

Arithmetic Entire Functions

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is solved the following problem: Let P_n be a sequence of distinct polynomials (of bounded degree) with some arithmetic properties, what can be said of an entire function f , the Lagrange interpolation polynomial P_n of f with respect to roots of P_n is in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ for all n ?

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1 Introduction

A well-known theorem of Hardy and Polya about the functions arithmetic: if f is arithmetic and of exponential type less than $\log 2$ ($f(z) = O(\exp cz)$ for some $c < \log 2$) then f is necessarily a polynomial. Further the condition cannot be relaxed as seen by considering $f(z) = 2^z$. Later Guelfond studied a relative problem. Let β be a positive integer. F. Gramain [8] presente the situation in 1988 an attempt of the same kind: how to show by the method of transcendence, the result obtained in 1933 by A. O. Guelfond on entire functions taking integer values in all points of geometric progression, like the previous multiplicative additive problem (see [7] theorem VIII). On the other hand,

the same type of results for entire functions of several variables were obtained by P. Bundschuh in 1980 and J. P. Bezzivin in 1983 the first uses newton interpolation series in several variables and the second linear récurrentes suites. P. Bundschuh and J. P. Bezzivin have studied the case or first s derivatives of the function f are also integers. J. P. Bezzivin [1] in 1984 studied multivariate generalization of result the Guelfond. Tanguy Rivoal and Michael Welter [9] have found the following result: let F be a holomorphic function on $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^d : R(z_j) > 0, j = 1, \dots, d\}$, suppose that the following conditions are satisfied,

$$(i) F(\mathbb{N}^d) \subset \mathbb{Z}.$$

(ii) There are real $c > 0, \alpha \geq 0$ and β such that we have for all z satisfying $R(z_j) > 0$:

$$|F(z)| \leq c \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{e^{|z_j| \Psi(\theta_j)}}{R(z_j)^\alpha (1 + |z_j|)^\beta}, \text{ or } \theta_j \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\Psi(\theta_j) = \cos(\theta) \log(2 \cos(\theta)) + \theta \sin(\theta)$$

So if $\frac{1}{2} - \beta < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, the function F is a polynomial with rational coefficients.

B. Djebbar [3] says that if $h(z) = 0$, for $z = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ (h the entire harmonic function on \mathbb{C} of exponential type $\tau < \pi$), and $h(z) = h(\bar{z})$, then $h \equiv 0$.

What can be said of an entire function which takes on integral value at each point of the sequence $\beta^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Again Guelfond showed that if the function doesn't grow too fast near infinity, see below for details, then it is necessarily a polynomial.

Let us look a little bit differently these results. We can, in an a priori complicated way, describe the conditions $f(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$, (resp. $f(\beta^n) \in \mathbb{Z}$) in the following manner: the Lagrange interpolation polynomial of degree 0 of f with respect to the point n (resp. β^n) lies in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$. However this suggests to consider the following question. Let P_n be a sequence of distinct polynomials (of bounded degree) with some arithmetic properties, what can be said of an entire function f the Lagrange interpolation polynomial P_n of f with respect to roots of P_n is in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ for all n ?

It is expected that under restriction on the growth of f , f is a polynomial. We study this question in the very particular cases where $P_n(X) = P(X) - r_n$ or $P_n(X) = P(X) - \beta^n$. $P(X)$ being any non constant polynomial. We precise once and for all that the game played by \mathbb{Z} is secondary, it can be replaced by any discrete sub-ring of \mathbb{C} .

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Order and type of an entire function

Let $\chi : [0, +\infty[\rightarrow [0, +\infty[\cup \{+\infty\}$ be an increasing function. We define the growth order $\rho(\chi)$ of χ by the formula :

$$\rho(\chi) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \chi(r)}{\log r}$$

If χ is of finite order, ($0 < \rho(\chi) < \infty$) the growth type $\sigma(\chi)$ is defined by :

$$\sigma(\chi) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\chi(r)}{r^\rho}$$

For any entire function f on \mathbb{C}^N , the N -growth of f is defined by the growth of the function $\chi(r) = \log^+ M_N(f, r)$ where N is a norm on \mathbb{C}^N and $M_N(f, r) = \sup_{N(z) \leq r} |f(z)|$. For any complete bounded domain Δ of center 0 in \mathbb{C}^N , the Δ -growth of f is defined by the growth of the function $\chi(r) = \log^+ M_\Delta(f, r)$ where $M_\Delta(f, r) = \sup_{z \in r \cdot \Delta} |f(z)|$. (see [15]. for more detail)

2.2 Holomorphic function

In complex analysis, a holomorphic function is a complex-valued function defined and differentiable at every point of an open subset of the complex plane \mathbb{C} .

2.3 Arithmetic function

Let f be an entire function on \mathbb{C} , f is said to be arithmetic if for each non negative integer n , $f(n)$ is an integer.

2.4 Residue

In complex analysis, the residue is a complex number which describes the behavior of the line integral of a holomorphic function in the neighborhood of a singularity. The residuals are calculated quite easily and, once known, can calculate more complicated curvilinear integrals with the residue theorem.

3 Holomorphic functions with complex variables

Theorem 3.1 (H.D) [6] Let g an holomorphic function on \mathbb{C}^2 , with $g(\beta^n, \beta^m)$ are integers, $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ (β , integer greater than unity) and $g(z_1, z_2)$ satisfies the inequality:

$$\ln |g(z_1, z_2)| < \frac{\ln^2 r_1 r_2}{4 \ln \beta} - \frac{1}{2} \ln r_1 r_2 - \omega(r_1, r_2),$$

or

$$r_1 = |z_1|, r_2 = |z_2|, \quad \lim_{\min(r_1, r_2) \rightarrow +\infty} \omega(r_1, r_2) = \infty.$$

Then g is a polynomial.

Theorem 3.2 (H.D) [6] Let g an holomorphic function on \mathbb{C}^d , with: $g(\beta^{n_1}, \dots, \beta^{n_d})$ are integers, $\forall n_1, \dots, n_d \in \mathbb{N}^d$ (β , integer greater than unity), and $g(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d)$ satisfies the inequality:

$$\ln |g(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d)| < \frac{\ln^2 r_1 r_2 \dots r_d}{4 \ln \beta} - \frac{1}{2} \ln r_1 r_2 \dots r_d - \omega(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d)$$

or

$$r_j = |z_j|, j = 1, \dots, d, \quad \lim_{\min(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d) \rightarrow +\infty} \omega(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d) = \infty.$$

Then g is a polynomial.

Corollary 3.3 (H.D) [6] Let F the holomorphic function on \mathbb{C}^d , such that $F(\beta^{n_1}, \dots, \beta^{n_d})$ are integers, $\forall n_1, \dots, n_d \in \mathbb{N}^d$ (β , integer greater than unity), and $F(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d)$ satisfies the inequality:

$$\ln |F(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d)| < \frac{\ln^2 r_1 r_2 \dots r_d}{4 \ln \beta} - \frac{1}{2} \ln r_1 r_2 \dots r_d - \omega(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d)$$

or

$$r_j = |z_j|, j = 1, \dots, d, \quad \lim_{\min(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d) \rightarrow +\infty} \omega(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d) = \infty.$$

If $F(\mathbb{N}^d) = 0$, then $F \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{C}^d .

4 Main results

4.1 GLOBAL DIVIDED DIFFERENCE

Let $P(X)$ is a non constant polynomial and (x_n) a sequence of pairwise distinct complex numbers. We set $P_n(X) = P(X) - x_n$.

For each n , the unique polynomial of degree not greater than $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg p_i - 1 = n \deg p - 1$ which interpolates (in the general sense) f on the set $\cup_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1}(0)$ is denoted by $H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$.

Here we only assume f to be conveniently defined on $\cup_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1}(0)$. Note that the polynomials P_n are relatively prime.

Definition 4.1 We define (and call it a global divided defference) $f[p_1, \dots, p_n]$ to be the quotient of $H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$ in the Euclidean division by $p_1 \dots p_{n-1}$. Note that it is a polynomial of degree not greater than $\deg p - 1$. In case $n = 1$ it is only $H[f, p_1]$.

When $P(X) = X$ then $f[p_1, \dots, p_n]$ is a usual divided difference of f , often (differently but similarly) denoted by $f[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. the reader is invited to examine the very analogy between the lemmas below and the corresponding classical ones.

Lemma 4.2 [5] (Newton type formula)

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n f[p_1, \dots, p_i] p_1 \dots p_{i-1} \quad (4.1)$$

Proof. Let : $X = \cup_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i^{-1}(0)$

$$T = H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] - f[p_1, \dots, p_n] p_1 \dots p_{n-1}$$

$$T(x) = H[f, p_1 \dots p_n](x) - f[p_1, \dots, p_n] p_1(x) \dots p_{n-1}(x); \forall x \in X$$

$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$ is the unique polynomial of degree not greater than $\deg p - 1$, when :

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n](x) = f(x); \forall x \in \cup_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i^{-1}(0)$$

x is a root of P_i :

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_n] p_1(x) \dots p_{n-1}(x) = 0$$

$$T(x) = H[f, p_1 \dots p_n](x) = f(x); \forall x \in \cup_{i=1}^{n-1} p_i^{-1}(0)$$

and $\deg T \leq (n - 1) \deg p - 1$

when $\text{card} X = (n - 1) \deg p$

Then

$$T = H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}]$$

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] = f[p_1, \dots, p_n] p_1 \dots p_{n-1} + H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}]$$

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Lemma 4.3 (*Neville -Aitken type formula*)

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] = (x_1 - x_n) H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] \quad (4.2)$$

Proof. We remark that

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] \equiv H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]; (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

Show that

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] - H[f, p_i] = \alpha p_i + R_i$$

when $\deg R_i \leq d - 1$, let $x \in p_i^{-1}(0)$

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n](x) = f(x); x \in p_i^{-1}(0) \subset \cup_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1}(0)$$

$$H[f, p_i](x) = f(x)$$

$$\alpha p_i(x) = 0$$

Then

$$R_i(x) = 0; \forall x \in p_i^{-1}(0)$$

but $\deg R_i \leq \deg P - 1$, and $R_i(x)$ admits d roots where $R_i = 0$ and after the remark

$$H[f, p_1 \dots p_n] \equiv H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]; (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] \equiv p_n H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]; (i = 1, \dots, n) \Leftrightarrow p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_n H[f, p_i] = \alpha p_n p_i$$

$$p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] \equiv p_1 H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]; (i = 1, \dots, n) \Leftrightarrow p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] - p_1 H[f, p_i] = \beta p_1 p_i$$

Then

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] - (p_n - p_1) H[f, p_i] = (\alpha p_n - \beta p_1) p_i$$

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] \equiv (x_1 - x_n) H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]$$

but

$$\frac{p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} \equiv H[f, p_i] \quad [p_i]$$

$\frac{p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)}$ is a polynomial of degree not greater than $\deg p - 1$. = $nd - 1$ it is check the conditions for congruence of $H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$.

therefore

$$\frac{p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} = H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$$

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Lemma 4.4

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n] = (x_1 - x_n)f[p_1, \dots, p_n] \quad (4.3)$$

Proof. By lemma (Neville -Aitken type formula)

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] = (x_1 - x_n) H[f, p_1 \dots p_n]$$

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] = p_n (f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-2} + R_1; \deg R_1 < (n-2)d - 1)$$

$$p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] = p_1 (f[p_2, \dots, p_n] p_2 \dots p_{n-1} + R_2; \deg R_2 < (n-2)d - 1)$$

Then by writing

$$p_n = p_{n-1} + (x_{n-1} - x_n)$$

We obtain

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] = f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-1} + (x_{n-1} - x_n) (f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-2} + R_1) + p_{n-1} R_1$$

$$p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] = f[p_2, \dots, p_n] p_1 \dots p_{n-1} + p_1 R_2$$

$$p_n H[f, p_1 \dots p_{n-1}] - p_1 H[f, p_2 \dots p_n] =$$

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-1} - f[p_2, \dots, p_n] p_1 \dots p_{n-1} + (x_{n-1} - x_n) (f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-2} + R_1) + p_{n-1} R_1 - p_1 R_2$$

$$\deg((x_{n-1} - x_n) (f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] p_1 \dots p_{n-2} + R_1) + p_{n-1} R_1 - p_1 R_2) < (n-1)d - 1$$

Then

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n] = (x_1 - x_n) f[p_1, \dots, p_n]$$

Lemma 4.5

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)} \quad (4.4)$$

Proof. by recursion, assume that

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

show that

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

$$\frac{f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} = f[p_1, \dots, p_n]$$

$$\frac{f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} = \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)} - \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{H[f, p_1]}{\prod_{j=1}^n (x_1 - x_j)} + \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j}^{n-1} (x_i - x_j)} + \frac{H[f, p_n]}{\prod_{j=1}^n (x_n - x_j)} - \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{j=2}^n (x_i - x_j)} \\
&= \frac{H[f, p_1]}{\prod_{j=2}^n (x_1 - x_j)} + \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{(x_i - x_1) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \dots (x_i - x_{n-1})} \\
&\quad + \frac{H[f, p_n]}{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (x_n - x_j)} - \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{j=2}^n (x_i - x_2) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \dots (x_i - x_n)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} &= \frac{H[f, p_1]}{\prod_{j=1}^n (x_1 - x_j)} + \frac{H[f, p_n]}{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (x_n - x_j)} + \\
&\quad \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{(x_1 - x_n) H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{j=2}^n (x_i - x_2) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \dots (x_i - x_n)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f[p_1, \dots, p_n] = \frac{f[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] - f[p_2, \dots, p_n]}{(x_1 - x_n)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

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Lemma 4.6

$$p(\xi) - p(z) = (\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d \prod_{i>p} (\xi - x_n^i) \prod_{i<p} (z - x_n^i) \quad (4.5)$$

Proof. Define the sequence $N_j(z)$ by $N_1(z) = 1$ and $N_{j+1}(z) = (z - x_n^j) N_j(z)$, so that $N_{d+1}(z) = p_n(z)$, and :

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i<p} (z - x_n^i) &= N_p(z) \\
\prod_{i>p} (\xi - x_n^i) &= \frac{\prod_{i>1} (\xi - x_n^i)}{\prod_{i<p+1} (\xi - x_n^i)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(z)} = \sum_{p=1}^d (\xi - x_n^p + x_n^p - z) \frac{N_p(z)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} N_{d+1}(\xi)$$

$$(\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} = \sum_{p=1}^d \left(-(z - x_n^p) \frac{N_p(z)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} + \frac{\xi - x_n^p}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} \right)$$

$$(\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} = \sum_{p=1}^d \left(\frac{-N_{p+1}(z)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} + \frac{N_p(z)}{N_p(\xi)} \right) N_{d+1}(\xi)$$

$$\text{when : } \sum_{p=1}^d u_p - u_{p+1} = u_1 - u_{d+1}$$

$$\text{then : } (\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} = \left(\frac{N_1(z)}{N_1(\xi)} - \frac{N_{d+1}(z)}{N_{d+1}(\xi)} \right) N_{d+1}(\xi)$$

$$(\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} = \left(1 - \frac{N_{d+1}(z)}{N_{d+1}(\xi)} \right) N_{d+1}(\xi)$$

$$(\xi - z) \sum_{p=1}^d N_p(z) \frac{N_{d+1}(\xi)}{N_{p+1}(\xi)} = p_n(\xi) - p_n(z) = p(\xi) - p(z)$$

This result, in a little bit different form, may be found in a paper L. Verde-Star [12] (propositon 2.1, p, 217). We include his proof for the convenience of the reader. We note that the definition 1 and the lemme 1 remain true when the p_n are any (not even distinct) polynomials.

We conclude this section in proving a convergence lemma extending a classical theorem of Guelfond. Its proof is a simple adaptation of the classical ($p(X) = X$) one.

Lemma 4.7 [7] Suppose that P is monic of degree d and that (x_n) is a sequence of complexe numbers satisfying $|x_{n-1}| \leq |x_n| \leq \lambda n^n$ for n large enough. Set $P_n(X) = P(X) - x_n$. If further f is an entire function of ordere at most $\frac{d}{\mu}$ and type at most σ then the sequence of polynomials $L_n(z) = H[f, p_1 \dots p_n](z)$ converges uniformly on every compact set to f provided that:

$$\sigma(2\lambda)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} < 2 \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{1}{\mu}-1}}{2-t} dt \quad (4.6)$$

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4.2 PSEUDO ARITHMETIC AND GEOMETRIC ENTIRE FUNCTIONS

$p(X)$ is always a non constant monic complex polynomial of degree $d \geq 1$, f an entire function on \mathbb{C} .

Definition 4.8 f is said to be p -pseudo arithmetic with respect to (an arithmetic sequence) $(r_n)_{n \geq 0}$, if for each n , $H[f, p_n] \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ where $p_n(X) = p(X) - r_n$.

Similarly f is said to be p -pseudo geometric with respect to (a geometric sequence) g_n , if for each n , $H[f, p_n] \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ where $p_n(X) = p(X) - g_n$.

Theorem 4.9 If f is p -pseudo arithmetic with respect to $r_n = rn + r_0$ and if further f is of order at most d and type less $\log \frac{2}{r}$ then f is a polynomial.

The condition on the growth cannot be relaxed.

Proof. We shall assume, without loss of generality that $r_0 = 0$ for otherwise we can change the constant term of p .

first by applying lemme (4.7) (suppose that p is monic of degree d and that (x_n) is a sequence of complex numbers satisfying $|x_{n-1}| \leq |x_n| \leq \lambda n^\eta$ for n large enough).

set $p_n(X) = p(X) - x_n$, if further f is an entire function of order at most $\frac{d}{\eta}$ and type at most σ then the sequence of polynomial $L_N(z) = H[f, p_0, \dots, p_n](z)$ converges uniformly on every compact set to f provided that $\sigma(2\lambda)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} < 2 \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{1}{\eta}-1}}{2-t} dt$ with $\lambda = r$ and $\eta = 1$ we see that for any entire function f of order at most d and type less than $\log \frac{2}{r}$ we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n](z) p_1(z) p_2(z) \dots p_{n-1}(z) \quad (4.7)$$

uniformly on every compact sets of \mathbb{C} .

To prove the theorem it is therefore enough to show that for n large the polynomials $f[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n](z)$ are the zero polynomial.

But by lemma (4.4)

$$f[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{I \neq J} (x_i - x_j)}$$

we get:

$$f[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n] = \frac{1}{r^n (n-1)!} \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i-1} H[f, p_i]$$

$$f [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n] = \frac{1}{r^n(n-1)!} q_n \quad (4.8)$$

where q_n is a polynomial with integral coefficients.

Now we have

$$p(z) = (z-a_1)^{r_1}(z-a_2)^{r_2}\dots(z-a_s)^{r_s}, \text{ with } a_i \neq a_j, (i \neq j), \sum r_i = d \quad (4.9)$$

we put $z = a_i$ in (4.7) and find

$$f(a_i) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n(a_i)(-1)^{n+1} \quad (4.10)$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n(a_i)(-1)^{n+1} \rightarrow f(a_i), \text{ if } n \rightarrow \infty$$

from which we deduce that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n(a_i) = 0$. Further we know that when a series of holomorphic functions converges uniformly to a to f then the differentiated series converges similarly to f' .

Here we thus have

$$f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^n(n-1)!} \left[\frac{dq_n}{dz}(z)p_1(z)p_2(z)\dots p_{n-1}(z) + q_n(z) \frac{d}{dz} [p_1p_2\dots p_n](z) \right] \quad (4.11)$$

and if we put again $z = a_i$, the second term in the sum vanishes for $p'(a_i) = 0$. So that we obtain

$$f'(a_i) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^n(n-1)!} q'_n(a_i)p_1(a_i)p_2(a_i)\dots p_{n-1}(a_i) \quad (4.12)$$

$$f'(a_i) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^n(n-1)!} q'_n(a_i)(-1)^{n-1}r^{n-1}(n-1)!$$

wich gives $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q'_n(a_i) = 0$. We go on and finally get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n^{(j)}(a_i) = 0, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq r_i - 1 \quad (4.13)$$

writing

$$q_n(z) = \alpha_n^{d-1}z^{d-1} + \alpha_n^{d-2}z^{d-2} + \dots + \alpha_n^0$$

$$\alpha_n = (\alpha_n^{d-1}, \alpha_n^{d-2}, \dots, \alpha_n^0) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \subset \mathbb{C}^d$$

and, with $g_j(z) = z^j$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} g_0(a_1) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_d(a_1) \\ g'_0(a_1) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g'_d(a_1) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_0^{r_1-1}(a_1) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_d^{(r_1-1)} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_0(a_s) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_d(a_s) \\ g'_0(a_s) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g'_d(a_s) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_0^{r_s-1}(a_s) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_d^{r_s-1}(a_s) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n^0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_n^{d-2} \\ \alpha_n^{d-1} \\ \alpha_n^{d-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n^0 + \alpha_n^1 a_1 + \dots + \alpha_n^{d-1} a_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_n^0 + \alpha_n^1 a_s + \dots + \alpha_n^{d-1} a_s \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_n(a_1) \\ q'_n(a_1) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ q_n^{r_1-1}(a_1) \\ \cdot \\ q_n^{r_s-1}(a_s) \end{pmatrix}$$

We see that the conditions (4.7) mean $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A\alpha_n = 0$ but it is easily seen that the matrix A is invertible (it is the Vandermonde matrix) we meet in Hermite interpolation theory.

Consequently we have

$$0 = A^{-1}(0) = A^{-1}(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(\alpha_n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n. \quad (4.14)$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = 0$$

Since the coordinates of α_n are integral (remember $q_n \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$) (4.14) implies that for n large $\alpha_n = 0$ and therefore $q'_n = 0$ which gives, as indicated above, that f is a polynomial.

Finally we see that the hypothesis cannot be relaxed by considering $f(z) = \exp(\frac{\log 2}{r}(p(z) - r_0))$ which is of order d and type $\frac{\log 2}{r}$ while for each n , $H[f, p_n] = 2^n \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. The theorem is proved. ■

Theorem 4.10 *Let $g_n = r\beta^n$, $\beta = \exp \lambda$, $\lambda > 0$. We set $p_n = p - g_n$, if f is an entire function such that for all $n > 0$*

$$H[f, p_n] \in \mathbb{Z}[X],$$

and if further f satisfies for R large.

$$\log M(R) \leq \frac{d^2}{4 \log \beta} \log^2(R) - \left(\frac{d}{2} - \frac{d \log |r|}{2 \log \beta} \right) \log R - \omega(R) \quad (4.15)$$

where $\omega(R)$ is any function tending to ∞ as $R \rightarrow \infty$ then f is a polynomial.

Lemma 4.11 *Let $g_n = r\beta^n$, $\beta = \exp \lambda$, $\lambda > 0$. We set $p_n = p - g_n$. If f is an entire function which satisfies for R large.*

$$\log M(R) \leq \frac{d^2}{2\lambda} \log^2(R) + \alpha d \log R \quad \text{where : } \alpha < \frac{-\log |r|}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.16)$$

then the sequence of polynomial $L_n(z) = H[p_1, \dots, p_n](z)$ converges to f uniformly on every compact of \mathbb{C} .

Proof. We fix ϵ small enough to verify

$$\alpha < \frac{-\log |r|}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\log(1 - \epsilon)}{\lambda}$$

We write $R_n(z) = f(z) - L_n(z)$, by the Harmite formula if $|z| \leq \rho$, $|\xi| = R$, $R > \rho$.

$$R_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\xi|=R} \frac{p_1(z) \dots p_n(z)}{p_1(\xi) \dots p_n(\xi)} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$$

with $|x_k| = r\beta^k$ we get for $|z| \leq \rho < R$, R large enough,

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{\rho}{R}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \log\left(\frac{k + |r| \beta^j}{(1 - \epsilon)R^d - r\beta^j}\right) \quad (4.17)$$

we take $R = R(n)$ defined by $(1 - \epsilon)R^d = 2|r|\beta^k$ whence

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \log\left(1 - \frac{\rho}{R(n)}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \log\left(\frac{|r| \beta^j (1 + k|r|^{-1} \beta^{-j})}{2|r| \beta^n (1 - \frac{|r|}{2|r|\beta^{j-n}})}\right)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \log\left(1 - \frac{\rho}{R(n)}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \log\left(\frac{|r| \beta^j (1 + k|r|^{-1} \beta^{-j})}{2|r| \beta^n (1 - \frac{|r|}{2|r|\beta^{j-n}})}\right)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \log\left(1 - \frac{\rho}{R(n)}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \log\left(\frac{|r| (\exp(\lambda))^k (1 + k|r|^{-1} (\exp(\lambda))^{-j})}{2|r| (\exp(\lambda))^n (1 - \frac{|r|}{2|\exp(\lambda)|^{j-n}})}\right)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \log\left(1 - \frac{\rho}{R(n)}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda(n-j) - \sum_{j=1}^n \log 2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \log\left((1 + k|r|^{-1} (\exp(\lambda))^{-j}) - \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{2(\exp(\lambda))^{j-n}}\right)\right)$$

the series

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \log((1 + k|r|^{-1} (\exp(\lambda))^{-j}) \sim \sum_{j=1}^n k|r|^{-1} (\exp(\lambda))^{-j},$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{2(\exp(\lambda))^{j-n}}\right) \sim \sum_{j=1}^n \left(-\frac{1}{2(\exp(\lambda))^{j-n}}\right)$$

with

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{e^\lambda} < 1$$

then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \log((1 + k|r|^{-1} (\exp(\lambda))^{-j}) - \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{2(\exp(\lambda))^{j-n}}\right) = O(1)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda(n-k) - \sum_{k=1}^n \log 2 + O(1)$$

$$\log M(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda(n-k) - \sum_{k=1}^n \log 2 + O(1)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \log M(R(n)) - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \lambda - n \log 2 + O(1). \quad (4.18)$$

Now by (4.16) the right hand member of (4.18) is not greater than

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda} \log^2 \frac{(2|r|\beta^n)}{(1-\epsilon)} + \alpha \log \frac{(2|r|\beta^n)}{(1-\epsilon)} - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \lambda - n \log 2 + O(1). \quad (4.19)$$

A simple calculation shows that (4.18) is equal to

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda} [(\log(2|r|) - n\lambda - \log(1 - \epsilon))^2 + \alpha[\log(2|r|) - n\lambda - \log(1 - \epsilon)] - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - n \log 2] + O(1)$$

$$\log(R_n(z)) \leq C_1 n^2 + C_2 n + C_3$$

$$\text{with } C_1 = 0, C_2 = \log(2|r|) - \log(1 - \epsilon) + \alpha\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{2} - \log 2$$

$$\text{and } \alpha < \frac{-\log|r|}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\log(1 - \epsilon)}{\lambda}.$$

Finally $\log(R_n(z))$ tends to $-\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $R_n(z) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$L_n(z)$ therefore converges to f on $|z| \leq \rho$. Since ρ is arbitrary the lemme is proved. ■

Proof. (Of theorem)

it is easily seen that the condition (4.15) implies (4.16) hence $L_N(Z) := H[p_1, \dots, p_n](Z)$ converge to f uniformly on every compact set. We are again going to prove that for n large we have:

$$A_n(z) := f[p_1, \dots, p_n] = 0$$

Now one hand, by lemme (4.3) we get:

$$A_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} (r\beta^i - r\beta^j)}$$

$$A_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{H[f, p_i]}{\prod_{i \neq j} r(\beta^i - 1 + 1 - \beta^j)}$$

$$A_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n H[f, p_i] \frac{1}{r^{n-1} \beta^{1+2+3+\dots+i-1} (\beta^{i-1} - 1)(\beta^{i-2} - 1)(\beta^{i-3} - 1) \dots (\beta - 1)}$$

$$A_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n H[f, p_i] r^{-(n-1)} \beta^{-(1+2+3+\dots+i-1)} [(\beta^{i-1} - 1)(\beta^{i-2} - 1)(\beta^{i-3} - 1) \dots (\beta - 1)]^{-1}$$

$$A_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n H[f, p_i] r^{-(n-1)} \beta^{-\frac{i(i-1)}{2}} [(\beta^{i-1} - 1)(\beta^{i-2} - 1)(\beta^{i-3} - 1) \dots (\beta - 1)]^{-1},$$

(4.20)

then one can prove (see [7, 179 – 180]) that $T_n A_n(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ where:

$$T_n := r^{(n-1)} \beta^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} (\beta^{n-1} - 1)(\beta^{n-2} - 1)(\beta^{n-3} - 1) \dots (\beta - 1) \quad (4.21)$$

and since $T_n A_n$ is a polynomial of degree not greater than d with integral coefficients. The theorem is proved. ■

5 Open Problem

Let P_n be a sequence of distinct polynomials (of bounded degree) with some holomorphic properties, what can be said of an entire function f the Lagrange interpolation polynomial of with respect to roots of P_n is in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$?

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