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A SOLUTION OF THE TRIGONOMETRIC MOMENT PROBLEM VIA TAGAMLITZKI'S "THEOREM OF THE CONES"

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In 1952 Y. Tagamlitzki gave an elegant proof of the classical Bochner's theorem on the positively definite functions [1]. Unfortunately, he never published his proof. In this paper we consider a related but simpler problem, the trigonometric moment problem, by using Tagamlitzki's approach.

Definition 1. A sequence $\{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ of complex numbers is a moment sequence, if there exists a nondecreasing function $\alpha: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that the equalities

$$(1) \quad c_\nu = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\nu t} d\alpha(t), \quad \nu = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

hold.

The following result is classical.

Theorem 1. (F. Riesz [2]). A sequence $\{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ is a moment sequence, if and only if for any trigonometric polynomial $q(t) = \sum_{-n}^n a_\nu e^{i\nu t}$, non-negative on the real axis, we have

$$(2) \quad \sum_{-n}^n c_\nu a_\nu \geq 0.$$

(The degree n of q is arbitrary).

We shall prove Theorem 1 via Tagamlitzki's "Theorem of the cones." Since this general result of Tagamlitzki published in Bulgarian is unpopular, we are giving a complete formulation. To this end, we begin with some definitions.

Let W be a linear space and $F = \{F_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ be a sequence of linear functionals. We say that F is a coordinate system in W , if the equalities $F_\nu(f) = 0$, $f \in W$, $\nu = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ imply $f = 0$.

Definition 2. A set $K \subset W$ is said to be a cone, if it has the following properties:

1. If $f \in K$ and λ is a nonnegative real number, then $\lambda f \in K$.
2. If $f \in K$, $g \in K$, then $f + g \in K$.

Definition 3. Let $K \subset W$ be a cone and P be a norm defined in K . An element $f \in K$, $f \neq 0$, is P -irreducible, if the equalities

$$(3) \quad f = g + h, \quad P(f) = P(g) + P(h), \quad f \in K, \quad h \in K,$$

are possible only if $g = \lambda f$, $h = \mu f$, $\lambda \geq 0$, $\mu \geq 0$, $\mu + \lambda = 1$.

Definition 4. Let F be a coordinate system in the linear space W and $K \subset W$ be a cone. Further, let P be a norm defined in K . The cone K PLISKA *Studia mathematica bulgarica*, Vol. 11, 1991, p. 35-39.

is (F, P) compact, if for any sequence $\{x_n\}_0^\infty \subset S_K$, $S_K \stackrel{\text{det}}{=} \{x, x \in K, P(x) \leq 1\}$ there exist an element $a \in S_K$ and a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\} \subset \{x_n\}$ such that

$$(4) \quad \lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} F_\nu(x_{n_k}) = F_\nu(a)$$

holds for any $F_\nu \in F$.

It is proved in [3] that every (F, P) compact cone contains P -irreducible elements.

Now we may state Tagamlitzki's result we need.

Theorem 2. (Theorem of the cones [3]). Let W be a linear space with coordinate system F . Given the two cones L and K , $L \subset K \subset W$, suppose the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The cone L is (F, Q) compact, whereas K is (F, P) compact. (Q and P are norms defined in L and K respectively).

2. All the P -irreducible elements of K belong to L and for any P -irreducible $f \in K$ the inequality $P(f) \geq Q(f)$ holds.

Then, $L = K$ and we have $P \geq Q$ in the whole K .

Remark. For our goal in this paper the earlier version of Theorem 2 published in [4] is quite sufficient.

In order to prove Theorem 1, we introduce the linear space W of all the complex sequences $\{a_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ and set $F_\nu(a) = a_\nu$, $\nu = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ for any $a = \{a_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \in W$. It is clear that $F = \{F_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ is a coordinate system in W . Further, we define the cones L and K as follows.

Definition 5. A sequence $\{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ belongs to K , if and only if the Riesz condition (2) is satisfied. Finally L consists of all moment sequences

$$(5) \quad c_\nu = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\nu t} du(t), \quad \nu = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

where $u: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is nondecreasing, $u(0) = 0$ and $u(t) = u(t-0)$ for $0 < t \leq 2\pi$

It is well known and easily seen that under these conditions u is uniquely determined by its moments $\{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$.

The following lemma is obvious.

Lemma 1. The inclusion $L \subset K$ holds.

Proof. It $q(t) = \sum_{-n}^n a_\nu e^{i\nu t}$ is non-negative on the real axis and $\{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \subset L$, we have

$$\sum_{-n}^n c_\nu a_\nu = \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{-n}^n a_\nu e^{i\nu t} da(t) = \int_0^{2\pi} q(t) da(t) \geq 0$$

and (2) is established.

Lemma 2. Denote by P the linear functional $a \rightarrow a_0$, where $a = \{a_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$. Then P is a norm in K .

Proof. Let $c = \{c_\nu\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ be an element of K . Since the trigonometric polynomials $q_1(t) = 1$ and $q_2(t) = 2 + \xi e^{int} + \bar{\xi} e^{-int}$, $|\xi| = 1$ are non-negative on the real axis, taking into account (2) we get $c_0 \geq 0$ and $2c_0 + \xi c_n + \bar{\xi} c_{-n} \geq 0$. In turn, the second inequality implies that the number $D = \xi c_n + \bar{\xi} c_{-n}$ is real. Setting $\xi = x + iy$, $c_n = p + iq$, $c_{-n} = \delta + i\gamma$, we find $\text{Im} D = (q + \gamma)x + (p - \delta)y = 0$, i. e. $p = \delta$, $q = -\gamma$, since $\xi = x + iy$ is an arbitrary point on the unite circle.

Thus, we have proved $c_{-n} = \bar{c}_n$ and the relation $2c_0 + \xi c_n + \bar{\xi} c_{-n} \geq 0$ takes the form $c_0 + \operatorname{Re}(c_n \xi) \geq 0$, i. e. $-\operatorname{Re}(c_n \xi) \leq c_0$. Now choosing $\xi = -e^{i\varphi}$ with $\varphi = -\arg c_n$, we get $|c_n| \leq c_0$, $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$, i. e. $|c_n| \leq P(c)$ so that $P(c)=0$, $c \in K$, implies $c=0$. Since P is linear, it is a norm in K . Now, the inclusion $L \subset K$ shows that P is a norm also in L .

The following lemma is crucial in the whole proof.

Lemma 3. *The P -irreducible elements in K have the form*

$$(6) \quad c = \{A \lambda^v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty},$$

where $A > 0$ and $|\lambda| = 1$.

Proof. Let $c = \{c_v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ be an element of K . Inspired by Tagamlitzki's proof of the Bochner theorem, we set

$$(7) \quad c = \frac{1}{4} A(\xi) + \frac{1}{4} A(-\xi), \quad A(\xi) = \{A_v(\xi)\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}, \quad |\xi| = 1,$$

where $A_v(\xi) = 2c_v + \xi c_{v+1} + \bar{\xi} c_{v-1}^*$, $v=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. It is not difficult to verify that $A(\xi) \in K$ for any complex ξ with $|\xi|=1$. Indeed, let the trigonometric polynomial $q(t) = \sum_{-n}^n a_v e^{ivt}$ be non-negative on the real axis. Then

$$(8) \quad \sum_{-n-1}^{n+1} b_v e^{ivt} = (2 + \xi e^{it} + \bar{\xi} e^{-it}) q(t)$$

has the same property. Thus, we have the inequality

$$(9) \quad \sum_{-n-1}^{n+1} b_v c_v \geq 0,$$

which after a substitution of the explicit expressions of $\{b_v\}$ takes the form

$$(10) \quad \sum_{-n}^n a_v A_v(\xi) \geq 0$$

and shows that $A(\xi) \in K$. Since $-\xi$ is also on the unit circle, we conclude that $A(-\xi) \in K$, so (7) is a decomposition in K . Finally, P is linear and we have $P(c) = P(A(\xi)/4) + P(A(-\xi)/4)$. Now, we are ready to complete the proof.

Indeed, if $c \in K$ is P -irreducible, we obtain

$$(11) \quad 4\lambda(\xi)c = A(\xi), \text{ i. e. } 4\lambda(\xi)c_v = A_v(\xi), \quad v=0, \pm 1, \dots,$$

where $0 \leq \lambda(\xi) \leq 1$. First, we shall solve (11) under the supposition that $c_0 = 1$. In this case we have $4\lambda(\xi) = 2 + \xi c_1 + \bar{\xi} c_{-1}$ and (11) takes the form

$$(12) \quad (2 + \xi c_1 + \bar{\xi} c_{-1}) c_v = 2c_v + \xi c_{v+1} + \bar{\xi} c_{v-1},$$

i. e.

$$(13) \quad (c_1 c_v - c_{v+1}) \xi + (c_{-1} c_v - c_{v-1}) \bar{\xi} = 0.$$

Since ξ is an arbitrary point on the unit circle, (13) implies

$$(14) \quad c_{v+1} = c_1 c_v, \quad c_{v-1} = c_{-1} c_v, \quad v = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

* $\bar{\xi}$ is the conjugate number of ξ .

and by setting $\lambda = c_1$, $\mu = c_{-1}$ we easily get

$$(15) \quad c_v = \lambda^v, \quad c_{-v} = \mu^v, \quad v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Further, taking into account that $c_{-1}c_1 = c_0 = 1$ and according to lemma 2 $c_{-1} = \bar{c}_1$, we get $\lambda\mu = 1$, $\bar{\lambda} = \mu$, i. e. $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $|\lambda| = 1$. Now, (15) takes the form

$$(16) \quad c_v = \lambda^v, \quad v = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Finally, if $c \in K$ is an arbitrary P -irreducible element of K , we have $c \neq 0$, i. e. $P(c) = c_0 \neq 0$, and by applying (16) to $\frac{c}{c_0}$, we obtain

$$(17) \quad c = \{c_0 \lambda^v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}, \quad |\lambda| = 1, \quad c_0 > 0$$

and thus complete the proof.

Corollary. All the P -irreducible elements of K belong to L .

Proof. Let $c = \{A\lambda^v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$, $A > 0$ be P -irreducible. Since $|\lambda| = 1$, there is a t_0 , $0 \leq t_0 < 2\pi$ such that $\lambda = e^{it_0}$, so $c = \{Ae^{ivt_0}\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$. Now define the function

$$a(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t \leq t_0, \\ A, & t_0 < t \leq 2\pi, \end{cases}$$

which is increasing because $A > 0$. Since the equalities

$$c_v = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ivt} da(t)$$

are obvious, the corollary is proved.

Lemma 4. The cones K and L are (F, P) compact.

Proof. First, let $\{c(m)\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \subset K$, $P(c(m)) \leq 1$ be a sequence of elements of K . Since we have $|c_v(m)| \leq P(c(m)) \leq 1$, $v = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$, we may apply the Cantor diagonal process and select a subsequence $\{m_k\}$, such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_v(m_k)$, $v = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$, exist. Setting $c_v = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_v(m_k)$, we get a sequence $c = \{c_v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \subset K$ with $P(c) \leq 1$ and such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} F_v(c(m_k)) = F_v(c)$ for any $F_v \in F$.

Thus, the (F, P) compactness of K is proved.

Now let $\{c(m)\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \subset L$, $P(c(m)) \leq 1$ be an arbitrary sequence. In this case we have

$$P(c(m)) = c_o(m) = \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha_m(t) = \alpha_m(2\pi) - \alpha_m(0) = \alpha_m(2\pi) \leq 1$$

and by applying a well-known theorem of Helly [5], we select a subsequence $\{m_k\}$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{m_k}(t)$ exists for every $t \in [0, 2\pi]$. Setting

$$\alpha(t) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{m_k}(t), \quad c_v = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ivt} d\alpha(t), \quad v = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

by means of the second theorem of Helly [5], we get $c_v = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_v(m_k)$. Since $c = \{c_v\}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$ obviously belongs to L and satisfies the inequality $P(c) \leq 1$, the proof of Lemma 4 is completed.

It remains to summarize now. Since Lemma 1, the corollary of Lemma 3 and Lemma 4 permit us to apply Theorem 2 with $Q = P$, we conclude that $L = K$ and complete the proof of Theorem 1.

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