



In applications, one often deals with signals of finite energy whose Fourier transform has compact supports, viz, the so-called *bandlimited signals*. If  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is bandlimited with  $\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset [A, B]$ , where  $A = \inf \hat{f}$  and  $B = \sup \hat{f}$ , then, we say that  $f$  has band  $[A, B]$ . The band of  $f$  is denoted as  $\text{Band}\{f\}$ . We call  $B - A$  the *bandwidth* of  $f$ . For the purpose of this paper, we use  $FH^2[A, B] = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{Band}\{f\} \subset [A, B]\}$  for the set of the bandlimited signals whose bands are contained in  $[A, B]$ . Two classical problems of long interest in a number of practical areas, including optics, antenna theory and physics, are formulated as follows: The first is to find all functions  $g$  such that  $\text{Band}\{fg\} \subset \text{Band}\{f\}$ . The second is referred as *phase retrieval problem*, that is, to find all-pass filters  $e^{i\theta(x)}$  such that  $\text{Band}\{fe^{i\theta(\cdot)}\} \subset \text{Band}\{f\}$ . According to the descriptions of these two problems, the solution of the second problem is closely related to that of the first problem. About the first problem, we learn that, if  $f$  and  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with, respectively, bands  $[A, B]$  and  $[C, D]$ , then  $fg$  has band  $[A + C, B + D]$  by the well-known Titchmarsh's convolution theorem on compact supported distributions. This shows that if  $A, B$  are finite numbers, then  $g$  cannot be of finite band. In order to get concrete and structural information of  $g$ , an efficient and classical way is to make use of knowledge in complex analysis. The Paley-Winer theorem asserts that if  $f$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$

**Lemma 2.1**

Let a non-zero function  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$  and

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^A \widehat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z} d\omega. \quad (2.3)$$

Then,  $f(x)$  has a factorization of the form

$$f(x) = O_f(x) I_f^u(x), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $O_f(x)$  is the boundary value of the outer function of  $F(z)$

$$O_f(x) = \exp \left\{ \ln |f(x)| + \frac{i}{\pi} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{|x-t| > \epsilon} \frac{1+tx}{(x-t)(1+t^2)} \ln |f(t)| dt \right\},$$

$I_f^u(x) = e^{i(a_u x + b_u)} B_f^u(x)$  is the boundary value of the inner function of  $F(z)$ , where  $a_u$  is some nonnegative real number in  $[0, A]$ ,  $b_u$  is a real number and  $B_f^u(x)$  is the boundary value of the Blaschke product formed by the zeros of  $F(z)$  in the upper-half plane  $\mathbb{C}^+$ .

**Remark**

If  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $0 \in \text{supp } \widehat{f}$ , then the boundary inner function of  $f(x)$  is  $I_f^u(x) = e^{ib_u} B_f^u(x)$ .

**Lemma 2.2**

Assume that  $f \neq 0$  and  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ . The following result holds:

- (i) If  $g \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subseteq [0, \infty)$ ;
- (ii) If  $\bar{g} \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subseteq (-\infty, A]$ .

**Proof**

- (i) If  $p = \infty$ , then  $fg \in H^2(\mathbb{R})$ , and consequently,  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subset [0, \infty)$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , there exists  $0 < r < \infty$  such that  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{r}$ , or, equivalently,  $\frac{1}{2/r} + \frac{1}{p/r} = 1$ . It can be easily shown, by Holder's inequality and definition of the complex Hardy  $H^r(\mathbb{C}^+)$  space,  $fg \in H^r(\mathbb{R})$ . Because  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we have  $fg \in H^2(\mathbb{R})$  (Corollary II. 4.3, [12]), and therefore  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subset [0, \infty)$ .
- (ii) Because  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ , we have  $e^{iAx} \overline{f(x)} \in FH^2[0, A]$ . Let  $h(x) := e^{iAx} \overline{f(x)} g(x)$ . The result of (i) shows that  $\text{supp } \widehat{h} \subset [0, \infty)$ . Because  $(\widehat{fg})(\omega) = \widehat{h}(A - \omega)$ , we have  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subset (-\infty, A]$ . The proof is finished.  $\square$

Set  $\overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})} := \{f \mid \bar{f} \in H^p(\mathbb{R})\}$

Set  $f_l(x) := e^{iAx}\overline{f(x)}$ . Then,  $f_l \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ . Invoking Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.4**

Let  $f, g$  be non-zero functions,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Assume that  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if  $g \in H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l_f^p H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $l_f^u := e^{i(a_l x + b_l)} B_f^u(x)$  is the boundary inner function of  $f_l(x) := e^{iAx}\overline{f(x)}$ ,  $a_l$  is some nonnegative real number in  $[0, A]$ ,  $b_l$  is a real number and  $B_f^l(x)$  is the boundary value of the Blaschke product formed by the zeros of  $F(z)$  in the lower-half plane  $\mathbb{C}^- = \{z | z = x - iy, y > 0\}$ .

Note that

$$F_l(z) := (\partial^{-1} f_l)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^A \widehat{f_l}(\omega) e^{i\omega z} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^A \widehat{f}(A - \omega) e^{i\omega z} d\omega = e^{iAz} \overline{F(\bar{z})}.$$

Thus, the zeroes of  $F_l(z)$  in the upper-half complex plane are the conjugates of those of  $F(z)$  in the lower-half complex plane. We denote by  $\{\alpha_k\}$  and  $\{\beta_k\}$  the sets of the zeros of  $F(z)$  in the upper-half complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^+$  and in the lower-half complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^-$  (they repeat according to their respective multiples), respectively, where  $F(z)$  is given by (2.3). Then,  $B_f^u$  in Theorem 2.3 and  $B_f^l$  in Corollary 2.4 are respectively given by

$$B_f^u(x) = \prod_{\alpha_k} \frac{|\alpha_k^2 + 1|}{\alpha_k^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \alpha_k}{x - \overline{\alpha_k}}, \quad B_f^l(x) = \prod_{\beta_k} \frac{|\beta_k^2 + 1|}{\beta_k^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \overline{\beta_k}}{x - \beta_k}. \tag{2.5}$$

Let  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$  be a non-zero function. By Theorem 2.3 and Corollary 2.4, we learn that if  $g \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$  or  $\bar{g} \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , a function  $g$  making  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  can be completely characterized by a backward shift invariant subspace  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l_f H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $l$  is an inner function related to  $f$ . Next, we extend the just obtained results to general functions  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Because the operator  $H$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , for any  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , we have the projectional Hardy spaces decomposition

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(g_+(x) + g_-(x)), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $g_+ := g + iHg$  and  $g_- := g - iHg$  with  $g_+, \bar{g}_- \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ . They are, respectively, called *the analytic signal* and *the dual analytic signal* of  $g$ . We first have

**Lemma 2.5**

Let  $f$  be non-zero,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ . There exists a function  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , such that  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if both the relations  $fg_+ \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $fg_- \in FH^2[0, A]$  hold.

*Proof*

Suppose that  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$ , then  $\text{supp} \widehat{fg} \subseteq [0, A]$ . Because  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g_+ \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $g_- \in \overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})}$ , by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\text{supp}(\widehat{fg}_+) \subseteq [0, \infty), \quad \text{supp}(\widehat{fg}_-) \subseteq (-\infty, A].$$

Thus,  $(\widehat{fg})(\omega) = (\widehat{fg}_-)(\omega) = 0$  for  $\omega < 0$  and  $(\widehat{fg})(\omega) = (\widehat{fg}_+)(\omega)$  for  $\omega > A$ . These yield that  $fg_- \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $fg_+ \in FH^2[0, A]$ .

Conversely, if  $fg_+ \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $fg_- \in FH^2[0, A]$ , then  $fg = fg_+ + fg_- \in FH^2[0, A]$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

In virtue of Theorem 2.3, Corollary 2.4 and Lemma 2.5, we obtain

**Theorem 2.6**

Let  $f, g$  be non-zero,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$\bar{g}_- \in H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap e^{ia_u x} B_f^u(x) \overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})},$$

and

$$g_+ \in H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap e^{ia_l x} B_f^l(x) \overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})},$$

where  $a_u$  and  $a_l$  are two nonnegative real constants in  $[0, A]$  and  $B_f^u(x)$  and  $B_f^l(x)$  are respectively given in (2.5).

**Remark**

Let  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ . If  $0 \in \text{supp} \widehat{f}$ , then  $a_u = 0$ . If  $A \in \text{supp} \widehat{f}$ , then  $0 \in \text{supp} \widehat{f_l}$  and  $a_l = 0$ .

The aforementioned theorem gives a characterization for the solutions  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , to the band preserving problem. It, however, does not cover the cases  $p = 1$  and  $p = \infty$  due to the failure of the projectional Hardy spaces decomposition. The case  $p = \infty$  is directly related to the phase retrieval problem. In the succeeding section, we will treat the two exceptional cases as follows.

**Theorem 2.7**

Let  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  be non-zero functions and  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$g \in \overline{l_f^u} H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l_f^l H^p(\mathbb{R}) = \overline{l_f^u} \left[ H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l_f^u l_f^l H^p(\mathbb{R}) \right], \tag{2.7}$$

where  $l_f^u := e^{i(a_u x + b_u)} B_f^u(x)$  is the inner function of  $f$  and  $l_f^l(x) := e^{i(a_l x + b_l)} B_f^l(x)$  is the inner function of  $f_l(x) := e^{iAx}\overline{f(x)}$ .

*Proof*

Let  $h := fg$ . Because  $f, h \in FH^2[0, A]$ , by Lemma 2.1, we have  $f = O_f l'_f$  and  $h = O_h l'_h$ , where  $l'_f$  is the inner function of  $f$  with the form  $e^{i(a_f x + b_f)} B'_f(x)$  and  $l'_h$  is the inner function of  $h$ . From the facts that  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\ln|h| = \ln|fg|$ ,  $\ln|f| \in L^2\left(\frac{dx}{1+x^2}\right)$ , we have  $O_g := \frac{O_h}{O_f} \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus

$$g = \frac{h}{f} = \frac{O_g l'_h}{l'_f} \in \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

On the other hand, for  $h_l(x) := e^{iAx} \overline{h(x)}$ ,  $f_l(x) := e^{iAx} \overline{f(x)}$ , there hold  $h_l, f_l \in FH^2[0, A]$ . Because  $\ln|h_l| = \ln|h|$ ,  $\ln|f_l| = \ln|f|$ . Then,  $f_l = O_f l'_f$  and  $h_l = O_h l'_h$ , where  $l'_f$  is the inner function of  $f_l$  with the form  $e^{i(a_l x + b_l)} B'_f(x)$  and  $l'_h$  is the inner function of  $h_l$ . Hence

$$\overline{g} = \frac{\overline{h}}{\overline{f}} = \frac{h_l}{f_l} = \frac{O_h l'_h}{O_f l'_f} = \frac{O_g l'_h}{l'_f} \in \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

By combining with  $g \in \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , we have  $g \in \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R}) = \overline{l'_f} [H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l'_f H^p(\mathbb{R})]$ .

Conversely, if  $g \in \overline{l'_f} H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l'_f H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , then there exist  $g_1, g_2 \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $g = \overline{l'_f} g_1$  and  $\overline{g} = l'_f g_2$ . Let  $f_l(x) := e^{iAx} \overline{f(x)}$ . Because  $f, f_l \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $fg \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , as assumed, we have  $fg = O_f l'_f \overline{l'_f} g_1 = g_1 O_f \in H^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $e^{iAx} \overline{f(x)} g(x) = O_f l'_f l'_f g_2 = O_f g_2 \in H^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence,  $\text{supp } \widehat{fg} \subseteq [0, A]$  and  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Characterization of backward shift invariant spaces

From the previous analysis, we learn that the solutions  $g$  of the band preserving problem are related to backward shift invariant spaces  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap l H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $l$  is some inner function. Under the condition  $f \in FH^2([0, A])$ , the related inner function  $l$  is with the simplified form  $l(x) = e^{i(ax+b)} B(x)$ ,  $a \geq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}, B$  is a Blaschke product. To know more about the solutions  $g$  is to know more about the construction of the backward shift invariant spaces. Many relevant references are in Russian and are for the disc case [8, 9, 13]. Specifically, for the half-plane case, the literature on construction of  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap e^{i(ax+b)} B(x) \overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})}$  in terms of the system consisting of shifted Cauchy kernels does not seem to be available. In this paper, we provide the proof for such construction on the upper-half plane.

When  $a = 0$  and  $B(x)$  of the boundary value of the Blaschke product given in (1.2). Let  $B_0(x) = 1$ .

$$B_n(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{|\alpha_j^2 + 1|}{\alpha_j^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \alpha_j}{x - \overline{\alpha_j}}, \quad e_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2\text{Im}(\alpha_n)}}{x - \overline{\alpha_n}} B_{n-1}(x), \quad n \geq 1.$$

$\{e_1, \dots, e_n, \dots\}$  is obtained through the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process on  $\{B_n\}$ , called a Takenaka-Malmquist system. We will be working with the induced conjugate pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$ , namely

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx,$$

where  $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}), g \in H^{p'}(\mathbb{R}), 1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . Furthermore, each  $e_n$  in the system is in  $H^p, 1 < p < \infty$ , and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, \dots\}$  is orthogonal with respect to the pairing between  $H^p$  and  $H^{p'}$ .

**Theorem 3.1**

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \dots$  be a Blaschke sequence of points in the upper-half complex plane that defines a Blaschke product  $B(z)$  given in (1.2). Then, for  $1 < p < \infty$

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{B(x) H^p(\mathbb{R})} = (B H^{p'})^\perp = \overline{\text{span}} \{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \tag{3.8}$$

where the closure is in the  $L^p$  topology and  $(B H^{p'})^\perp = \{f \in H^p \mid \langle f, Bg \rangle = 0, \forall g \in H^{p'}\}$ .

*Proof*

To prove the first identical relation of (3.8), we first show

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{B H^p(\mathbb{R})} \subset (B H^{p'})^\perp.$$

This is all clear. In fact, for  $f = B \overline{h_p} \in H^p(\mathbb{R}), h_p \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ , we have, for any  $g = B h_{p'}, h_{p'} \in H^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \langle B \overline{h_p}, B h_{p'} \rangle = \langle \overline{h_p}, h_{p'} \rangle = 0.$$

Next, we show

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{B H^p(\mathbb{R})} \supset (B H^{p'})^\perp.$$

Let  $f \in (BH^{p'}(\mathbb{R}))^\perp$ . Then, for any function of the form  $Bh_{p'}, h_{p'} \in H^{p'}(\mathbb{R}), 1 < p' < \infty$

$$0 = \langle f, Bh_{p'} \rangle = \langle \bar{B}f, h_{p'} \rangle.$$

From Lemma 4.1 (p.241, [12]), we know  $\bar{B}B = h \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$  or  $f = B\bar{h}$ . This completes the first identical relation of (3.8).

Now, we prove the second identical relation of (3.8). Because  $1 < p < \infty$ , each  $e_n$  is in  $(BH^{p'})^\perp$ . In fact, for any  $f = Bh_{p'}$

$$\langle f, e_n \rangle = \langle Bh_{p'}, e_n \rangle = c \left( \frac{B}{B_{n-1}} h_{p'} \right) (\alpha_n) = 0,$$

where  $c$  is a constant and  $B/B_{n-1}$  is a Blaschke product with  $\alpha_n$  as its zero. Because  $(BH^{p'})^\perp$  is closed in  $H^p$ , we have

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap (BH^{p'})^\perp \supset \overline{\text{span}}^p \{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty.$$

Next, we prove the opposite set inclusion. Let  $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^{p'}}$ . Thus,  $f = B\bar{h}_p \in H^p$ . We are to show that  $f$  is in the  $L^p$ -closure of  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . By Theorem 4.2 (Chapter VI, p.242, [12]), it suffices to show that if  $g \in H^{p'}, 1 < p' < \infty$ , such that  $\langle g, e_n \rangle = 0$ , then  $\langle g, f \rangle = 0$ . The assumption  $\langle g, e_n \rangle = 0$  implies that  $g$  has all zeros of  $B$  together with the multiples. Then

$$\langle g, f \rangle = \langle \bar{B}g, \bar{h}_p \rangle = 0.$$

The proof is complete. □

When  $p = 2$ , we have

Corollary 3.2

$$H^2(\mathbb{R}) = \left( H^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^2(\mathbb{R})} \right) \oplus BH^2(\mathbb{R}) = \overline{\text{span}}^2 \{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \oplus BH^2(\mathbb{R}). \quad (3.9)$$

We further have

Corollary 3.3

For  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\overline{\text{span}}^p \{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty = H^p(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if the sequence  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \dots\}$  cannot be zeros of a Blaschke product.

Proof

If the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  consists of the zeros, together with their multiples, of a Blaschke product, say  $B$ , then

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^p(\mathbb{R})} = \overline{\text{span}}^p \{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty.$$

Now the left-hand-side cannot be identical with  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$  for not all functions in  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$  are of the form  $B\bar{h}_p$ . This shows that the closure of the span is not  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$ .

On the other hand, suppose that the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  cannot define a Blaschke product. In the case, if  $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}), 1 < p < \infty$ , is orthogonal with all  $e_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $f$  has to be zero function. Otherwise,  $f$  would have zeros of the same multiples at  $\alpha_n$ . This shows that the sequence forms the zeros of a Blaschke product of  $f$ , contrary to the assumption. □

Let  $\{\alpha_k\}$  and  $\{\beta_k\}$  respectively denote the zero sequence of  $F(z) = (1/2\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z} dz$  in the upper-half complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^+$  and in the lower-half complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^-$  (they repeat according to its multiplicities). With Theorems 2.7 and 3.1, we have the following result.

Theorem 3.4

Let  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$  and  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}), 1 < p < \infty$ , be non-zero functions. If the endpoints  $0, A \in \text{supp } \hat{f}$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$gB_f^y \in \overline{\text{span}}^p \left\{ e_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2\Im z_n}}{x - \bar{z}_n} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{x - \bar{z}_k}{x - z_k} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, \quad (3.10)$$

where  $\{z_k\} = \{\bar{\alpha}_k\} \cup \{\beta_k\}$  and  $B_f^y(x)$  is given in (2.5).

Proof

By Theorem 2.7, we obtain that  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if  $g \in \overline{I_f^y} \left[ H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap I_f^y \overline{H^p(\mathbb{R})} \right]$ , where  $I_f^y = e^{i(a_u x + b_u)} B_f^y(x)$  and  $I_f^l = e^{i(a_l x + b_l)} B_f^l$ . Because  $0, A \in \text{supp } \hat{f}$ , thus,  $a_l = a_u = 0$ . By Theorem 3.1, the assertion is proved. □

Specially, if  $f$  and  $g$  are real functions, we have  $\overline{\hat{f}(\omega)} = \hat{f}(-\omega), \overline{F(\bar{z})} = F(z)$  and  $g = g_+ + \overline{g_+}$ . By Theorems 2.6 and 3.1, we have

Corollary 3.5

Let  $f \in FH^2[-A, A]$  and  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}), 1 < p < \infty$ , be non-zero real functions. If the endpoints  $-A, A \in \text{supp } \hat{f}$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[-A, A]$  if and only if

$$g_+ \in \overline{\text{span}}^p \left\{ e_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2\Im z_n}}{x - \beta_n} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{x - \bar{\beta}_k}{x - \beta_k} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\},$$

where  $\{\beta_k\}$  are the zero sequence of  $F(z) = (1/2\pi) \int_{-A}^A \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z} d\omega$  in the lower-half plane.

Notice that the space  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^p(\mathbb{R})}$  depends upon the point sets

$$E = \{\alpha_k : \alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}^+, k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Each  $\alpha_k$  may repeat a number of times, where the time is identical with its multiple in the Blaschke product. So, we could rearrange them and make the repetition explicit by setting

$$E = \left\{ \underbrace{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_1}_{n_1}, \underbrace{\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_2}_{n_2}, \dots \right\}.$$

Thus, we can accordingly form another possible basis to characterize  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^p(\mathbb{R})}$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ .

**Corollary 3.6**

Let  $\alpha_k$  be different zeros of  $B(z)$  given by (1.2) of which each has a multiple  $n_k$ . Then

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}) \cap \overline{BH^p(\mathbb{R})} = \overline{\text{span}}^p \left\{ \frac{1}{(x - \alpha_k)^j} : j = 1, \dots, n_k; k \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Indeed, the Takenaka Malmquist system is the Gram Schmidt orthogonalization of the system given in Corollary 3.6. Hence, if  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we can also give an equivalent characterization of Theorem 3.4 in the frequency domain.

**Corollary 3.7**

Let  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  be non-zero functions and the endpoints  $0, A \in \text{Supp} \widehat{f}$ . Suppose  $\{z'_k | k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be different zeros of  $F(z) = (1/2\pi) \int_0^A \widehat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z} d\omega$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  and each of which has a multiple  $n_k$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$\widehat{g} \in \overline{\text{span}}^p \{u[(-1)^d \omega]^j e^{-i\omega z'_k} : j = 0, \dots, n_k - 1; k \in \mathbb{N}\}, \tag{3.11}$$

where  $d = -1$  if  $\Im z'_k > 0$  and  $d = 0$  if  $\Im z'_k < 0$ .

As application of Theorem 2.3, Corollary 2.4 and Theorem 2.4, next, we solve the phase retrieval problem. Namely, under what conditions Band  $f$  and Band  $\{g\}$  both are contained in  $[0, A]$  for some positive  $A$  and  $|f| = |g|$ . Trivial solutions are  $g(t) = cf(t + a)$  and  $g(t) = \overline{cf(-t + a)}$  with  $|c| = 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . It has been showed that more complicated solutions could be obtained from any one of them byipping non-real zeros of its Laplace transform [3, 4, 14]. All these existing results rely on the Paley Wiener theorem and the Hadamard factorization theorem. Comparatively, the backward shift invariant space method is more direct and explicit.

**Corollary 3.8**

Let  $f, g$  be non-zero functions,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g = e^{i\theta(x)} \in \overline{H^\infty(\mathbb{R})}$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$g(x) = c_1 e^{ia_1 x} \prod_{\alpha'_k} \frac{|\alpha'_k|^2 + 1}{|\alpha'_k|^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \overline{\alpha'_k}}{x - \alpha'_k},$$

where  $|c_1| = 1$ ,  $a_1$  is a nonpositive real number in  $[-a_u, 0]$  and  $\{\alpha'_k\}$  is any subsequence of zero sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  of  $F(z) = 1/2\pi \int_0^A \widehat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z}$  in the upper-half plane.

**Proof**

The 'if' part is easy. Now, we prove the 'only if' part. Theorem 2.3 implies that  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if  $\overline{g} \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \cap e^{ia_u x} B_f^u(x) \overline{H^\infty(\mathbb{R})}$ . Because  $\overline{g} \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $|\overline{g}| = 1$ ,  $\overline{g}$  is an inner function. We, at the same time, have

$$e^{ia_u x} B_f^u(x) g(x) \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R}).$$

It follows that  $\overline{g(x)}$  is a divisor of  $e^{ia_u x} B_f^u(x)$ . This completes the proof. □

By choosing  $\overline{g} = I_f^u = e^{i(a_u x + b_u)} B_f^u$  in Corollary 3.8, we obtain

**Corollary 3.9**

Let a non-zero function  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ . Then, its boundary outer function  $O_f \in FH^2[0, A]$ .

By the same method, we have

**Corollary 3.10**

Let  $f, g$  be non-zero functions,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g = e^{i\theta(x)} \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$g(x) = c_2 e^{ia_2 x} \prod_{\beta'_k} \frac{|\beta'_k|^2 + 1}{|\beta'_k|^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \overline{\beta'_k}}{x - \beta'_k},$$

where  $|c_2| = 1$ ,  $a_2$  is some nonnegative real constant in  $[0, a_1]$  and  $\{\beta'_k\}$  is any subsequence of zero sequence  $\{\beta_k\}$  of  $F(z) = 1/2\pi \int_0^A \widehat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega z}$  in the lower-half plane.

**Corollary 3.11**

Let  $f, g$  be non-zero functions,  $f \in FH^2[0, A]$ ,  $g = e^{i\theta(x)} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $fg \in FH^2[0, A]$  if and only if

$$g(x) = ce^{iax} \prod_{\alpha'_k} \frac{\overline{\alpha'_k}^2 + 1}{|\alpha'_k|^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \overline{\alpha'_k}}{x - \alpha'_k} \prod_{\beta'_k} \frac{|\overline{\beta'_k}^2 + 1|}{\overline{\beta'_k}^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{x - \overline{\beta'_k}}{x - \beta'_k},$$

where  $|c| = 1$ ,  $a$  is some real constant in  $[-a_u, a_l]$ ,  $\{\alpha'_k\}$  is any subsequence of  $\{\alpha_k\}$  and  $\{\beta'_k\}$  is any subsequence of  $\{\beta_k\}$ .

**Remark**

Because  $f \in FH^2[A, B]$  and  $fg \in FH^2[A, B]$  if and only if  $h \in FH^2[0, B - A]$  and  $hg \in FH^2[0, B - A]$ , where  $h(x) := e^{-iAx}f(x)$ . It is easy to generalize the earlier discussions to  $f \in FH^2[A, B]$  and  $fg \in FH^2[A, B]$ .

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