

## Hadamard Gap Theorem and Overconvergence for Faber-Erokhin Expansions

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**Abstract.** We extend the Hadamard-Fabry gap theorem for power series to Faber-Erokhin ones.

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### 1. A Short Survey on Faber-Erokhin Basis

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a simply connected domain,  $K \subset \Omega$  a compact set such that  $\Omega \setminus K$  is doubly connected. Under these hypothesis, we know that (up to a rotation) there exists a biholomorphic mapping

$$\Phi : \Omega \setminus K \longrightarrow C(0; 1, R) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |z| < R\},$$

where  $R > 1$  is the modulus of the condensor  $\mathcal{C} = (\Omega, K)$ . Let

$$h_{\Omega, K}(z) := \sup\{u(z) : u \in \text{SH}(\Omega) : u \leq 1, u|_K \leq 0\}$$

be the relative extremal function and let  $\Omega_\alpha = \{z \in \Omega : h_{\Omega, K}(z) < \alpha\}$  be its level sets ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ); we have

$$\Omega_\alpha = \Phi^{-1}(D(0, R^\alpha) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R^\alpha\}), \quad \forall \alpha \in ]0, 1[.$$

- Let  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ , then  $f \circ \Phi^{-1}$  is holomorphic on the annulus  $C(0; 1, R)$ , we have by the Laurent expansion

$$f \circ \Phi^{-1}(\xi) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \xi^n, \quad 1 < |\xi| < R, \tag{1}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|\zeta|=\rho} \frac{f \circ \Phi^{-1}(\zeta)}{\zeta^{n+1}} d\zeta, \quad 1 < \rho < R, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{2}$$

and the series converges normally on compact sets of the annulus. Changing  $\xi \in C(0; 1, R)$  by  $\Phi(z) \in \Omega \setminus K$ , the formula (1) becomes

$$f(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \Phi(z)^n, \quad z \in \Omega \setminus K$$

with normal convergence on compact sets of  $\Omega \setminus K$ .

But now, unlike  $f \circ \Phi$ , the function  $f$  is holomorphic on the whole  $\Omega$  and by Cauchy formula we have for all  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $z \in \Omega_\alpha$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\alpha} \frac{f(t)}{t-z} dt = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \cdot \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\alpha} \frac{\Phi(t)^n}{t-z} dt.$$

So

$$f(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n E_n(z), \quad \forall z \in \Omega \tag{3}$$

and

$$E_n(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\alpha} \frac{\Phi(t)^n}{t-z} dt, \tag{4}$$

where  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and  $z \in \Omega_\alpha$ .

- In the exceptional case where  $\Phi$  extends to a conformal mapping of  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus K$  with  $\Phi(\infty) = \infty$ , then  $E_n = 0, \forall n < 0$ . With (4) it is easy to see that  $E_n, (n \geq 0)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ , they are the classical Faber polynomials [5]. The Faber polynomial sequence  $(E_n)_0^\infty$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{O}(U)$  for all open level set  $U$  of the Green function  $G_K = G(\cdot, \overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus K, \infty)$  associated to  $K$ .

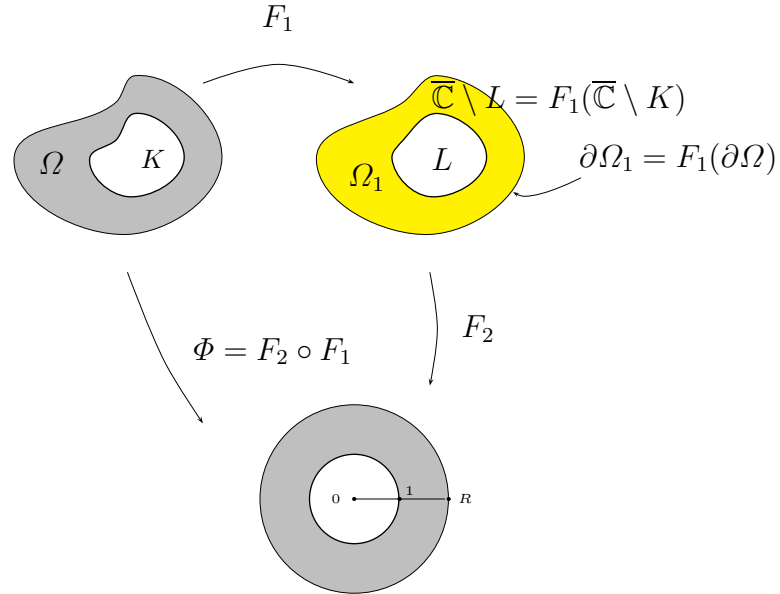
- The pioneer work of Erokhin [2, 5] extends the notion of Faber polynomial to a regular condensor  $(\Omega, K)$ , where  $\Omega \setminus K$  is a doubly connected domain. His work is built on a “fundamental lemma” about the decomposition of a conformal map onto an annulus:

**Erokhin’s Fundamental Lemma 1** *Every conformal map  $\Phi$  from a doubly connected domain  $\Omega \setminus K$  onto an annulus  $C(0, 1, R) = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |w| < R\}$  can be decomposed into  $\Phi = F_2 \circ F_1$  where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are conformal maps between simply connected domains, precisely:*

1.  $F_1$  maps conformly the simply connected domain  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus K$  onto a simply connected domain  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus L$  where  $L$  is compact in  $\mathbb{C}$ . The image by  $F_1$  of the boundary of  $\Omega : F_1(\partial\Omega)$  defines a simply connected domain  $\Omega_1$  which contains  $L$ .

2.  $F_2$  is the biholomorphic map  $F_2 : \Omega_1 \rightarrow D(0, R)$  such that  $F_2(\partial\Omega_1) = C(0, 1)$ .

So we are in the following situation:



• **The Faber-Erokhin basis:** With this decomposition, the Faber-Erokhin basis is defined by analogy with the Faber one by formula (4) with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  only

$$E_n(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\alpha} \frac{\Phi(t)^n}{t-z} dt, \quad \forall \alpha \in ]0, 1[ \text{ and } z \in \Omega_\alpha.$$

Erokhin shows that the sequence  $(E_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a common basis for the spaces  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$ ,  $(0 < \alpha < 1)$  but generally  $E_n \neq 0$  when  $n < 0$ . The trivial expansion (3) is then transformed in

$$f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_n E_n(z), \quad z \in \Omega,$$

where the  $a_n$  are in general new coefficients given by an integral formula usually more complicated than (2). Precisely, we have for all  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \rho < \alpha < 1$ :

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|\zeta|=\rho} \frac{\varphi_f(\zeta)}{\zeta^{n+1}} d\zeta$$

with for all  $|\zeta| < R^\rho$

$$\varphi_f(\zeta) = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_n \zeta^n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|\tau|=R^\rho} \frac{f(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))(F_2^{-1})'(\tau)}{F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)} d\tau. \tag{5}$$

### 2. Hadamard Type Results for Faber-Erokhin Expansions

Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on the level set  $\Omega_\alpha$  such that  $f \notin \mathcal{O}(\Omega_\gamma)$ , for all  $\alpha < \gamma < 1$ . Let  $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n E_n$  be its expansion in the Faber-Erokhin basis, so the power series

$$\varphi_f(\zeta) := \sum_0^\infty a_n \zeta^n$$

has  $R^\alpha$  as radius of convergence. Moreover, (5) implies that for all  $0 < \beta < \alpha$  and  $|\zeta| < R^\beta$ :

$$\varphi_f(\zeta) = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_n \zeta^n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|\tau|=R^\beta} \frac{f(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))(F_2^{-1})'(\tau)}{F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)} d\tau. \tag{6}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *f extends holomorphically across a point  $z_0 \in \partial\Omega_\alpha$  if and only if  $\varphi_f$  extends holomorphically across the point  $\zeta_0 := \Phi(z_0) \in C(0, R^\alpha)$ .*

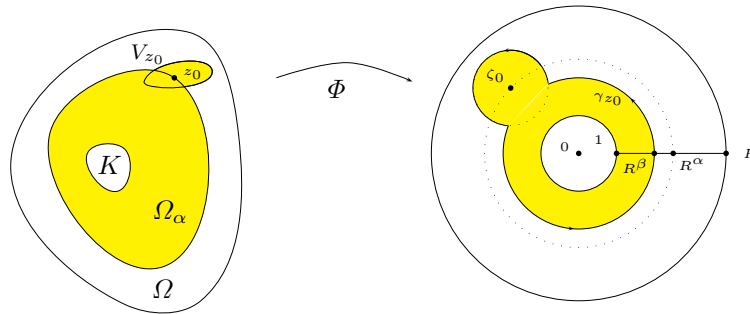
*Proof.* • *Necessary condition.* Suppose that there exists a neighborhood  $V_{z_0} \subset \Omega \setminus K$  of  $z_0$  such that  $f$  extends holomorphically on  $\Omega_\alpha \cup V_{z_0}$ . Let  $r > 0$  be such that

$$D(\zeta_0, r) \subset \subset \Phi(V_{z_0}) \subset C(0; 1, R),$$

and choose  $0 < \beta < \alpha$  sufficiently close to  $\alpha$  so that

$$D(\zeta_0, r) \cap D(0, R^\beta) \neq \emptyset.$$

Now, consider the oriented path  $\gamma_{z_0}$  below



Then the function defined by the formula

$$\psi(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_{z_0}} \frac{f(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))(F_2^{-1})'(\tau)}{F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)} d\tau, \quad \zeta \in D(\zeta_0, r) \cup D(0, R^\beta). \tag{7}$$

is clearly holomorphic on  $D(\zeta_0, r) \cup D(0, R^\beta)$ .

On the other hand by the Cauchy formula

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{C(\zeta_0, r)^+} \frac{f(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))(F_2^{-1})'(\tau)}{F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)} d\tau = 0, \quad \forall \zeta \in D(\zeta_0, r). \tag{8}$$

Formula (8) combined with (6) and (7) assures that

$$\psi = \varphi_f \quad \text{on} \quad D(0, R^\beta) \cap D(\zeta_0, r) \neq \emptyset,$$

so we succeed to extend holomorphically  $\varphi_f$  across  $\zeta_0$ .

• *Sufficient condition.* The proof is the same; it is built on the dual formula of (5)

$$(5') \quad f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_n E_n(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\partial\Omega_\beta} \frac{\varphi_f(\Phi(t))}{t - z} dt, \quad \forall z \in \Omega_\beta.$$

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**Applications.** By contradiction, we have the following property:  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$  has  $\Omega_\alpha$  as domain of holomorphy if and only if  $\varphi_f$  has the disc  $D(0, R^\alpha)$  as domain of holomorphy.

So we are able to extend for expansions following the Faber-Erokhin basis some theorems on the boundary behaviour of a power series. For example, we have

• (Hadamard): Let  $f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_{n_k} E_{n_k}(z) \in \mathcal{O}(D_\alpha)$  be such that  $f \notin \mathcal{O}(D_\beta)$ ,  $\forall \beta > \alpha$ . If there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $n_{k+1} - n_k > c \cdot n_k$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $D_\alpha$  is the domain of holomorphy of  $f$ .

Or in a stronger form, we have

• (Fabry-Pólya): Let  $f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} n_k E_{n_k}(z) \in \mathcal{O}(D_\alpha)$  be such that  $f \notin \mathcal{O}(D_\beta)$ ,  $\forall \beta > \alpha$ . If  $\lim_k \frac{n_k}{k} = \infty$  then  $\Omega_\alpha$  is the domain of holomorphy of  $f$ . Conversely (Pólya), every increasing sequence of integers  $n_0 < n_1 < \dots$  such that every series  $\sum_0^{+\infty} a_{n_k} E_{n_k}$  has  $\Omega_\alpha$  as domain of holomorphy, satisfies  $\lim_k \frac{n_k}{k} = \infty$ .

For example, the function  $f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} R^{-2^n} E_{2^n}(z)$  (Hadamard) or  $g(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} R^{-n^2} E_{n^2}(z)$  (Fabry) admits  $\Omega_\alpha$  as domain of holomorphy but this is not the cases for  $h(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} R^{-n\alpha} E_n(z)$  which presents a unique singular point (which of course is  $\Phi^{-1}(1)$ ) on the boundary  $\partial\Omega_\alpha$ .

### 3. The Case of an Arbitrary Common Basis.

With the same hypothesis on the pair  $(K, \Omega)$  let us consider now an arbitrary common basis  $(\varphi_n)_n$  for the spaces  $\mathcal{O}(K)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ . It extends as a common basis of the intermediate spaces  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$ ,  $(0 < \alpha < 1)$ . This is not difficult to see that the preceding results are no longer true for any common basis  $(\varphi_n)_n$ : consider

the simple example where  $K = \overline{D(0, 1/2)} \subset \Omega = D(0, 2)$ . This condensor admits as level sets the discs  $\Omega_\alpha = D(0, 2^{\frac{3\alpha}{2} + \frac{1}{2}})$ . Consider the common basis

$$\varphi_n(z) = z^{\pi(n)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

where  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a bijection such that  $\pi(2^n) = 2n$ . Then the function  $f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} \varphi_{2^n}(z)$  satisfies the Hadamard lacunary condition but

$$f(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} \varphi_{2^n}(z) = \sum_0^{+\infty} z^{2^n} = \frac{1}{1 - z^2}$$

holomorphic on  $D(0, 1) = \Omega_{1/3}$  admits  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm 1\}$  as domain of holomorphy.

**Remark 3.1.** [1], J. A. Adepoju proved the Fabry-type gap theorem for Faber polynomials, his proof followed the classical one for entire series and is rather complicated.

In [4] we extend Fatou-type theorems to all common bases of the pair  $(\mathcal{O}(K), \mathcal{O}(\Omega))$  in a more general situation.

#### 4. Overconvergence

In the spirit of the proof of Theorem 2.1, the formulas (5) and (5') lead us to transport overconvergence phenomena to Faber-Erokhin series. Let  $f = \sum_0^{+\infty} a_n E_n \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$ . If  $f$  is not holomorphic on larger level sets  $\Omega_\beta$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$ , then we will say that the series  $\sum_0^{+\infty} a_n E_n$  is *overconvergent* if there exists a subsequence  $(m_k)_k$  such that the corresponding partial sums

$$s_{m_k}(f, z) := \sum_{\nu=0}^{m_k} a_\nu E_\nu(z),$$

converge compactly in a domain that contains properly  $\Omega_\alpha$ .

The unicity of coefficients in the Faber-Erokhin expansion and formula (5) give

$$s_{m_k}(\varphi_f, \zeta) := \sum_{\nu=0}^{m_k} a_\nu z^\nu = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|\tau|=R^\beta} \frac{s_{m_k}(f, \Phi^{-1}(\tau))(F_2^{-1})'(\tau)}{F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)} d\tau. \tag{9}$$

Suppose now that the sequence  $(s_{m_k}(f, \cdot))_k$  converges uniformly on a neighborhood  $V_{z_0}$  of a boundary point  $z_0 \in \partial\Omega_\alpha$ , then as in Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\zeta \in D(\zeta_0, r)} |s_{m_k}(\varphi_f, \zeta) - s_{m_{k'}}(\varphi_f, \zeta)| \\ & \leq \sup_{\zeta \in V_{z_0}} |s_{m_k}(f, z) - s_{m_{k'}}(f, z)| \times \int_{\gamma_{z_0}} \frac{|F_2^{-1}(\tau)'(\tau)| \cdot |d\tau|}{|F_2^{-1}(\tau) - F_2^{-1}(\zeta)|} \\ & \leq C \cdot \sup_{\zeta \in V_{z_0}} |s_{m_k}(f, z) - s_{m_{k'}}(f, z)| \end{aligned}$$

where, as before,  $\zeta_0 = \Phi(z_0)$ ,  $D(z_0, r) \subset \Phi(V_{z_0})$ . This implies that  $(s_{m_k}(\varphi_f, \cdot))_k$  is a uniformly convergent Cauchy sequence on the disc  $D(\zeta_0, r)$ : the series  $\sum_0^{+\infty} a_k z^k$  is overconvergent. By duality, the overconvergence of  $\sum_0^{+\infty} a_k z^k$  implies the one for  $\sum_0^{+\infty} a_k E_k$ .

As an application, we have the following Ostrowski Theorem ([6]) for Faber-Erokhin expansions: let  $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n E_n \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega_\alpha)$  be such that  $f$  is not holomorphic on larger level sets  $\Omega_\beta$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$ ; suppose that there is an infinite number of gaps in the sequence of coefficients as follows: there exist  $\nu > 0$ , sequences of integers  $(p_k)_k$ ,  $(q_k)_k$  such that  $a_n = 0$  for  $p_k < a_n < q_k$  and  $q_k \geq (1 + \nu)p_k$  for all  $k$ . Then, the sequence of partial sums  $(\sum_{j=0}^{p_k} a_j E_j(z))_k$  is uniformly convergent on compact sets of a domain which contains all the regular points of  $f$  on the boundary of  $\Omega_\alpha$ .

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