi}$ ,  $B = |\xi|^2$ ,  $C = 1$ ;  $AB = 1 - |\xi|^2$ ,  $BC = ||\xi|^2 - z\bar{\xi}|$ ,  $AC = |1 - \bar{\xi}z|$ . The quantity

$$\varphi_\xi = \arg b(z, \xi) = \arg \frac{|\xi|^2 - z\bar{\xi}}{1 - z\bar{\xi}}$$

is the value of the angle between the vectors  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$ . The cut  $\{\zeta = \tau\xi : 1 \leq \tau \leq \frac{1}{|\xi|}\}$  corresponds to  $BC$ . Thus,  $|\varphi_\xi| < \pi$  if  $z\bar{\xi} \notin BC$ . For  $z\bar{\xi} \in BC$ , i.e., for  $z$  laying on the cut, we define by the semicontinuity  $\varphi_\xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\pi$ . Therefore,  $\arg b(z, \xi)$  is defined in  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{\xi\}$  but, obviously, not continuous on the cut.

Let  $D_\xi$  be the disk constructed on  $AB$  as on the diameter. We consider two cases.

If  $C = z\bar{\xi} \in D_\xi$ , then  $\pi/2 < |\varphi_\xi| \leq \pi$  and  $|z\bar{\xi} - 1| \leq 1 - |\xi|^2$ , i.e.,  $|A(z, \xi)| \geq 1$ . Therefore,  $|\arg b(z, \xi)| \leq \pi = \min\{\pi, |A(z, \xi)|\}$  as required.

If  $z\bar{\xi} \notin D_\xi$ , then  $|\varphi_\xi| \leq \pi/2$ . Thus,  $\varphi_\xi = \arcsin \frac{\Im b(z, \xi)}{|b(z, \xi)|}$ . Since

$$\Im b(z, \xi) = -\Im A(z, \xi) = \Im(\bar{z}\xi) \frac{1 - |\xi|^2}{|1 - \bar{\xi}z|^2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad |\varphi_\xi| &= \left| \arcsin \frac{\Im(\bar{z}\xi)}{||\xi|^2 - z\bar{\xi}|} \frac{1 - |\xi|^2}{|1 - z\bar{\xi}|} \right| \\ &\leq \arcsin \min \left\{ 1, \frac{1 - |\xi|^2}{|1 - z\bar{\xi}|} \right\} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \min\{1, |A(z, \xi)|\}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 14. *Let  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha < \infty$ . Then there exists a constant  $C(\gamma, \alpha) > 0$  such that*

$$(22) \quad D^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{|1 - r\zeta|^\alpha} \leq \frac{C(\gamma, \alpha)}{|1 - r\zeta|^{\alpha-\gamma}}, \quad \zeta \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}, 0 < r < 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\arg \zeta = \theta$ . Then

$$(23) \quad |1 - x\zeta| \geq |1 - r\zeta| \cos(\theta/2), \quad 0 \leq x \leq r < 1.$$

In fact, geometric arguments yield that if  $|r\zeta| \leq \cos \theta$ , then  $|1 - x\zeta| \geq |1 - r\zeta|$ . Otherwise,  $\cos \theta < |r\zeta| < 1$ , and we deduce

$$|1 - x\zeta| \geq |1 - e^{i\theta} \cos \theta| = |1 - e^{i\theta}| \cos(\theta/2) \geq |1 - r\zeta| \cos(\theta/2)$$

as required.

Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$|\theta| \leq \pi/4, \quad \frac{1}{2} < r < 1, \quad 2|1 - r\zeta| < r.$$

Using (23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & D^{-\gamma} \frac{1}{|1 - r\zeta|^\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^r \frac{(r-x)^{\gamma-1}}{|1 - x\zeta|^\alpha} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left( \int_0^{r-2|1-r\zeta|} + \int_{r-2|1-r\zeta|}^r \right) \frac{(r-x)^{\gamma-1}}{|1 - x\zeta|^\alpha} dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left( \int_0^{r-2|1-r\zeta|} \frac{(r-x)^{\gamma-1}}{(1-x|\zeta|)^\alpha} dx + \int_{r-2|1-r\zeta|}^r \frac{(r-x)^{\gamma-1}}{|1 - r\zeta|^\alpha \cos^\alpha \frac{\theta}{2}} dx \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left( \int_0^{r-2|1-r\zeta|} \frac{dx}{(1-x|\zeta|)^{1-\gamma+\alpha}} - \frac{(r-x)^\gamma}{\gamma |1 - r\zeta|^\alpha \cos^\alpha \frac{\theta}{2}} \Big|_{r-2|1-r\zeta|}^r \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left( \frac{1}{(\alpha-\gamma)|\zeta|} \frac{1}{(1-x|\zeta|)^{\alpha-\gamma}} \Big|_0^{r-2|1-r\zeta|} + \frac{2^\gamma}{\gamma \cos^\alpha \theta/2 |1 - r\zeta|^{\alpha-\gamma}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left( \frac{2}{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{1}{(1-r+2|1-r\zeta||\zeta|)^{\alpha-\gamma}} + \frac{2^{\gamma+\alpha/2+1}}{\gamma |1 - r\zeta|^{\alpha-\gamma}} \right) \leq \frac{C(\gamma, \alpha)}{|1 - r\zeta|^{\alpha-\gamma}}. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved. □

In order to finish the proof of the sufficiency, we need the following lemma ([10, Lemma 1]).

LEMMA B. *Given  $\sigma \geq 1$ , there exists a constant  $C(\sigma) > 0$  such that*

$$|1 - \zeta| \leq C(\sigma) |1 - \bar{z}\zeta|, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{D}, z \in S_\sigma.$$

By Lemma 1, we have

$$|\arg B(z)| \leq \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{|1 - z\bar{a}_n|^2} \leq \frac{C(F)}{1 - r}.$$

Using Lemmas 1, 14, B and (11), we obtain for  $z \in S_\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} (24) \quad D^{-\gamma} |\arg B(z)| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D^{-\gamma} |\arg b(z, a_n)| \\ &\leq \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D^{-\gamma} \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{|1 - z\bar{a}_n|^2} \leq \pi C(\gamma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{|1 - z\bar{a}_n|^{1-\gamma}} \\ &\leq \pi C(\gamma, \sigma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{|1 - a_n|^{1-\gamma}} < C(\gamma, \sigma, F) < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

We now consider  $\arg g(z)$ . In view of (3), we have ( $z = re^{i\varphi}$ )

$$(25) \quad \arg g(z) = \Im \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\psi^*(t) \right\} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{r \sin(\varphi - t)}{|e^{it} - z|^2} d\psi^*(t).$$

Using Lemmas 14 and B for  $z \in S_\sigma$ , we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} D^{-\gamma} |\arg g(z)| &= \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^r (r-x)^{\gamma-1} dx \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x \sin(\varphi - t)}{|e^{it} - xe^{i\varphi}|^2} d\psi^*(t) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|\sin(\varphi - t)|}{\Gamma(\gamma)} d\psi^*(t) \int_0^r \frac{(r-x)^{\gamma-1}}{|e^{it} - xe^{i\varphi}|^2} dx \\ &\leq C(\gamma) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|\sin(\varphi - t)|}{|e^{it} - re^{i\varphi}|^{2-\gamma}} d\psi^*(t) \\ &\leq C(\gamma) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{|e^{it} - re^{i\varphi}|^{1-\gamma}} d\psi^*(t) \\ &\leq C(\gamma, \sigma) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{|e^{it} - 1|^{1-\gamma}} d\psi^*(t). \end{aligned}$$

The sufficiency is proved.

*Necessity.* First, we consider the subproduct  $B^*$  of  $B$  constructed by the zeros  $a_n$  satisfying  $\Im a_n \geq 0$ ,  $|1 - a_n| \leq \frac{1}{3}$ . We denote such  $a_n$  by  $a_n^*$ .

Let  $z = re^{i\varphi}$  satisfy  $\arg(1 - z) = \pi/4$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, z]$ ,  $\zeta = \rho$ . In particular,  $\Im \zeta < 0$ . Then

$$\Im(a_n^* \bar{\zeta}) = -\Im \zeta \Re a_n^* + \Im a_n^* \Re \zeta \geq 0,$$

and consequently (see (21))

$$\arg b(\zeta, a_n^*) \geq \arcsin \frac{\Im(\bar{\zeta} a_n^*)(1 - |a_n^*|^2)}{||a_n^*|^2 - \zeta \bar{a}_n^*||1 - \bar{a}_n^* \zeta|} \geq 0.$$

By our assumption,

$$(26) \quad C \geq D^{-\gamma} \arg B^*(z) = \sum_n D^{-\gamma} \arg b(z, a_n^*) \\ \geq \sum_n \int_0^r (r-t)^{\gamma-1} \arcsin \frac{\Im(te^{-i\varphi} a_n^*)(1-|a_n^*|^2)}{||a_n^*|^2 - te^{i\varphi} \bar{a}_n^*|| |1 - \bar{a}_n^* te^{-i\varphi}|} dt.$$

For every  $a_n^*$  satisfying  $1 - |a_n^*| \geq 2(1-r)$  and  $\zeta \in [0, z]$  such that

$$|1 - a_n^*| \leq r - \rho \leq 2|1 - a_n^*|$$

we have

$$\rho \geq r - 2|1 - a_n^*| \geq r - \frac{2}{3} > \frac{1}{4}, \quad r \uparrow 1.$$

Thus,

$$|\Im \zeta| \geq |\Im z|/4 \geq (1-r)/4.$$

Hence,

$$(27) \quad \Im(a_n^* \bar{\zeta}) \geq -\Im \zeta \Re a_n^* \geq \frac{\Re a_n^*}{4} (1-r).$$

Similarly,

$$(28) \quad \Im(a_n^* \bar{\zeta}) \geq \Re \zeta \Im a_n^* \geq \frac{\Re \zeta}{2} |1 - a_n^*|, \quad a_n^* \notin S_2.$$

Further,

$$(29) \quad |a_n^* - \zeta| \leq |1 - a_n^*| + 2|1 - |\zeta|| = |1 - a_n^*| + 2(r - |\zeta| + 1 - r) \\ \leq |1 - a_n^*| + 2\left(2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) |1 - a_n^*| = 6|1 - a_n^*|,$$

$$(30) \quad |1 - \bar{a}_n^* \zeta| \leq |1 - \bar{a}_n^*| + |\bar{a}_n^* - \bar{a}_n^* \zeta| \leq 6|1 - a_n^*|.$$

Thus, for  $a_n^* \in S_2$  using (27), (29), and (30) we have

$$(31) \quad \int_0^r (r-t)^{\gamma-1} \arcsin \frac{\Im(\bar{a}_n^* te^{i\varphi})(1-|a_n^*|^2)}{||a_n^*|^2 - te^{i\varphi} \bar{a}_n^*|| |1 - \bar{a}_n^* te^{i\varphi}|} dt \\ \geq \int_0^r \frac{(r-t)^{\gamma-1} \Re a_n^* (1-t)(1-|a_n^*|^2)}{144|1 - a_n^*|^2 |a_n^*|} dt \\ \geq C(\gamma) \int_{r-2|1-a_n^*|}^{r-|1-a_n^*|} \frac{(r-t)^\gamma \Re a_n^*}{|a_n^*|(1-|a_n^*|)} dt \\ \geq C(\gamma) \frac{1}{1-|a_n^*|} \int_{r-2|1-a_n^*|}^{r-|1-a_n^*|} (r-t)^\gamma dt \\ \geq C(\gamma)(1-|a_n^*|)^\gamma.$$

If  $a_n^* \in \mathbb{D} \setminus S_2$ , then using (28)–(30) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (32) \quad & \int_0^r (r-t)^{\gamma-1} \arcsin \frac{\Im(\bar{a}_n^* t e^{i\varphi})(1-|a_n^*|^2)}{||a_n^*|^2 - t e^{i\varphi} \bar{a}_n^* || |1 - \bar{a}_n^* t e^{i\varphi}|} dt \\
 & \geq \int_0^r \frac{(r-t)^{\gamma-1} \Re z |1 - a_n^*| (1 - |a_n^*|^2)}{72 |1 - a_n^*|^2 |a_n^*|} dt \\
 & \geq C(\gamma) \int_{r-2|1-a_n^*|}^{r-|1-a_n^*|} \frac{(r-t)^{\gamma-1} \Re z |1 - |a_n^*||}{|a_n^*| |1 - a_n^*|} dt \\
 & \geq C \frac{1 - |a_n^*|}{|1 - a_n^*|} \int_{r-2|1-a_n^*|}^{r-|1-a_n^*|} (r-t)^{\gamma-1} dt \geq C \frac{1 - |a_n^*|}{|1 - a_n^*|^{1-\gamma}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$C > D^{-\gamma} \arg B^*(z) = \sum_n D^{-\gamma} \arg b(z, a_n^*) > C \sum_{|a_n^*| \leq 1-2(1-r)} \frac{1 - |a_n^*|}{|1 - a_n^*|^{1-\gamma}}.$$

Since the constants  $C$  are independent of  $r$ , tending  $r \uparrow 1$  we get the statement of the necessity for  $\arg B^*$ , and consequently for  $\arg B$ .

Now, we have to estimate  $D^\gamma(\arg g_\psi)$  from below. Let  $\psi_1$  be the restricted function of  $\psi^*$  on  $[0, \pi/2]$ . Let  $\arg(1-z) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^{-\gamma} \Im g_{\psi_1}(z) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \int_0^r \frac{(r-\rho)^{\gamma-1} \sin(t-\varphi)}{|\rho e^{i\varphi} - e^{it}|^2} d\rho d\psi_1(t) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(t-\varphi) d\psi^*(t) \int_0^r \frac{(r-\rho)^{\gamma-1}}{|\rho e^{i\varphi} - e^{it}|^2} d\rho.
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate the inner integral, we may assume that  $r > 2|z - e^{it}|$  without loss of generality. For  $|z - e^{it}| \leq r - \rho \leq 2|z - e^{it}|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\rho e^{i\varphi} - e^{it}| &\leq |z - \rho e^{i\varphi}| + |z - e^{it}| \\
 &\leq (1 + o(1))|r - \rho| + |z - e^{it}| \leq 4|z - e^{it}|, \quad r \uparrow 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since  $\arg z \sim r - 1$ , we have  $t - \varphi \geq (1 + o(1))(1 - r)$  as  $r \uparrow 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |z - e^{it}| &= |r - e^{i(t-\varphi)}| \leq 1 - r + 1 - \cos(\varphi - t) + \sin(\varphi - t) \\
 &\leq (1 + o(1)) \sin(1 - r) + 2 \sin^2 \frac{t - \varphi}{2} + \sin(t - \varphi) \\
 &\leq (4 + o(1)) \sin(t - \varphi), \quad r \uparrow 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the latter estimates, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 C &\geq D^{-\gamma} \Im g(z) \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(t-\varphi) d\psi^*(t) \int_{r-2|z-e^{it}|}^{r-|z-e^{it}|} \frac{(r-\rho)^{\gamma-1}}{|\rho e^{i\varphi} - e^{it}|^2} d\rho
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(t - \varphi)}{16|z - e^{it}|^2} d\psi^*(t) \int_{r-2|z-e^{it}|}^{r-|z-e^{it}|} (r - \rho)^{\gamma-1} d\rho \\ &\geq C(\gamma) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(t - \varphi)|z - e^{it}|^\gamma}{|z - e^{it}|^2} d\psi^*(t) \geq C(\gamma) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\psi^*(t)}{|z - e^{it}|^{1-\gamma}}. \end{aligned}$$

Tending  $r$  to 1 and using Fatou’s lemma, we conclude that

$$C \geq C(\gamma) \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\psi^*(t)}{|1 - e^{it}|^{1-\gamma}}.$$

Similarly, it can be shown that  $\int_{-\pi/2}^0 \frac{d\psi(t)}{|1 - e^{it}|^{1-\gamma}} < C$ , and consequently,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\psi(t)}{|1 - e^{it}|^{1-\gamma}} < C.$$

Theorem 2 is proved.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 10 and final remarks

*Proof of Theorem 10.* The necessity of the theorem follows from Theorem 2.

*Sufficiency.* Let  $f$  be a divisor of  $F$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $f = Bg$ , where  $B$  and  $g$  are defined as above. Let  $L(z, h, f) = \log f(z) + N_z(h)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (33) \quad \Re L(z, h, f) &= \Re L(z, h, B) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Re \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\psi^*(t) \\ &= \sum_{|a_n - z| \leq h(1-r)} \ln \left| \frac{a_n h(1-r)}{1 - z\bar{a}_n} \right| + \sum_{|a_n - z| > h(1-r)} \ln \left| \frac{a_n(z - a_n)}{1 - z\bar{a}_n} \right| \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{|e^{it} - z|^2} d\psi^*(t) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate  $\Re L(z, h, f)$  from the below. For  $|a_n - z| \leq h(1 - r)$ , we have

$$|1 - z\bar{a}_n| = |1 - |z|^2 + z(\overline{z - a_n})| \leq 1 - r^2 + rh(1 - r) \leq (2 + h)(1 - r),$$

and

$$(34) \quad |a_n| \geq r - h(1 - r) \geq \frac{1 - h}{2}, \quad r \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (35) \quad & \sum_{|a_n - z| \leq h(1-r)} \ln \left| \frac{a_n h(1-r)}{1 - z \bar{a}_n} \right| \\
 & \geq \sum_{|a_n - z| \leq h(1-r)} \ln \frac{|a_n| h}{2 + h} \\
 & \geq -C(h) \sum_{|a_n - z| \leq h(1-r)} |A(z, a_n)|, \quad r \geq \frac{1}{2},
 \end{aligned}$$

because  $C_1 \leq |A(z, a_n)| \leq C_2$  if  $|a_n - z| \leq h(1-r)$ .

On the other hand, (see [20, p. 13])

$$(36) \quad \sum_{|A(z, a_n)| < \frac{1}{2}} -\ln |b(z, a_n)| \leq 2 \sum_{|A(z, a_n)| < \frac{1}{2}} |A(z, a_n)|.$$

It is known that a pseudohyperbolic disk  $\mathcal{D}(z, s) = \{\zeta : |\frac{z-\zeta}{1-z\bar{\zeta}}| < s\}$  is the disk  $D(z^*, \rho_z(s))$ , where

$$z^* = \frac{(1-s^2)z}{1-s^2|z|^2}, \quad \rho_z(s) = \frac{(1-|z|^2)s}{1-s^2|z|^2}.$$

We are going to prove that

$$(37) \quad \mathcal{D}\left(z, \frac{h}{2+h}\right) \subset D(z, (1-|z|)h).$$

It is sufficient to show that  $|z^* - z| + \rho_z(s) \leq h(1-|z|)$  for  $s \leq h/(2+h)$ . We have ( $|z| = r$ )

$$|z^* - z| + \rho_z(s) = \frac{(1-r^2)(rs^2 + s)}{1-s^2r^2} \leq \frac{2(1-r)s}{1-s}.$$

Thus, we arrive to the inequality  $2s \leq h(1-s)$ , which is equivalent to  $-1 \leq s \leq \frac{h}{2+h}$ . Inclusion (37) is proved. Therefore, for  $a_n \notin D(z, h(1-r))$  we have

$$-\ln |b(z, a_n)| \leq \ln \frac{2+h}{h|\bar{a}_n|}.$$

Hence, using (34)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (38) \quad & \sum_{\substack{|A(z, a_n)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ |a_n - z| > h(1-r)}} -\ln |b(z, a_n)| \leq 2 \sum_{\substack{|A(z, a_n)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ |a_n - z| > h(1-r)}} \ln \frac{2+h}{|\bar{a}_n| h} \\
 & \leq 4 \ln \frac{4+2h}{h(1-h)} \sum_{\substack{|A(z, a_n)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ |a_n - z| > h(1-r)}} |A(z, a_n)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (33)–(39) that

$$\Re L(z, h, B) \geq -C(h) \sum_n |A(z, a_n)|.$$

Hence, as in the proof of the sufficiency of Theorem 2 (see (26)) we deduce for  $z \in S_\sigma$

$$(39) \quad D^{-\gamma} \Re L(z, h, B) \geq -C(h, \gamma) \sum_n \frac{1 - |a_n|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}_n z|^{1-\gamma}} \geq -C(h, \gamma, \sigma, B).$$

Further,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{|e^{it} - z|^2} d\psi^*(t) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\psi^*(t)}{|e^{it} - z|}.$$

Applying Lemma 2 for  $z$  laying in the Stolz angle  $S_\sigma$ , we obtain

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} D^{-\gamma} \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{|e^{it} - z|^2} d\psi^*(t) \right| &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D^{-\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{|e^{it} - z|} \right) d\psi^*(t) \\ &\leq C(\gamma) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\psi^*(t)}{|e^{it} - z|^{1-\gamma}} \\ &\leq C(\gamma, \sigma) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\psi(t)}{|e^{it} - 1|^{1-\gamma}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Together with (39) this yields  $D^{-\gamma} \Re L(z, h, f) \geq -C$ . And, in view of (33) we, finally, have  $|D^{-\gamma} \Re L(z, h, F)| \leq C$ .

It remains to apply Theorem 2. Theorem 10 is proved.  $\square$

REMARK 15. Frostman type condition (11) can be rewritten in terms of the modulus of continuity of the complete measure. Let  $\lambda_F(\zeta, \tau) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda_F(\overline{D(\zeta, \tau)})$ . Then (11) is equivalent to

$$\int_0^2 \frac{d\lambda_F(\zeta_0, \tau)}{\tau^{1-\gamma}} < +\infty \quad \text{or} \quad \int_0^2 \frac{d\omega(\tau; \zeta_0, \lambda_F)}{\tau^{1-\gamma}} < +\infty,$$

where  $\omega(\tau; \zeta_0, \lambda_F)$  is the modulus of continuity of the measure  $\lambda_F$  at the point  $\zeta_0$ .

From this point of view, it is interesting to compare Theorem 13 with results from [4], where necessary and sufficient conditions for growth of the maximum modulus and the maximum of the real part of  $h_\psi$  is established in terms of the modulus of continuity of the function  $\psi^*$ . Similar results for  $L^p$ -metrics are obtained in [3].

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