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## Function space properties of the Cauchy transform on the Sierpinski gasket

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**Abstract:** Let  $S_j(z) = \varepsilon_j + (z - \varepsilon_j)/2$  be an iterated function system, where  $\varepsilon_j = e^{2j\pi i/3}$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ . Then, there exists a uniform self-similar measure  $\mu$  supported on a compact set  $K$ , which is the attractor of  $\{S_j\}_{j=0}^2$ . The Hausdorff dimension of the attractor  $K$  is  $\alpha = \log 3 / \log 2$ . Let  $F(z) = \int_K (z - \omega)^{-1} d\mu(\omega)$  be the Cauchy transform of  $\mu$ . In this paper, we consider the Hardy space and the multiplier property of  $F$ . We prove that  $F'$  belongs to  $H^p$  for  $0 < p < 1/(2 - \alpha)$  and that  $F$  is a multiplier of some class of function space.

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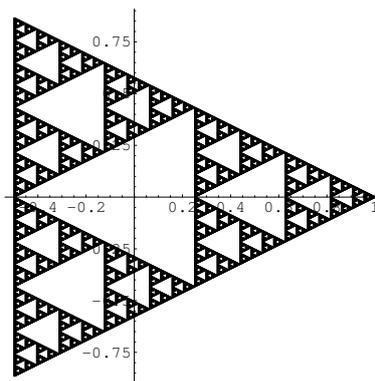
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### 1. Introduction

The Cauchy transform of a measure in the plane is a useful tool for geometric measure theory [1–3], and it has also important applications in solving integral equations [4,5]. If the measure is a self-similar measure, the Cauchy transform of it has very rich fractal behavior. Strichartz et. al. [6] initiated the study of the Cauchy transform  $F(z) = \int_K (z - \omega)^{-1} d\mu(\omega)$  of a self-similar measure  $\mu$  with compact support  $K$ , and they proved that  $F$  has a Hölder continuous extension over  $K$  and showed how to compute the Laurent expansion of  $F$  in the complement of a disk containing  $K$ . Soon afterwards, more analytic and geometric properties of  $F$  were given by Dong and Lau [7–12]: for example, the asymptotic behavior of the Laurent coefficients of  $F$  and the region of starlikeness of  $F$ . They also gave estimates for the Taylor coefficients of the Cauchy transforms of some special Hausdorff measures [13,14]. For the special case that  $K$  is the Sierpinski gasket, and  $\mu$  is the normalized Hausdorff measure on  $K$ , Dong and Lau [8–11] carried out a detailed study of the properties of the mapping of the Cauchy transform on  $K$  and investigated some open problems proposed in [6]. Away from  $K$ ,  $F$  is well-behaved, but the image of  $F$  is chaotic near the boundary of

$K$  and is difficult to catch [see 6,7,12]. In this paper, we will consider the properties of the function spaces of  $F(z)$  near the Sierpinski gasket.

Let  $S_j(z) = \varepsilon_j + (z - \varepsilon_j)/2$  be an iterated function system, where  $\varepsilon_j = e^{2j\pi i/3}$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ . The attractor  $K$  of  $\{S_j\}_{j=0}^2$  is just the Sierpinski gasket (Figure 1). It is well known that  $K$  is a compact set,  $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$  is a multiply connected domain, and the Hausdorff dimension of  $K$  is  $\alpha = \log 3 / \log 2$ . We denote unbounded connected region of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$  by  $\Delta_0$  and the triangular connected region of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$  by  $\Delta_n (n \geq 1)$ . Then,  $\mathbb{C} \setminus K = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_n$ .



**Figure 1.** Sierpinski gasket.

Let  $\mu$  be the uniform self-similar measure on  $K$ , i.e.,  $\mu$  is the restriction of the  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff measure on  $K$  normalized to a probability measure. With slight abusing of notation, we let  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha$  be the Hausdorff measure normalized on  $K$ . From the basic property of the Hausdorff measure [15], for  $E \subset \mathbb{C}$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\phi(E)) = \mathcal{H}^\alpha(E)$ , where  $\phi$  can be the complex conjugation or the rotation of  $e^{i\theta}$ . Also, for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(2^n E) = 2^{\alpha n} \mathcal{H}^\alpha(E)$ . The Cauchy transform of  $\mu = \mathcal{H}^\alpha|_K$  is

$$F(z) = \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{z - w}. \quad (1.1)$$

Our main consideration is on the dyadic points of  $\partial\Delta_0$ . With fixed  $k$ , for  $1 \leq m \leq 2^k - 1$ , let

$$z_{k,m} = \frac{m}{2^k} \varepsilon_1 + \left(1 - \frac{m}{2^k}\right) \varepsilon_2 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{m - 2^{k-1}}{2^k} \sqrt{3}i.$$

These are the dyadic points on the line segment joining the two vertices  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$ . The dyadic points on the other two sides of  $\partial\Delta_0$  can be obtained by  $z_{k,m}$  multiplied by  $\varepsilon_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . It suffices to consider  $z_{k,m}$  since  $\varepsilon_j F(\varepsilon_j z) = F(z)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ .

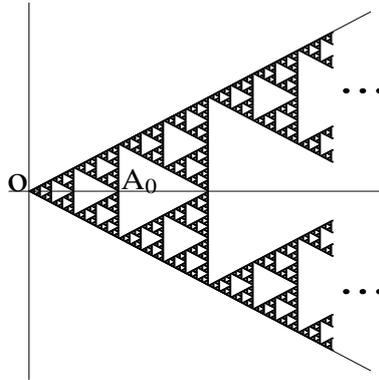
The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce some necessary results and notations. In Section 3, we give an  $H^p$  space property of  $F(1/z)$  on  $|z| < 1$ . In the final section, we study the multiplier property of  $F(1/z)$  on  $|z| < 1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we first give some necessary notations and propositions firstly. Let  $T = e^{\pi i}(K - 1)$  be a relocation of the Sierpinski gasket  $K$ . The new vertices are at  $0$ ,  $\sqrt{3}e^{\pi i/6}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}e^{-\pi i/6}$ . Set  $S_j K =$

$K_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ . Let  $T_j = e^{\pi i}(K_j - 1)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , denote the three triangular components of  $T$  containing the respective vertices. We define the ‘‘Sierpinski cones’’ of  $T$  (Figure 2) as  $A_0 = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^n(T_1 \cup T_2)$ . For  $\ell = 1, \dots, 5$ , let  $A_\ell = e^{\ell\pi i/3}A_0$ , and

$$H_\ell(z) = \int_{A_\ell} \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)}{(z - \omega)^2}.$$



**Figure 2.** Sierpinski cones.

It is easy to check that  $H_\ell(2z) = 2^{\alpha-2}H_\ell(z)$  by the scaling property of Hausdorff measure. In the sequel, we need the following propositions.

**Proposition 2.1.** [9] *There exists some constant  $C > 0$  such that,*

$$\max_{\text{dist}(z,K) \geq t} |F'(z)| \leq Ct^{\alpha-2}, \quad t > 0.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** [9] *For  $0 < \rho < 1$ , there exists some constant  $C > 0$  which depends on  $\rho$  such that for  $|\arg z| < 5\pi/6$  and  $0 < |z| \leq \rho\sqrt{3}$ ,*

$$|F'(1+z) + H_3(z)| \leq C.$$

For the details of the proof of the above two propositions, we can see [10].

### 3. $H^p$ property of $F(\frac{1}{z})$ on $|z| < 1$

In this section, we consider the function space property of  $F'(\frac{1}{z})$  on  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . The Hardy space  $H^p$  consists of analytic functions  $f$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\|f\|_p = \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right)^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $g(z) = F(\frac{1}{z})$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $g'(z) \in H^p$  for  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$  and  $g' \notin H^p$  for  $p \geq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the Hausdorff dimension of  $K$ .*

**Remark** Similarly, we may prove that  $g^{(k)}(z) \in H^p$  for  $0 < p < \frac{1}{k+1-\alpha}$  and  $g^{(k)}(z) \notin H^p$  for  $p \geq \frac{1}{k+1-\alpha}$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $g(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ , and  $g'(e^{i\theta})$  exists for  $\theta \notin \{0, 2\pi/3, 4\pi/3\}$ . By Theorem 2.6 in [16, p. 21], we only need to prove  $g'(e^{i\theta}) \in L^p$  for  $0 < p < 1/(2 - \alpha)$ , and  $g'(e^{i\theta}) \notin L^p$  for  $p \geq 1/(2 - \alpha)$ .

For  $-\pi/3 \leq \theta < 0$ , let  $z = e^{i\theta}$  and  $z^* = \rho e^{-i\theta} \in \partial\Delta_0$ , where  $\rho > 0$ . By the sine rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(e^{-i\theta}, K) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \theta\right) |e^{-i\theta} - z^*| \\ &= -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \left(\sqrt{3} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ &\geq \left|\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

From Proposition 2.1, there exists some constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|g'(z)| \leq C \text{dist}(e^{-i\theta}, K)^{\alpha-2} \leq C|\theta|^{\alpha-2}, \quad -\frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta < 0.$$

Notice that  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha$  and  $K$  are symmetric with respect to the real-axis. Then,  $g'(\bar{z}) = \overline{g'(z)}$ , and

$$\int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} |g'(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = 2 \int_{-\pi/3}^0 |g'(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta. \text{ Hence, for } 0 < p < 1/(2 - \alpha),$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta = 6 \int_{-\pi/3}^0 |g'(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \leq C \int_0^{\pi/3} \theta^{p(\alpha-2)} d\theta < +\infty.$$

The above inequality gives  $g'(e^{i\theta}) \in L^p$  for  $0 < p < 1/(2 - \alpha)$ .

Next, we will prove  $g'(e^{i\theta}) \notin L^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}}$ . For  $0 < t \leq \sqrt{3}/2$  and  $|\theta| < 5\pi/6$ , from Proposition 2.2, we obtain

$$|F'(1 + te^{i\theta}) + 2^{(2-\alpha)N} H_3(2^N te^{i\theta})| \leq C_1, \quad (3.2)$$

where the positive integer  $N$  satisfies  $1/2 \leq 2^N t < 1$ . For  $0 < t < 1$ , let  $1 + te^{i\theta} = e^{i\varphi}$ . Then,

$$\varphi = \varphi(t) = \arctan \frac{t\sqrt{1-t^2/4}}{1-t^2/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \theta(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin \frac{t}{2}. \quad (3.3)$$

Since  $F'(e^{i\varphi}) = -e^{-2i\varphi} g'(e^{-i\varphi})$  and  $H_3(2z) = 2^{\alpha-2} H_3(z)$ , we have

$$|e^{-2i\varphi} g'(e^{-i\varphi}) - 2^{(2-\alpha)N} H_3(2^N te^{i\theta})| \leq C_1 \quad (3.4)$$

by using (3.2). Define  $\beta = \arcsin(t/2)$  and  $b = b(t) := 2^N t$ . Noting that  $b = b(t) \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $i(e^{i\beta} - 1) = -2 \sin(\beta/2) e^{i\beta/2}$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} H_3(bie^{i\beta}) &= \int_{A_3} \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{(bi - w + bi(e^{i\beta} - 1))^2} \\ &= \int_{A_3} \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{(bi - w)^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \int_{A_3} \frac{(2b \sin(\frac{\beta}{2}))^k e^{\frac{k\beta i}{2}} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{(bi - w)^{k+2}} \\ &:= H_3(bi) + \varepsilon(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

To estimate  $\varepsilon(t)$ , we set  $E_1 = -T_1$ ,  $E_2 = -T_2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\varepsilon(t)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \int_{A_3} \frac{(2b \sin(\beta/2))^k d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{|bi - w|^{k+2}} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} 3^n \int_{E_1 \cup E_2} \frac{(2b \sin(\beta/2))^k d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{|bi - 2^n w|^{k+2}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^n \int_{E_1 \cup E_2} \frac{(2b \sin(\beta/2))^k d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{|2^{-n}bi - w|^{k+2}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \int_{E_1 \cup E_2} \frac{(2b \sin(\beta/2))^k d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(w)}{|bi - 2^{-n}w|^{k+2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

With consideration of geometric factors, for  $b \in [1/2, 1)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $w \in E_1 \cup E_2$ , the two inequalities  $|w - 2^{-n}bi| \geq 3/4$  and  $|bi - 2^{-n}w| \geq \sqrt{3}b/2$  hold. Hence,

$$|\varepsilon(t)| \leq \frac{16}{15} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{k+2} (2b \sin(\frac{\beta}{2}))^k + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1) \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3b}\right)^{k+2} (2b \sin(\frac{\beta}{2}))^k.$$

By  $\sin\beta = t/2$ , it is easy to check that  $\sin(\beta/2) = \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{1 - t^2/4}}/\sqrt{2} < t/3$  for small  $t > 0$ . This shows that we can find constants  $C_2 > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|\varepsilon(t)| \leq C_2 t, \quad 0 < t \leq \delta. \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.4)–(3.6), we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
|g'(e^{-i\varphi})| &\geq 2^{(2-\alpha)N} (|H_3(bi)| - C_2 t) - C_1 \\
&\geq 2^{(2-\alpha)N} |H_3(bi)| - C,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a positive constant. This implies that, for  $0 < t \leq \delta$ , we have

$$(C + |g'(e^{-i\varphi})|)^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} \geq 2^N |H_3(bi)|^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}}. \quad (3.7)$$

Let the positive integer  $N_0$  satisfy  $2^{-N} \leq \delta$  for all  $N \geq N_0$ . Note that  $\varphi'(t) \geq c_1 > 0$  for  $0 < t \leq \delta$ . According to (3.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\varphi(2^{-N-1})}^{\varphi(2^{-N})} (C + |g'(e^{-i\varphi})|)^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} d\varphi &\geq 2^N \int_{\varphi(2^{-N-1})}^{\varphi(2^{-N})} |H_3(bi)|^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} d\varphi \\
&\geq c_1 2^N \int_{2^{-N-1}}^{2^{-N}} |H_3(2^N ti)|^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} dt \\
&= c_1 \int_{1/2}^1 |H_3(xi)|^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} dx \\
&:= c_2.
\end{aligned}$$

We can check that  $H_3(z)$  is non-constant analytic in  $|\arg z| < 5\pi/6$ . This gives  $c_2 > 0$ . Noting that  $\varphi(2^{-N-1}) \rightarrow 0^+$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\int_0^{\varphi(2^{-N_0})} (C + |g'(e^{-i\varphi})|)^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} d\varphi = \sum_{N=N_0}^{+\infty} \int_{\varphi(2^{-N-1})}^{\varphi(2^{-N})} (C + |g'(e^{-i\varphi})|)^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} d\varphi = +\infty.$$

By using  $(a + b)^p \leq 2^p(a^p + b^p)$  for  $a > 0, b > 0$  and  $p > 0$ , we have

$$\int_0^{\varphi(2^{-N_0})} |g'(e^{-i\varphi})|^{\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} d\varphi = +\infty,$$

which implies that  $g'(z) \notin H^p$  for  $p \geq 1/(2 - \alpha)$ . □

#### 4. Multiplier property of $F(\frac{1}{z})$ on $|z| < 1$

In this section, we consider the multiplier property of  $g(z)$ . Let  $\Lambda$  denote the set of complex-valued Borel measures on  $\mathbb{T} = \{z : |z| = 1\}$ , let  $k_\lambda(z) = (1 - z)^{-\lambda}$  for  $\lambda > 0$ , and  $k_\lambda(z) = \log \frac{1}{1-z} + 1$  for  $\lambda = 0$ . Here, we choose the branch of  $k_\lambda(z)$  which equals 1 when  $z = 0$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  denote the family of functions  $h$  for which there exists  $\mu \in \Lambda$  such that

$$h(z) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} k_\lambda(\zeta z) d\mu(\zeta), \quad |z| < 1. \quad (4.1)$$

Each  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm defined by

$$\|h\|_{\mathfrak{F}_\lambda} = \inf\{\|\mu\| : \mu \in \Lambda \text{ such that (4.1) holds}\},$$

where  $\|\mu\|$  denotes the total variation of the measure  $\mu$ . The spaces  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  were introduced in [17,18], and some properties of functions in  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  were obtained in [19,20].

An analytic function  $\nu(z)$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  is called a multiplier of  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  provided that  $\nu(z)h(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  for all  $h \in \mathfrak{F}_\lambda$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda$  denote the set of all multipliers of  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$ .  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm defined by

$$\|\nu\|_{\mathcal{M}_\lambda} = \sup\{\|\nu h\|_{\mathfrak{F}_\lambda} : h \in \mathfrak{F}_\lambda, \|h\|_{\mathfrak{F}_\lambda} \leq 1\}.$$

The family  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda$  has been studied in [19–21]. In this section, we will consider the multiplier property of  $g(z) = F(1/z)$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *For each  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$ . For any small  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha+\varepsilon}$  and  $g'(z) \notin \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha-\varepsilon}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the Hausdorff dimension of  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $g' \in H^p$  for some  $p > 1$ , we have  $g \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$  for each  $\beta \geq 0$  by Theorem 3.1 in [21, p. 621]. It follows from the remark of Theorem 3.1 that  $g''(z) \in H^{1/(3-\alpha)} \subset H^{1/(3-\alpha+\varepsilon)}$ . Together with Theorem 3 in [17, p. 116], we see that  $H^{1/p} \subset \mathfrak{F}_p$  for  $p \geq 1$ . Hence,  $g'' \in \mathfrak{F}_{3-\alpha+\varepsilon}$ . Note that  $f \in \mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  if and only if  $f' \in \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda+1}$  [17, p. 112]. Consequently  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha+\varepsilon}$  follows. From [7, p. 70], we obtain that  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{3n+1} z^{3n+1}$  for  $|z| < 1$ , and  $c_1 n^{-\alpha} \leq a_{3n+1} \leq c_2 n^{-\alpha}$  for  $n \geq 1$ , with constants  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$ . Assume that  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha-\varepsilon}$ . Since every complex measure on  $\mathbb{T}$  is of bounded variation, it follows easily that there exists some constant  $c > 0$  such that  $|(3n+1)a_{3n+1}| \leq cn^{1-\alpha-\varepsilon}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . This is a contradiction. Then, the result follows. □

In view of Theorem 4.1, an interesting question is to determine if  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha}$ , which is equivalent to ([17, p. 115]).

$$h(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{d_n(2-\alpha)} \int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) z^n \in \mathfrak{F}_1, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $d_n(\lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(n+\lambda)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\lambda)}$  is defined by  $(1-x)^{-\lambda} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(\lambda)x^n$ . It follows from Stirling's formula that  $d_n(\lambda)(n+1)^{1-\lambda} = \Gamma(\lambda)^{-1} + c(\lambda)(n+1)^{-1} + O((n+1)^{-2})$ . Then,

$$\frac{n+1}{d_n(2-\alpha)d_n(\alpha+1)} = \frac{(n+1)^{1-\alpha}(n+1)^\alpha}{d_n(2-\alpha)d_n(\alpha+1)} = c_0 + \frac{c_1}{n+1} + c_n,$$

where  $|c_n| \leq C(n+1)^{-2}$ . If we substitute this into (4.2), then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(z) &= c_0 \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)}{(1-z\omega)^{\alpha+1}} + c_1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_n(\alpha+1)}{n+1} \int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) z^n + \\ &\quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n d_n(\alpha+1) \int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) z^n \\ &:= c_0 h_1(z) + c_1 h_2(z) + h_3(z). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|d_n(\alpha+1) \int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)| \leq C$  by [7], it follows that  $h_2(z) \in H^2$  and  $h_3(z) \in H^\infty$ , which imply  $c_1 h_2(z) + h_3(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_1$  as  $H^\infty \subset H^2 \subset H^1 \subset \mathfrak{F}_1$ . Consequently,

$$g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha} \iff h_1(z) = \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)}{(1-z\omega)^{\alpha+1}} \in \mathfrak{F}_1. \quad (4.3)$$

In view of (4.3), by [18], we know that  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha}$  if and only if  $\int_0^z h_1(t) dt \in \mathfrak{F}_0$ . This leads us to consider

$$f_\varepsilon(z) = \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)}{(1-\omega z)^{\alpha-\varepsilon}}, \quad |z| < 1. \quad (4.4)$$

**Theorem 4.2.**  $f_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$  for each  $\beta \geq 0$  if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $f_0(z) \notin \mathcal{M}_\beta$  for each  $\beta \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* For the first assertion, we only need to show  $f'_\varepsilon(z) \in H^p$  for some  $p > 1$  by Theorem 3.1 in [21, p. 621]. Noting that  $(1-x)^{-\lambda} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(\lambda)x^n$  for  $|x| < 1$ , it follows easily by the Hölder inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f'_\varepsilon(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \int_K \frac{|\omega|}{|1-re^{i\theta}\omega|^{\alpha+1-\varepsilon}} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) \right)^p d\theta \\ &\leq C \int_K \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|1-re^{i\theta}\omega|^{p(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)}} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) \\ &= C \int_K \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n\left(\frac{p}{2}(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)\right) r^n e^{in\theta} \omega^n \right|^2 d\theta d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) \\ &= C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n^2\left(\frac{p}{2}(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)\right) \int_K |\omega|^{2n} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) r^{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Proposition 4.2 in [7] that  $\int_K |\omega|^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) \leq Cn^{-\alpha}$ . Combining this with  $d_n(\lambda) \sim \Gamma(\lambda)^{-1}n^{\lambda-1}$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), we get that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f'_\varepsilon(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)-2-\alpha} r^{2n}.$$

Notice that  $p(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)-2-\alpha \rightarrow -\varepsilon-1$  as  $p \rightarrow 1$ , we can choose  $p > 1$  such that  $p(\alpha+1-\varepsilon)-2-\alpha < -1-\varepsilon/2$ . Hence,  $f'_\varepsilon \in H^p$  for  $p > 1$ .

For the second assertion, it is sufficient to prove that  $f_0(z)$  is unbounded in  $\mathbb{D}$ . By Theorem 5.2 in [7], we get that  $\int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) = 0$  for  $n \neq 3k$ , and there exists some constant  $c_1 > 0$  such that  $\int_K \omega^{3k} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) \geq c_1 k^{-\alpha}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Note that  $d_n(\alpha) \geq c_2 n^{\alpha-1}$  for some constant  $c_2 > 0$  and all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that there exists some constant  $c_3 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(\alpha) \int_K \omega^n d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) x^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_{3n}(\alpha) \int_K \omega^{3n} d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega) x^{3n} \\ &\geq c_3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{n} \rightarrow \infty, \quad x \rightarrow 1^-. \end{aligned}$$

□

Although we can not prove  $f_0(z) = \int_0^z h_1(t) dt \in \mathfrak{F}_0$  (or  $g'(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_{2-\alpha}$ ), yet we can prove  $f_0(z) \in \text{BMOA}$ , which consists of all functions  $f \in H^1$  satisfying

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMOA}} = \sup_{I \subset \mathbb{T}} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(\zeta) - f_I| d\zeta < \infty,$$

where the supremum is taken over all arcs  $I \subset \mathbb{T}$  with  $|I| = \int_I |d\zeta|$  and  $f_I = |I|^{-1} \int_I f(\zeta) |d\zeta|$ . It should be noted that  $\mathfrak{F}_0 \subset \text{BMOA} \subset H^p$  for all  $p > 0$  [21, p. 617].

**Theorem 4.3.**  $f_0(z) \in \text{BMOA}$ .

*Proof.* We first prove that there exists some positive constant  $C$  such that

$$|f'_0(z)| \leq \frac{C}{|1-z^3|}, \quad |z| < 1. \quad (4.5)$$

It is equivalent to prove that  $p(z) := (1-z^3)f'_0(z)$  is bounded for  $|z| < 1$ . It is easy check that  $p(z)$  is continue on  $\{z : |z| \leq 1/2\}$ . Hence,  $\max_{|z| \leq 1/2} |p(z)| < \infty$ . Next, we prove  $p(z)$  is bounded for  $1/2 < |z| < 1$ . Let  $\Omega = \{re^{i\theta} : 1/2 < r < 1, -\pi/3 \leq \theta \leq 0\}$ . For  $z \in \Omega$ , let  $d = \text{dist}(z^{-1}, K)$ . Obviously,  $d > 0$  as  $1 < |z|^{-1} < 2$ . Noting that  $p(e^{2\pi i/3}z) = p(z)$ ,  $|p(\bar{z})| = |p(z)|$ , and we can check that there exists some positive constant  $C_1$  such that

$$|f'_0(z)| \leq C_1 \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\omega)}{|\frac{1}{z} - \omega|^{\alpha+1}} \leq \frac{C_1}{d}.$$

With consideration of geometry, we find that there exists some constant  $C_2 > 0$  such that  $d = \text{dist}(z^{-1}, K) \geq C_2|1 - z|$  for  $z \in \Omega$ . Hence,

$$|p(z)| \leq C_1 C_2^{-1} |1 - z^3| |1 - z|^{-1} \leq C_3, z \in \Omega.$$

Note that  $|p(e^{2\pi i/3}z)| = |p(z)|$ ,  $|p(\bar{z})| = |p(z)|$ . We obtain that  $p(z)$  is bounded for  $1/2 < |z| < 1$ , and (4.5) follows.

It is known that an analytic function  $\psi(z)$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  belongs to BMOA if and only if  $|\psi'(z)|^2(1 - |z|^2)dxdy/\pi$  is a Carleson measure [22, p. 240]. By using (4.5), we have  $|f'_0(z)| \leq C|1 - z^3|^{-1}$ . Hence, for any small sector  $S_h(\theta_0) = \{re^{i\theta} : 1 - h \leq r < 1, |\theta - \theta_0| \leq h\}$ ,

$$\sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h} \int_{S_h(\theta_0)} |f'_0(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2) \frac{dxdy}{\pi} \leq C \sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h} \int_{S_h(0)} \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|1 - z^3|^2} dxdy \leq C'.$$

This shows that  $|f'_0(z)|^2(1 - |z|^2)dxdy/\pi$  is a Carleson measure, and the result follows.  $\square$

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