

## ON THE SPACE OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS OF LOGARITHMIC TYPE $T$

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**Abstract.** We consider the space of functions analytic in a finite disc. Using the coefficient characterization of the logarithmic type we define a norm and show that the space obtained is a Fréchet space. Characterizations for continuous linear functional and proper bases are also obtained.

**1. Introduction.** The study of spaces of entire functions was initiated by Ganapathy Tyer [3]. He introduced the notion of a proper base and established a relationship between proper bases and automorphisms of the space. Arsov [1] considered the space of functions analytic in the finite disc  $|z| < R$  endowed with the topology of uniform convergence on compact sets and obtained a relationship between proper bases and linear homeomorphisms. Srivastava [5] defined a norm on the space of analytic functions with the help of growth parameters and studied the properties of this space.

Let  $U_R$  denote the class of all functions  $f$  analytic in  $|z| < R < \infty$ , where  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . We set  $M(r, f) = M(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)|$ ,  $0 < r < R$ . Then  $f$  is said to be of order  $\rho_0$  if

$$(1.1) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow R} \frac{\log^+ \log^+ M(r)}{-\log \log(R/r)} = \rho_0, \quad 0 \leq \rho_0 \leq \infty,$$

where  $\log^+ x = \max(0, \log x)$  for  $x > 0$ . If  $0 < \rho_0 < \infty$  then the type  $T_0$  of  $f$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow R} [\log^+ M(r) (\log(R/r))^{\rho_0}] = T_0, \quad 0 \leq T_0 \leq \infty.$$

Srivastava [5] used the coefficient characterization of the type  $T_0$  to define a norm as follows. It is known [2] that

$$(1.3) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ [\log^+ (|a_n| R^n)]^{\rho_0+1} \right\} n^{-\rho_0} = T_0 A^{\rho_0+1},$$

where  $A = (\rho_0 + 1) \rho_0^{-\rho_0/(\rho_0+1)}$ .

Let  $U_R(\rho_0, T_0)$  denote the class of all functions  $f$ ,  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ , analytic in the disc  $|z| < R$ , having growth parameters not exceeding  $(\rho_0, T_0)$ . Then for  $f \in U_R(\rho_0, T_0)$ , we have

$$(1.4) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-\rho_0} [\log^+ (|a_n| R^n)]^{\rho_0+1} \leq A^{\rho_0+1} T_0.$$

For any  $\delta > 0$ , define

$$\|f; \rho_0, T_0 + \delta\| = |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| R^n P(n, \rho_0, T_0 + \delta)$$

where  $P(n, \rho_0, T_0 + \delta) = \exp[-An^{\rho_0/(\rho_0+1)}(T_0 + \delta)^{1/(\rho_0+1)}]$ . Evidently, if  $\rho_0 = 0$  or  $\rho_0 = \infty$ , then the type  $T_0$  can not be defined and consequently the norm above can not be defined either. In this paper, we study the spaces of analytic functions of slow growth, (i.e. when  $\rho_0 = 0$ ). For such functions, the logarithmic order  $\rho$  is defined as in [4]:

$$(1.5) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow R} \frac{\log^+ \log^+ M(r)}{\log \log [R/(R-r)]} = \rho, \quad 0 \leq \rho \leq \infty.$$

Further, if  $0 < \rho < \infty$ , the logarithmic type  $T$  is defined by

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow R} \frac{\log^+ M(r)}{\{\log [R/(R-r)]\}^\rho} = T, \quad 0 \leq T \leq \infty.$$

For  $1 < \rho < \infty$ , the logarithmic type  $T$  is given by [4; Lemma, p. 448]

$$(1.7) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\log^+ (|a_n| R^n) (\log n)^{-\rho}] = T$$

We denote by  $U_R(\rho, T)$  the class of all functions  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  analytic in the disc  $|z| < R$ , and of logarithmic growth  $(\rho, T)$ , that is, the logarithmic order of  $f$  does not exceed  $\rho$  and if  $f$  is of logarithmic order  $\rho$ , its logarithmic type  $T$  does not exceed  $T$ ,  $1 < \rho < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq T < \infty$ . From (1.7), it follows that  $f \in U_R(\rho, T)$  if and only if

$$(1.8) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\log^+ (|a_n| R^n) (\log n)^{-\rho}] \leq T.$$

From (1.8), we have for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and all  $n > n_0(\varepsilon)$

$$(1.9) \quad |a_n| < R^{-n} \exp[(T + \varepsilon)(\log n)^\rho].$$

For each  $f \in U_R(\rho, T)$  we define for  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$(1.10) \quad \|f; \rho, T + \delta\| = |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| R^n \exp[-(T + \rho)(\log n)^\rho].$$

In view of (1.9), (1.10) clearly defines a norm for any  $\delta > 0$ . We denote by  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$  the space  $U_R(\rho, T)$  equipped with the norm (1.10). Let  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  be the space  $U_R(\rho, T)$  equipped with the weakest topology which is stronger than the topologies of each  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$ . The equivalent metric on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  can be expressed as

$$(1.11) \quad \lambda(f, g) = \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} 2^{-q} \frac{\|f - g\|_q}{1 + \|f - g\|_q}$$

where  $\|f - g\|_q = \|f - g; \rho, T + 1/q\|$ , as defined by (1.10).

**2. Linear transformations on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ .** In this section we obtain characterization of continuous linear transformation on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . First we prove

**THEOREM 1.** *The space  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is a Frechét space.*

*Proof.* We show that the space  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is complete. Let  $\{f_\alpha\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . Then it is a Cauchy sequence in each  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . Hence if we set  $f_\alpha(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{(\alpha)} z^n$ , then for a given  $\eta > 0$  and  $q$ , there exists a positive integer  $m_0 = m_0(q, \eta)$  such that  $\|f_\alpha - f_\beta\| < \eta$  for  $\alpha, \beta \geq m_0$ . Thus

$$(2.1) \quad \left| a_0^{(\alpha)} - a_0^{(\beta)} \right| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| a_n^{(\alpha)} - a_n^{(\beta)} \right| R^n \exp [-(T+1/q)(\log n)^\rho] < \eta$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \geq m$  and  $q$  a fixed positive integer. Hence for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we get  $\left| a_n^{(\alpha)} - a_n^{(\beta)} \right| < \eta$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \geq m_0$ . Hence  $\left\{ a_n^{(\alpha)} \right\}_{\alpha=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence of complex numbers for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of complex numbers such that  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{(\alpha)} = a_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.1). Then for  $\alpha \geq m_0$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad \left| a_0^{(\alpha)} - a_0 \right| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| a_n^{(\alpha)} - a_n \right| R^n \exp [-(T+1/q)(\log n)^\rho] < \eta.$$

Let  $k$  be arbitrary integer,  $1 \leq q < k$ . Since  $f_{m_0} \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , we have from (1.9),

$$\left| a_n^{(m_0)} \right| < R^{-n} \exp [(T+1/k)(\log n)^\rho]$$

for  $n \geq N_1(k, \eta)$ . Also,  $|a_n| \leq \left| a_n^{(m_0)} \right| + \left| a_n^{(m_0)} - a_n \right|$  for any  $n$ . Hence for  $n \geq N_1'$

$$|a_n| < \eta R^{-n} \exp [(T+1/q)(\log n)^\rho] + R^{-n} \exp [(T+1/k)(\log n)^\rho].$$

Since  $\eta > 0$  was arbitrary and  $k > q$ , there exists a positive integer  $N_2(q)$  such that for  $n > N_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |a_n| R^n \exp [-(T+1/q)(\log n)^\rho] \\ & < \eta + R^{-n} \exp [\{(T+1/k) - (T+1/q)\} (\log n)^\rho] < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $|a_n| < R^{-n} \exp [(T+1/q)(\log n)^\rho]$ ,  $n > N_2$ . Thus the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  satisfies (1.9) for every fixed  $q = 1, 2, \dots$ . So,  $f \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , where  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ .

Now from (2.2), for any fixed  $q$ , we have  $\|f_\alpha - f\|_q < \eta$ ,  $\alpha \geq m_0$ . Hence  $f_\alpha \rightarrow f$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , in each  $U_R(\rho, T, 1/q)$ . Thus  $f_\alpha \rightarrow f$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , and the space  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is complete, and therefore a Frechét space.

In the next theorem, we give a characterization of linear continuous functional on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . We thus have

THEOREM 2. A continuous linear functional  $F$  on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is of the form  $F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n C_n$  if and only if

$$(2.3) \quad |C_n| \leq A R^n \exp[-(T + 1/q)(\log n)^\rho], \quad n \geq 1, \quad q \geq 1,$$

where  $A$  is a positive number depending on  $\rho$  but not on  $n$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F: U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T) \rightarrow C$  be a continuous linear functional, where  $C$  is the field of complex numbers. Then for any sequence  $\{f_m\}$ ,  $f_m \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  such that  $f_m \rightarrow f$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , we have  $F(f_m) \rightarrow F(f)$ . Now let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  where  $a_n$ 's satisfy (1.9). Then  $f \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . Also, for  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , let us put  $f_m(z) = \sum_{n=0}^m a_n z^n$ . Then  $f_m \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  for each  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $q$  be any fixed, positive integer and let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/q$ . Then from (1.9) we can find a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$|a_n| < R^{-n} \exp[(T + \varepsilon)(\log n)^\rho], \quad n > m.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - f_m\|_q &= \left\| \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right\|_q = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} |a_n| R^n \exp[-(T + 1/q)(\log n)^\rho] \\ &< \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \exp[(\log n)^\rho (\varepsilon - 1/q)] < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large values of  $m$ . Hence for these values of  $m$ ,

$$\lambda(f, f_m) = \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} 2^{-q} \frac{\|f - f_m\|_q}{1 + \|f - f_m\|_q} < \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} 2^{-q} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} \right) < \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $f_m \rightarrow f$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(f_m) = F(f)$ . Let us put  $C_n = F(z^n)$ . Then

$$F(f) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(f_m) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^m a_n C_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n C_n.$$

Further,  $|C_n| = |F(z^n)|$ . Since  $F$  is continuous on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , it is continuous on  $U_R(\rho, T, 1/q)$  for each  $q = 1, 2, \dots$ . Consequently there exists a positive number  $A$  independent of  $q$  such that

$$|F(z^n)| = |C_n| \leq A \|\alpha_n\|_q, \quad q \geq 1, \quad \text{where } \alpha_n(z) = z^n.$$

Now, using the definition of the norm for  $\alpha_n(z)$ , we get

$$|C_n| \leq A R^n \exp[-(T + 1/q)(\log n)^\rho] \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1, q \geq 1.$$

Hence we have

$$F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n C_n, \quad \text{where } C_n \text{'s satisfy (2.3).}$$

Conversely suppose that  $C_n$ 's satisfy (2.3) and for any sequence of complex numbers  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  let  $F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n C_n$ . Then for  $q \geq 1$ ,

$$|F(f)| \leq A \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n| R^n \exp[-(T + 1/q)(\log n)^\rho] + |a_0 C_0|.$$

Let us put  $A_1 = \max(A, |C_0|)$ . Then we have  $|F(f)| \leq A_1 \|f\|_q$ ,  $q \geq 1$ . Hence  $F$  defines a continuous linear functional on  $U_R(\rho, T, 1/q)$  for each  $q = 1, 2, \dots$ . In view of the metric defined by (1.11),  $F$  is continuous linear functional on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

For  $f \in U_R(\rho, T)$  and  $\delta > 0$ , let  $\|f; \rho, T + \rho\|$  be defined by (1.10). Then we have the following result.

**THEOREM 3.** *A necessary and sufficient condition that there exists a continuous linear transformation  $F: U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T) \rightarrow U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  with  $F(\alpha_n) = \beta_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\alpha_n = z^n$ ,  $\beta_n \in U_R(\rho, T)$ , is that for every  $\delta > 0$ ,*

$$(2.4) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left\{ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right\}} < \frac{1}{T}$$

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a continuous linear transformation from  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  into  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  with  $F(\alpha_n) = \beta_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then for any given  $\delta > 0$  there exists a  $\delta_1 > 0$  and a constant  $K = K(\delta)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(\alpha_n); \rho, T + \delta\| &\leq K \|\alpha_n; \rho, T + \delta_1\|, \quad \text{i.e.} \\ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| &\leq K R^n \exp[-(T + \delta_1)(\log n)^\rho], \quad \text{i.e.} \\ \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} &< o(1) + (T + \delta_1)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} \leq \frac{1}{T + \delta_1} < \frac{1}{T}.$$

Conversely suppose that the sequence  $\{\beta_n\}$  satisfies (2.4). Then for any given  $\eta' > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N_0 = N_0(\eta')$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} < \frac{1}{T + \eta'}$$

for all  $n > N_0$  and all  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $f \in U_R(\rho, T)$ ,  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n$ , and let  $0 < \eta < \eta'$ . Then from (1.8), there exists a positive integer  $N_1 = N_1(\eta)$  such that for all  $n > N_1$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad |a_n| < R^{-n} \exp[(T + \eta)(\log n)^\rho].$$

Let  $N = \max(N_0, N_1)$ . Then from (2.5) and (2.6), we have for  $n > N$ ,

$$|a_n| \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| < \exp[(\eta - \eta')(\log n)^\rho].$$

Since  $0 < \eta < \eta'$ , this inequality implies that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \beta_n$  converges absolutely in  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$  for each  $\delta > 0$ . Since each  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$  is complete, we conclude that this series converges to an element of  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$ . Let us define a transformation  $F: U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T) \rightarrow U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  by putting  $F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \beta_n$  for  $f \in U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . We note that  $F$  is linear,  $F(\alpha_n) = \beta_n$  and for any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta' > 0$  such that

$$\frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} \leq \frac{1}{T + \delta'} \quad \text{for } n > N(\delta, \delta'), \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| \leq K R^n \exp[-(T + \delta')(\log n)^\rho]$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $K = K(\delta)$  being a constant. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(\alpha); \rho, T + \delta'\| &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| \\ &\leq |a_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| K R^n \exp[-(T + \delta')(\log n)^\rho] \\ &\leq K' \|\alpha_n; \rho, T + \delta'\|, \quad \text{where } K' = \max(1, K^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $F$  is continuous on  $U_R(\rho, T, \delta)$  for each  $\delta > 0$ . Consequently  $F$  is continuous on  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . This proves Theorem 3.

**3. Proper bases.** In this section, we will study the properties of bases in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . We give some definitions. Let  $f_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , be a sequence of functions in  $U_R(\rho, T)$ . If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k f_k = 0 \Rightarrow C_k = 0$  for all  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and all sequences  $\{C_k\}$  of complex numbers for which  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k f_k$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ , then the sequence  $\{f_k\}$  is said to be linearly independent. We say that  $\{f_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  spans a subspace  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  of  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  provided  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  consists of all linear combinations  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k f_k$  where  $\{C_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  is any sequence of complex numbers such that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k f_k$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . A sequence  $\{f_k\}$  which is linearly independent and spans a closed subspace  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  of  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is called a basis of  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . Lastly, a basis  $\{f_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  of a subspace  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is said to be a proper base if for all sequences of complex numbers  $\{C_n\}$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k f_k$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k \alpha_k$  converges in  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . From (1.8) we know that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k \alpha_k$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  if and only if

$$(3.1) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\log^+ (|C_n| R^n) (\log n)^{-\rho}] \leq T.$$

Now we prove

**THEOREM 4.** *The following three conditions are equivalent:*

$$(3.2) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} < \frac{1}{T}, \quad \delta > 0;$$

(3.3) *for all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  of complex numbers the convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  implies convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \beta_n$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ ;*

(3.4) for all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  of complex numbers, convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \beta_n = 0$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ .

*Proof.* In proving the sufficiency part of Theorem 3 we have already shown that (3.2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.3). Further, the implication (3.3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.4) is evident. Thus we have only to show that (3.4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.2). Therefore, let (3.4) be true but for some  $\delta > 0$ , (3.2) be not satisfied. Then for  $\delta = \delta'$  (say), there exists a sequence  $\{n_k\}$  of positive integers such that

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{(\log n_k)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta'\|^{-1} R^{n_k} \right]} > \frac{1}{T + k^{-1}}, \quad \text{for all } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

We define a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  of real numbers as follows:

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta'\|^{-1}, & n = n_k \\ 0, & n \neq n_k \end{cases}$$

Then for all large values of  $k$ , we have

$$\frac{\log^+ [|a_{n_k}| R^{n_k}]}{(\log n_k)^\rho} = \frac{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta'\|^{-1} R^{n_k} \right]}{(\log n_k)^\rho} < T + k^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \log^+ [|a_{n_k}| R^{n_k}] (\log n_k)^{-\rho} \right\} \leq T.$$

Thus the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  defined as above satisfies (3.1) and hence  $\sum a_n \alpha_n$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . So, by (3.4), we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \beta_n = 0$ . However

$$\|a_{n_k} \beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta'\| = |a_{n_k}| \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta'\| = 1.$$

Therefore  $\{a_n \beta_n\}$  does not converge to 0 in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence (3.2) must hold for all  $\delta > 0$ . This proves Theorem 4.

Next we prove

**THEOREM 5.** *The following three conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) for all sequences  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of complex numbers,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \beta_n = 0$  in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  implies that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ ;
- (b) for all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  of complex numbers, convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  implies that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ ;
- (c)  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left[ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} \right] \geq \frac{1}{T}$ .

*Proof.* Obviously (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). To prove (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c), we assume that (b) holds but (c) does not. Then we have

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left[ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ \left[ \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n \right]} \right] < \frac{1}{T}.$$

Hence for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ [\|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n]} < \frac{1}{T}.$$

Let  $\eta > 0$  be any fixed number. From (3.6), we can find an increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}$  of positive integers such that

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{(\log n_k)^\rho}{\log^+ [\|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^{n_k}]} < \frac{1}{T + \eta}.$$

For  $\eta_1$ ,  $0 < \eta_1 < \eta$ , we define a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  as follows:

$$a_n = \begin{cases} R^{-n} \exp[(T + \eta_1)(\log n)^\rho], & n = n_k \\ 0, & n \neq n_k. \end{cases}$$

Then for any  $\delta > 0$  we have

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{n_k}| \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta\|.$$

Now for any  $\delta > 0$ , we omit those terms of the series on right-hand side for which  $\delta < 1/k$ . Then the remainder of the series in (3.8) is dominated by  $\sum |a_{n_k}| \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + k^{-1}\|$ . Consequently by (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{n_k}| \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + k^{-1}\| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} R^{-n_k} \exp[(\log n_k)^\rho (T + \eta_1)] R^{n_k} \exp[-(T + \eta)(\log n_k)^\rho] \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \exp[(\log n_k)^\rho (\eta_1 - \eta)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 < \eta_1 < \eta$ , the series on the right-hand side is convergent. Since  $a_n = 0$  for  $n \neq n_k$  the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \beta_n$  is convergent for the above sequence  $\{a_n\}$ . Since this is true for every  $\delta > 0$ , the series  $\sum a_n \beta_n$  converges in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . On the other hand, for this sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , we also have

$$(3.9) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\log^+ [|a_n| R^n] (\log n)^{-\rho}\} = T + \eta_1 > T,$$

which gives a contradiction to (3.1) and consequently to (b). So, we must have (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Lastly we prove that (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Hence, suppose that (c) holds but (a) does not. Then there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  of complex numbers for which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \beta_n = 0$ , but  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_n$  does not converge in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . Hence from (3.1) we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\log^+ [|a_n| R^n] (\log n)^{-\rho}\} > T$$



Thus there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon$  and a sequence  $\{n_k\}$  of positive integers such that

$$\log^+ \{[a_{n_k} | R^{n_k}] (\log n_k)^{-\rho}\} > T - \varepsilon.$$

Let  $0 < \eta < \varepsilon/2$ . From (c) we can find a positive number  $\delta$  such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ [\|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n]} \geq \frac{1}{T + \eta}.$$

Hence there exists an integer  $N = N(\eta)$  such that for  $n \geq N$ ,

$$\frac{(\log n)^\rho}{\log^+ [\|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\|^{-1} R^n]} \geq \frac{1}{T + 2\eta}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \max [ \|a_n \beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| ] &= \max [ \|a_n | \|\beta_n; \rho, T + \delta\| ] \\ &\geq \max [ \|a_{n_k} | \|\beta_{n_k}; \rho, T + \delta\| ] \\ &\geq \exp [ (\log n_k)^\rho (\varepsilon - 2\eta) ] > 1 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\varepsilon > 2\eta$ . Hence the sequence  $\{a_n \beta_n\}$  does not converge to zero in  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$ . This is a contradiction to (c). So we must have (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) and proof of Theorem 5 is completed.

Lastly we give a characterization of proper bases. This result follows from the last two theorems.

**THEOREM 6.** *A base  $\{\beta_n\}$  in a closed subspace  $V_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  of  $U_{R,\lambda}(\rho, T)$  is proper if and only if the conditions (3.2) and (c) stated above are satisfied.*

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