A GAP CONDITION FOR THE ZEROS OF A CERTAIN CLASS OF FINITE PRODUCTS

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Abstract: We carry out complete membership to Kaplan classes of certain class of finite products with all zeros on unit circle. In this way we extend Sheil-Small's, Jahangiri's and our previous results. An interpretation of the obtained gap condition in terms of mass and density is given.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathbb{C} be the set of complex numbers and let \mathscr{A} denote the space of functions analytic in $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ given the usual topology of local uniform convergence. Let $\mathscr{H} \subset \mathscr{A}$ be the class of all functions f normalized by f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0 and such that $f' \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} . Also let $\mathscr{S} \subset \mathscr{H}$ be the class of all functions univalent in \mathbb{D} .

The functions of the form $\mathbb{D} \ni z \mapsto 1 - ze^{-it}$ for $t \in [0; 2\pi)$ play a central role in the univalent functions theory. Due to the result of Royster [11] they are used for example as an extremal functions in many articles (see [2], [3], [10]). Moreover, consider finite products of the form

$$\mathbb{D} \ni z \mapsto F_n(z;T_n;P_n) := \zeta \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - z \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}t_k})^{p_k} , \qquad (1)$$

where $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $T_n := (t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$ is an increasing sequence of values from $[0; 2\pi)$ such that $t_1 := 0$ and $P_n := (p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$ is a sequence of real numbers. We note that all the zeros of the function $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n)$ lie on the unit circle $\mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$. Denote $s := \sum_{k=1}^n p_k$. Now suppose that $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, where \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers. We define the class Π_{λ} of all $k \in \mathscr{A}$ such that $k \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} satisfying the following condition for every $z \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zk'(z)}{k(z)}\right) \begin{cases} <\frac{\lambda}{2}, \text{ if } \lambda > 0\\ >\frac{\lambda}{2}, \text{ if } \lambda < 0\\ = 0, \text{ if } \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

Finite products of the form (1), where $s = \lambda$ and p_k have the same sign (i.e. that of λ) are dense in Π_{λ} (see Sheil-Small [13]).

We define the class of analytic functions, namely $K(\alpha,\beta)$. Class $K(\alpha,\beta)$ together with two intertwined classes, $T(\alpha,\beta)$ and its dual, are the means used as universal tools to investigate many well-known subclasses of \mathscr{S} (see Jahangiri [6–8], Ruscheweyh [12], Sheil-Small [13–16]). For $\alpha,\beta \ge 0$, Sheil-Small [13] defined the Kaplan class $K(\alpha,\beta)$ as the set of all functions $f \in \mathscr{A}$ that can be written in the form f(z) = k(z)H(z) where $k \in \prod_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $H \in \mathscr{A}$ is non-zero and satisfies the following condition for $z \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$|\arg H(z)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\min\{\alpha,\beta\}$$

The class $K(\alpha, \beta)$ is called Kaplan class because using the Kaplan method [9], one can show that a function $f \in \mathcal{H}$ is close-to-convex of order $\alpha \ge 0$ if and only if $f' \in K(\alpha, \alpha + 2)$. The following characterization of Kalplan classes $K(\alpha, \beta)$ is due to Sheil-Small [13, Theorem 2.2].

Theorem A. Let $f \in \mathscr{A}$ such that $f \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$. Then $f \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ if and only if, for 0 < r < 1 and $\theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 + 2\pi$,

$$\arg f(re^{i\theta_2}) - \arg f(re^{i\theta_1}) \ge -\alpha \pi - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta)(\theta_1 - \theta_2); \qquad (2)$$

$$\arg f(r \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta_2}) - \arg f(r \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta_1}) \le \beta \pi - \frac{1}{2} (\alpha - \beta) (\theta_1 - \theta_2) . \tag{3}$$

The two inequalities are equivalent, i.e. each implies the other.

As in the case of the class Π_{λ} , we assume further that numbers p_k in definition (1) have the same sign, namely positive and without loss of generality we assume a normalization $\zeta := 1$. We deduce from [4, Theorem 1.1] that $f_k \in K(1,0)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_n$. For the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} and for $N_m := \mathbb{N} \cap [1;m]$, the following

theorem is a modified version of a result given by Sheil-Small [16, p. 248].

Theorem B (Sheil-Small). For any polynomial $Q \in \mathscr{H}_d$ of degree $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ with all zeros in \mathbb{T} , if λ is minimal arclength between two consecutives zeros of Q, then $Q \in K(1, 2\pi/\lambda - n + 1)$.

Theorem B can also be deduced from [6], where Jahangiri obtained a certain gap condition for polynomials with all zeros in \mathbb{T} . In [4] we extended the Jahangiri's result for all $\alpha, \beta \ge 0$ and effectively determined complete membership to Kaplan classes of polynomials with all zeros in \mathbb{T} . In [5] we carried out complete membership to Kaplan classes of finite products of the form similar to (1), but with zeros simetrically situated in \mathbb{T} . In this article we determine a gap condition for zeros of function $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n)$ in Kaplan classes, that is with zeros arbitrarily situated on the circle and any positive powers. This aim was achieved in Theorem 1. Corollary 1 gives a description of the set Π containing all (α, β) such that $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n) \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ as a conjunction of linear inequalities. Example 1 shows the differences in membership to Kaplan classes between functions $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n) \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ depending on the sequences T_n and P_n . Moreover, we give an interpretation of the obtained gap condition in terms of mass and density.

2. MAIN THEOREMS

Assume that $t_{k+n} := t_k + 2\pi$ and $p_{k+n} := p_k$ for all $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Denote by $\tau_{a,b}$ the arclength of every arc of \mathbb{T} that contains zeros $e^{it_{a+1}}, e^{it_{a+2}}, \dots, e^{it_{a+b}}$ of function $F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n)$ for any $a, b \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$. In particular for b := 0 the arc does not contain any zeros of $F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n)$. Denote by τ_c the arclength of every arc of \mathbb{T} that contains at least the mass c > 0, i.e. arc contains zeros of function $F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n)$ such that the sum of theirs powers is grater or equal to c.

Lemma 1. For every $\rho > 0$ and $\alpha \ge 0$ such that $2\pi\rho - s + \alpha \ge 0$, the following equivalence holds

$$\underset{m>0}{\forall}\tau_m \geq \frac{m-\alpha}{\rho} \iff \underset{l\in\mathbb{N}_{nk}\in\{0\}\cup\mathbb{N}_{n-1}}{\forall} \frac{\tau_{l,k}(s-\alpha) - 2\pi\sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k}p_j}{2\pi - \tau_{l,k}} \leq 2\pi\rho - s + \alpha$$

Proof. Fix $\rho > 0$ and $\alpha \ge 0$ such that $2\pi\rho - s + \alpha \ge 0$. First we prove

$$\underset{m>0}{\forall} \tau_m \ge \frac{m-\alpha}{\rho} \iff \underset{l\in\mathbb{N}_n k\in\mathbb{N}_n}{\forall} \tau_{l,k} \ge \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j - \alpha \right) . \tag{4}$$

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The implication (4) in direction (\Rightarrow) follows from setting $m := \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j$ and $\tau_m := \tau_{l,k}$. Now we prove implication (4) in direction (\Leftarrow). Fix m > 0 and arc of length τ_m . The arc contains at least the mass m, it means that there exist $l, k \in \mathbb{N}_n$ such that $\tau_m = \tau_{l,k}$ and $\sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j \ge m$. Since $\rho > 0$, so

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Now taking arbitrary arclength $2\pi - \tau_{l,k}$ instead of any $\tau_{l,k}$, we get $s - \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j$ instead of $\sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j$. Hence

$$\forall \underset{l \in \mathbb{N}_n k \in \mathbb{N}_n}{\forall} \tau_{l,k} \geq \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j - \alpha \right) \iff \forall \underset{l \in \mathbb{N}_n k \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}_{n-1}}{\forall} \frac{\tau_{l,k}(s-\alpha) - 2\pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j}{2\pi - \tau_{l,k}} \leq 2\pi\rho - s + \alpha .$$

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Now we obtain the following gap condition for the zeros of $F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n)$.

Theorem 1. If $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, then for all $\alpha \ge 0$ and $\rho > 0$ such that $2\pi\rho - s + \alpha \ge 0$,

$$F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n) \in K(\alpha,2\pi\rho-s+\alpha)$$

if and only if for every $m \in [0;s]$ the arclength τ_m of every arc of \mathbb{T} has to satisfy

$$\tau_m \ge \frac{m - \alpha}{\rho} \ . \tag{5}$$

Proof. Fix $k \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}_{n-1}$. For every $l \in \mathbb{N}_n$ let $\theta_1 \in I_l$ and $\theta_2 \in I_{l+k}$. By (3) for every $r \in [0, 1)$ we obtain

$$\arg F_n(re^{i\theta_2};T_n;P_n) - \arg F_n(re^{i\theta_1};T_n;P_n) =$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\arctan\left(\frac{-r\sin(\theta_2 - t_j)}{1 - r\cos(\theta_2 - t_j)}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{-r\sin(\theta_1 - t_j)}{1 - r\cos(\theta_1 - t_j)}\right) \right).$$

Consider the above equality with $r \to 1^-$, $\theta_1 \neq t_l$ and $\theta_2 \neq t_{l+k}$ for every $l \in \mathbb{N}_n$. Hence

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{r \to 1^{-}} \left(\arg F_n(r \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta_2}; T_n; P_n) - \arg F_n(r \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta_1}; T_n; P_n) \right) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\arctan\left(\frac{-\sin(\theta_2 - t_j)}{1 - \cos(\theta_2 - t_j)}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin(\theta_1 - t_j)}{1 - \cos(\theta_1 - t_j)}\right) \right) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\arctan\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) - \arctan\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) \right) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j - \pi}{2} - \pi \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{\theta_1 - t_j - \pi}{2} + \pi \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{2} s - \pi \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \left(\operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) - \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) \right) \,. \end{split}$$

For every $l \in \mathbb{N}_n$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{l} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) + \sum_{j=l+1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) =$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{l} 0 + \sum_{j=l+1}^{n} (-p_j) = -\sum_{j=l+1}^{n} p_j.$$

Now we have two cases:

1. If $l + k \le n$, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{l+k} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) + \sum_{j=l+k+1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) =$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{l+k} 0 + \sum_{j=l+k+1}^{n} (-p_j) = -\sum_{j=l+k+1}^{n} p_j ,$$

and as a consequence

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j \left(\operatorname{Ent} \left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi} \right) - \operatorname{Ent} \left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi} \right) \right) = \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j \, .$$

2. If l + k > n, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{l+k-n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) + \sum_{j=l+k-n+1}^{n} p_j \operatorname{Ent}\left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi}\right) = \\ = \sum_{j=1}^{l+k-n} p_j + \sum_{j=l+k-n+1}^{n} 0 = \sum_{j=1}^{l+k-n} p_j = \sum_{j=n+1}^{l+k} p_j ,$$

and as a consequence

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j \left(\operatorname{Ent} \left(\frac{\theta_2 - t_j}{2\pi} \right) - \operatorname{Ent} \left(\frac{\theta_1 - t_j}{2\pi} \right) \right) = \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j \, .$$

Hence

$$\lim_{r \to 1^{-}} (\arg F_n(r e^{i\theta_2}; T_n; P_n) - \arg F_n(r e^{i\theta_1}; T_n; P_n)) = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{2} s - \pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j.$$

Assume that

$$\Omega := \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x \le y \le 2\pi + x \text{ and } z \in [0, 1] \}$$

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$

$$\Xi := \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \exists_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (x = t_j \text{ or } y = t_j) \text{ and } z = 1 \right\}$$

For all $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ the function

$$\Omega \setminus \Xi \ni (\theta_1, \theta_2, r) \mapsto \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) := \arg F_n(r e^{i\theta_2}; T_n; P_n) - \arg F_n(r e^{i\theta_1}; T_n; P_n) + \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

is harmonic on $int(\Omega)$. Since

$$\liminf_{(\theta_1,r)\to(t_l,1^-)} \arctan\left(\frac{-r\sin(\theta_1-t_l)}{1-r\cos(\theta_1-t_l)}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2} = \lim_{\theta_1\to t_l^+} \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin(\theta_1-t_l)}{1-\cos(\theta_1-t_l)}\right)$$

and

$$\lim_{(\theta_2, r) \to (t_{l+n-k}, 1^-)} \arctan\left(\frac{-r\sin(\theta_2 - t_{l+n-k})}{1 - r\cos(\theta_2 - t_{l+n-k})}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} = \lim_{\theta_2 \to t_{l+n-k}^-} \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin(\theta_2 - t_{l+n-k})}{1 - \cos(\theta_2 - t_{l+n-k})}\right)$$

for $l \in \mathbb{N}_n$, so

$$\sup_{\zeta} \left(\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \varphi(\zeta_n) \right) = \sup_{(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) \in \mathrm{fr}(\Omega) \setminus \Xi} \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) , \qquad (6)$$

where $\zeta : \mathbb{N} \to \operatorname{int}(\Omega)$ is a sequence such that $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \zeta_n \in \operatorname{fr}(\Omega)$. Therefore by [1, p. 8, Corollary 1.10] and (6) we obtain

$$\sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in \operatorname{int}(\Omega)} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) \leq \sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in \operatorname{fr}(\Omega)\setminus\Xi} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) \ .$$

On the other hand by continouity of φ we get

$$\sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in int(\Omega)} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) = \sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in\Omega\setminus\Xi} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) \ge \sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in fr(\Omega)\setminus\Xi} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) \ .$$

Therefore

$$\sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in \operatorname{int}(\Omega)} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) = \sup_{(\theta_1,\theta_2,r)\in \operatorname{fr}(\Omega)\setminus \Xi} \varphi(\theta_1,\theta_2,r) \ .$$

Consider the inequality (3) replacing $f := F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n)$ for $\theta_1 < \theta_2 < 2\pi + \theta_1$ and $r \in [0; 1)$,

$$\arg F_n(re^{i\theta_2};T_n;P_n) - \arg F_n(re^{i\theta_1};T_n;P_n) \le \beta \pi - \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

or equivalently

$$\beta \geq \frac{2\arg F_n(re^{i\theta_2};T_n;P_n) - 2\arg F_n(re^{i\theta_1};T_n;P_n) - \alpha(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}{2\pi - \theta_2 + \theta_1} .$$
(7)

Since $k \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}_{n-1}$ is arbitrary chosen, so for all $\alpha \ge 0$, $\theta_1 \in I_l$ and $\theta_2 \in I_{l+k}$ there exists arc of arclength $\tau_{l,k}$ such that

$$\frac{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)(s - \alpha) - 2\pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j}{2\pi - (\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = \frac{\tau_{l,k}(s - \alpha) - 2\pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j}{2\pi - \tau_{l,k}}.$$

Therefore, for $\alpha, \beta \ge 0, F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n) \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ if and only if

$$\underset{l \in \mathbb{N}_{nk} \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}_{n-1}}{\forall} \beta \geq \frac{\tau_{l,k}(s-\alpha) - 2\pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j}{2\pi - \tau_{l,k}}$$

Setting $\beta := 2\pi\rho - s + \alpha$, by Lemma 1 we obtain the thesis of the theorem.

Corollary 1. *If* $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ *, then for all* $\alpha \ge \max\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ *and* $\beta \ge 0$ *,*

$$F_n(\cdot;T_n;P_n)\in K(\alpha,\beta)$$

if and only if

$$(\alpha, \beta) \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{n-2} \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \ge \max_{l \in \mathbb{N}_n} \left(\frac{(t_{l+k+1} - t_l)(s-x) - 2\pi \sum_{j=l+1}^{l+k} p_j}{2\pi - t_{l+k+1} + t_l} \right) \right\}$$
(8)

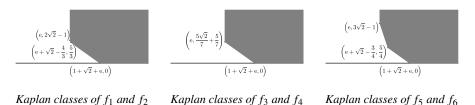
From Corollary 1 we see that the set of all classes $K(\alpha, \beta)$ for the function $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n)$ is an intersection of a finite number of closed half-planes. Formula (8) is convenient to determine the full membership to Kaplan classes of function $F_n(\cdot; T_n; P_n)$.

Remark 1. Let us notice that α occurring in Theorem 1 can be interpretated as a change in mass of arc, such that ρ is the minimal density of mass $m - \alpha$ on arc of arclength τ_m for all $m \in [0; s]$.

Example 1. Consider functions:

$$\begin{split} f_1 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (1, \sqrt{2}, \mathbf{e})\right) ,\\ f_2 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (1, \mathbf{e}, \sqrt{2})\right) ,\\ f_3 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (\sqrt{2}, 1, \mathbf{e})\right) ,\\ f_4 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (\mathbf{e}, 1, \sqrt{2})\right) ,\\ f_5 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (\sqrt{2}, \mathbf{e}, 1)\right) ,\\ f_6 &:= F_3\left(\cdot; (0, 1/2\pi, 7/6\pi); (\mathbf{e}, \sqrt{2}, 1)\right) .\end{split}$$

The following figures show complete membership to Kaplan classes of f_1 , f_2 , f_3 , f_4 , f_5 and f_6 .



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