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## ON ENTIRE FUNCTIONS OF CARTWRIGHT CLASS WITH A FINITE NUMBER OF SINGULARITIES.

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*The Cartwright class consists of entire function of finite exponential type such that the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\ln^+ |f(t)|}{1+t^2} dt$  converges. In the present paper, a generalization of the Cartwright class for functions with a finite number of singularities is given. M. G. Krein's criterion for a function  $f$  to be from the Cartwright class is extended to the case where the function  $f$  has a finite number of singularities. A necessary and sufficient conditions for a function  $f$  with a finite number of singularities to be an element of a generalized Nevanlinna matrix is given.*

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### 1. FUNCTIONS OF CARTWRIGHT CLASS

Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function in a simply connected domain  $D$ . The function  $f$  is called a Nevanlinna function if the function  $\ln |f(z)|$  admits a positive harmonic majorant (see [6, 2]). Denote by  $\mathcal{N}(D)$  the set of all Nevanlinna function in the domain  $D$ .

An entire function  $f$  is said to belong to the Cartwright class  $\mathcal{C}$  if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\ln^+ |f(t)|}{1+t^2} dt < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln |f(z)|}{|z|} < \infty,$$

(see [6, 8]).

The following theorem is due to M. G. Krein.

**Theorem 1** (see [6]). *An entire function  $f$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $f$  belongs to the classes  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_+)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_-)$ .*

In this note we generalize this result as well as several other results from [6, 7] to the case of holomorphic functions with a finite number of singularities. This generalization is motivated by some new interpolation problems considered recently in [3, 5, 9] (see also a survey [4]).

Take  $N$  points  $\{x_j\}_1^N$  on the real line and set

$$\mathbf{G} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{x_j\}_1^N.$$

Denote by  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G})$  the set of all holomorphic functions in the domain  $\mathbf{G}$ .

**Definition 1.** We say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G})$  belongs to the generalized Cartwright class  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$  if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\ln^+ |f(t)|}{1+t^2} dt < \infty, \tag{1}$$

$$\overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln |f(z)|}{|z|} < \infty, \quad \overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \infty} |z - x_j| \ln |f(z)| < \infty \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, N). \quad (2)$$

The following theorem allows us to restate many propositions for the class  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose a function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G})$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_+)$ . Then  $f$  admits the representation*

$$f(z) = f_0(z) \cdot f_1 \left( \frac{1}{x_1 - z} \right) \cdot \dots \cdot f_N \left( \frac{1}{x_N - z} \right),$$

where  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_N$  are entire functions of class  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_+)$ .

In particular, this implies the following generalization of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 3.** *A function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G})$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$  if and only if  $f$  belongs to the classes  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_+)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{C}_-)$ .*

## 2. FUNCTIONS OF KREIN CLASS

A matrix  $W(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A(z) & B(z) \\ C(z) & D(z) \end{pmatrix}$  is called a Nevanlinna matrix if the matrix elements  $A, B, C, D$  are entire transcendental functions and the following conditions hold:

(A)  $A(z)D(z) - B(z)C(z) \equiv 1$ .

(B) For any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function  $w(z; t) = \frac{A(z)t + B(z)}{C(z)t + D(z)}$  is a holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$

and satisfies the inequality  $\frac{\operatorname{Im} w(z; t)}{\operatorname{Im} z} \geq 0$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ .

See [1] for references to Nevanlinna matrices and their applications in the classical moment problem.

An entire function  $f$  belongs to the Krein class  $\mathcal{K}$  if  $f$  is real, its zeros are real, and  $f$  admits the absolute convergent expansion

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{A_0}{z} + z \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_k}{(z - \alpha_k)\alpha_k} + B. \quad (3)$$

The elements of Nevanlinna matrices are described by the following theorem due to M. G. Krein.

**Theorem 4** (see [7]). *The set of all elements of Nevanlinna matrices coincides with the class  $\mathcal{K}$  and is contained in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

We generalize the class  $\mathcal{K}$  to the functions with a finite number of singularities.

**Definition 2.** We say that a matrix function

$$W(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A(z) & B(z) \\ C(z) & D(z) \end{pmatrix} \quad (z \in \mathbf{G})$$

is a generalized Nevanlinna matrix if its elements are transcendental functions holomorphic in  $\mathbf{G}$ , and the conditions (A) and (B) hold.

**Definition 3.** We say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G})$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{G})$  if  $f$  is real, its zeros  $\{\alpha_k\}_1^\infty$  are real, and  $f$  admits the absolute convergent expansion

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \frac{1 + \alpha_k z}{z - \alpha_k} + B + Cz, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\alpha_k, A_k, B, C \in \mathbb{R} \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |A_k| < \infty.$$

**Theorem 5.** *The set of all elements of generalized Nevanlinna matrices coincides with the class  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{G})$  and is contained in the class  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$ .*

**Remark 2.** The class  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{G})$  is invariant under the transformations

$$\zeta = \frac{1 + x_j z}{z - x_j} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, N).$$

**Remark 3.** It is possible to describe the class  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{G})$  with the alternative expansion

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \sum_{\alpha_k \in Z'} A_k \frac{1}{z - \alpha_k} + z \sum_{\alpha_k \in Z_\infty} \frac{A_k}{(z - \alpha_k)\alpha_k} + B + Cz,$$

instead of the expansion (4). Here the zero set of the function  $f$  is divided into two parts  $Z'$  and  $Z_\infty$  such that  $Z'$  is bounded and  $Z_\infty$  does not have finite accumulation points.

**Remark 4.** In the expansion (4),  $C \neq 0$  if and only if the function  $f$  is holomorphic at the infinite point and  $f(\infty) = 0$ .

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