

# Refinements of the Hardy and Morgan uncertainty principles

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## Abstract

Various generalizations of Hardy's theorem and Morgan's theorem, which assert that a function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and its Fourier transform cannot both be very small, are known. We give two theorems which improve various generalizations known so far.

## 1 Introduction

For an integrable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  by

$$\hat{f}(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)e^{-ixy}dx, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Classical Hardy's theorem [4] reads as follows: if  $a, b > 0$ ,  $ab = 1/4$ , and if  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x)e^{ax^2} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(y)e^{by^2} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad (1)$$

then  $f$  is a constant multiple of  $e^{-ax^2}$ . An immediate corollary of this theorem is the following: if  $a, b > 0$ ,  $ab > 1/4$ , and if  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (1), then  $f = 0$  almost everywhere. The examples  $f(x) = e^{ax^2}P(x)$  with  $P(x)$  polynomials show that there are infinitely many  $f$ 's that satisfy (1) for  $ab < 1/4$ . Morgan [6] proved the following variant of Hardy's theorem: if  $1 < \beta < 2 < \alpha < \infty$ ,  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta = 1$ ,  $a, b > 0$ , and

$$(a\alpha)^{1/\alpha}(b\beta)^{1/\beta} > (\sin(\pi(\beta - 1)/2))^{1/\beta}, \quad (2)$$

and if  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$f(x)e^{a|x|^\alpha} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(y)e^{b|y|^\beta} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad (3)$$

then  $f = 0$  almost everywhere. He also obtained that the condition (2) is optimal; if  $(a\alpha)^{1/\alpha}(b\beta)^{1/\beta} = (\sin(\pi(\beta - 1)/2))^{1/\beta}$ , then for any  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m' = (2m - \alpha + 2)/(2\alpha - 2)$ , there exists a measurable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $(1 + |x|)^{-m}f(x)e^{a|x|^\alpha} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(1 + |y|)^{-m'}\hat{f}(y)e^{b|y|^\beta} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Therefore, there are infinitely many  $f$ 's that satisfy (3).

Various generalizations of Hardy's theorem and Morgan's theorem are known. Cowling and Price [2] proved that, if in Hardy's theorem the assumption (1) is replaced by

$$f(x)e^{ax^2} \in L^p(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(y)e^{by^2} \in L^q(\mathbb{R})$$

with  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and with at least one of  $p$  and  $q$  finite, then  $f = 0$ . The third author proved that (see [5], Theorem 1), if  $a, b > 0$ ,  $ab = 1/4$ , and if  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x)e^{ax^2} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log^+ \frac{|\hat{f}(y)e^{by^2}|}{C} dy < \infty$$

for some  $C > 0$ , then  $f$  is a constant multiple of  $e^{-ax^2}$ . Here  $L^1(\mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is the set of functions of the form  $f = f_1 + f_2$ ,  $f_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $f_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $\log^+ x = \log x$  if  $x > 1$  and  $\log^+ x = 0$  if  $x \leq 1$ . Ben Farah and Mokni [1] proved that, if we replace  $L^\infty$  in the assumptions of Morgan's theorem by  $L^p$  and  $L^q$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , then  $f = 0$  and the condition (2) is optimal.

The purpose of the present paper is to give further generalizations of the above theorems. Our results are the following two theorems.

**THEOREM 1** *Let  $1 < \alpha, \beta < \infty$ ,  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta = 1$ ,  $a, b > 0$ , and*

$$(a\alpha)^{1/\alpha}(b\beta)^{1/\beta} > c(\alpha, \beta) \tag{4}$$

*with*

$$c(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} (\sin(\pi(\beta - 1)/2))^{1/\beta} & \text{if } \beta < 2, \\ (\sin(\pi(\alpha - 1)/2))^{1/\alpha} & \text{if } \beta > 2. \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

*Suppose  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$e^{a|x|^\alpha} f(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \tag{6}$$

*and*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log^+ \frac{|\hat{f}(y)|e^{b|y|^\beta}}{C} \frac{dy}{1 + |y|} < \infty \tag{7}$$

*for some  $C > 0$ . Then  $f = 0$  almost everywhere.*

**THEOREM 2** *If  $a, b > 0$ ,  $ab = 1/4$ , and if  $f$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  that satisfies (6) and (7) with  $\alpha = \beta = 2$ , then  $f(x)$  is a constant multiple of  $e^{-ax^2}$ .*

**REMARK 3** (a) If the conditions (4) and (6) are satisfied and if we take  $a' < a$  sufficiently near to  $a$ , then (4) is still satisfied with  $a'$  in place of  $a$  and the condition (6) implies

$$f(x)e^{a'|x|^\alpha} = f(x)e^{a|x|^\alpha}e^{(a'-a)|x|^\alpha} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}).$$

Hence the essential claim of Theorem 1 remains unchanged if the assumption (6) is replaced by the seemingly stronger assumption  $f(x)e^{a|x|^\alpha} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

(b) It is easy to see that (3) or its  $L^p$ - $L^q$ -version implies (6) and (7). Therefore,  $L^p$ - $L^q$  Morgan's theorem follows from Theorem 1.

(c) Theorem 2 is an improvement of the third author's Theorem 1 in [5], where the condition (7) was assumed with  $dy$  instead of  $dy/(1 + |y|)$ .

(d) Similarly as Morgan's result, the condition (4) is optimal.

In §3 we shall prove Theorems 1 and 2. Part of the argument will be only a slight modification of that of [5]. Since the paper [5] was published in a proceedings of a local seminar in Japan and is not easy to refer, we shall repeat some argument of [5] for convenience of the reader.

## 2 Key lemmas

For  $-\infty < \alpha < \beta < \infty$ , we write

$$D(\alpha, \beta) = \{z \mid \alpha < \arg z < \beta\},$$

which is the domain in the Riemann surface of  $\log z$ . We shall give three lemmas. The first lemma is an improvement of Lemma 1 of [5], where the integral (8) below is taken with respect to  $ds$  instead of  $ds/s$ .

**LEMMA 4** *Let  $-\infty < \alpha < \beta < \infty$  and  $f$  be a bounded holomorphic function on  $D(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then for each  $\theta$  with  $\alpha < \theta < \beta$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{0 < r < \infty} \log |f(re^{i\theta})| \\ & \leq c_+(\alpha, \beta, \theta) \int_0^\infty \log^+ |f(se^{i\alpha})| \frac{ds}{s} + c_-(\alpha, \beta, \theta) \int_0^\infty \log^+ |f(se^{i\beta})| \frac{ds}{s}, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where

$$c_\pm(\alpha, \beta, \theta) = \frac{1 \pm \cos \frac{\pi(\theta-\alpha)}{\beta-\alpha}}{2(\beta-\alpha) \sin \frac{\pi(\theta-\alpha)}{\beta-\alpha}}$$

and  $f(se^{i\alpha})$  and  $f(se^{i\beta})$  denote the nontangential boundary values of  $f(z)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\delta = (\beta - \alpha)/\pi$ . For  $z = re^{i\theta} \in D(\alpha, \beta)$ , we make a change of variables as  $z = e^{i\alpha}w^\delta$ . Then  $w \in D(0, \pi)$  and  $g(w) = f(z) = f(e^{i\alpha}w^\delta)$  is a bounded holomorphic function on the upper half plane. Let  $P_w(t) = \Im w / (\pi|w - t|^2)$  be the Poisson kernel for the upper half plane. Then Jensen's inequality (cf. [3], Chap. II, §4, p.65) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\log |f(z)| &= \log |g(w)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_w(t) \log |g(t)| dt \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_w(t) \log^+ |g(t)| dt \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_w(t) \log^+ |f(e^{i\alpha}t^\delta)| dt \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} P_w(t) \log^+ |f(e^{i\alpha}t^\delta)| dt + \int_0^{\infty} P_w(-t) \log^+ |f(e^{i\beta}t^\delta)| dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^{\infty} P_w(t^{1/\delta}) t^{1/\delta} \log^+ |f(e^{i\alpha}t)| \frac{dt}{t} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^{\infty} P_w(-t^{1/\delta}) t^{1/\delta} \log^+ |f(e^{i\beta}t)| \frac{dt}{t}.
\end{aligned}$$

If we write  $w = (re^{i(\theta-\alpha)})^{1/\delta} = u + iv$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\max_{0 < s < \infty} \{s P_w(\pm s)\} &= \left[ \frac{vs}{\pi((u \mp s)^2 + v^2)} \right]_{s=\sqrt{u^2+v^2}} \\
&= \frac{v}{2\pi(\sqrt{u^2+v^2} \mp u)} = \frac{\sqrt{u^2+v^2} \pm u}{2\pi v} = \delta c_{\pm}(\alpha, \beta, \theta).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the desired inequality follows. ■

LEMMA 5 *Let  $0 < \beta - \alpha < \pi/\rho$  and  $f$  be a holomorphic function on  $D(\alpha, \beta)$ . Suppose that there exist constants  $A, B > 0$  such that*

$$|f(z)| \leq Ae^{B|z|^\rho}$$

*for all  $z \in D(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then (8) holds for each  $\theta$  with  $\alpha < \theta < \beta$ .*

*Proof.* By a rotation of the variable, we may suppose that  $\alpha = -\beta$  and  $0 < \beta < \pi/(2\rho)$ . Take a  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma > \rho$  and  $\gamma\beta < \pi/2$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$ , set  $f_\epsilon(z) = f(z)e^{-\epsilon z^\gamma}$ . Then  $f_\epsilon$  is holomorphic on  $D = D(-\beta, \beta)$ . Moreover, if  $z \in D$  and  $\phi = \arg z$ , then

$$|f_\epsilon(z)| = |f(z)|e^{-\epsilon|z|^\gamma \cos \gamma\phi} \leq Ae^{B|z|^\rho - \epsilon|z|^\gamma \cos \gamma\beta}.$$

Since  $\gamma > \rho$  and  $\cos \gamma \beta > 0$ , it follows that  $f_\epsilon$  is bounded on  $D$ . Hence (8) holds with  $f$  replaced by  $f_\epsilon$ . We note that  $|f_\epsilon(z)| \leq |f(z)|$  on  $D$  and  $f_\epsilon(z) \rightarrow f(z)$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Hence, letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have the desired inequality. ■

The last lemma is well known as the Phragmén-Lindelöf theorem, which can be proved by an application of Lemma 5 to  $f(z)/M$ .

**LEMMA 6** *Let  $\alpha, \beta, \rho$  and  $f$  satisfy the same assumptions as in Lemma 5. Assume in addition that there exists a constant  $M$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on the boundary of  $D(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in D(\alpha, \beta)$ .*

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1

We shall use the notation

$$l(\theta) = \{re^{i\theta} \mid r > 0\}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let  $a, b, \alpha, \beta$ , and  $f$  satisfy the assumptions of Theorem 1. As noted in Remark 3 (a), by replacing  $a$  with a smaller constant if necessary, we may assume that  $f(t)e^{a|t|^\alpha} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus  $f(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is of the form  $f(t) = f_1(t)e^{-a|t|^\alpha}$  with  $f_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

We define  $\hat{f}(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\hat{f}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{-izt} dt. \quad (9)$$

For  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$|\hat{f}(z)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1(t)| e^{-a|t|^\alpha} e^{yt} dt.$$

Using Young's inequality  $u^\alpha/\alpha + v^\beta/\beta \geq uv$  for  $u, v > 0$  with  $u = (\alpha a)^{1/\alpha}|t|$  and  $v = |y|/(\alpha a)^{1/\alpha}$ , we have  $a|t|^\alpha + |y|^\beta/(\beta(\alpha a)^{\beta/\alpha}) \geq |y||t|$  and thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1(t)| e^{-a|t|^\alpha} e^{|y||t|} dt \leq e^{|y|^\beta/(\beta(\alpha a)^{\beta/\alpha})} \|f_1\|_1.$$

Combining the above inequalities, we see that there exists a constant  $c$  such that

$$|\hat{f}(x + iy)| \leq ce^{A|y|^\beta}, \quad A = 1/(\beta(\alpha a)^{\beta/\alpha}). \quad (10)$$

It is also easy to see that  $\hat{f}(z)$  is an entire holomorphic function.

We shall consider the two cases  $\beta < 2$  and  $\beta > 2$  separately.

Case I:  $1 < \beta < 2$ . In this case the condition (4) with (5) implies

$$A(-\cos \pi\beta/2) < b.$$

Since  $-\cos \pi\beta/2 > 0$ , we can take a sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $0 < \epsilon < \pi/2\beta$  and

$$\begin{aligned} A &< (-\cos \pi\beta/2)^{-1} b \left( \frac{\tan(\pi\beta/2 + \beta\epsilon)}{\tan \pi\beta/2} \sin^2 \pi\beta/2 + \cos^2 \pi\beta/2 \right) \\ &= -b \tan(\pi\beta/2 + \beta\epsilon) \sin \pi\beta/2 - b \cos \pi\beta/2 \\ &= v \sin \pi\beta/2 - b \cos \pi\beta/2, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where we set

$$v = -b \tan(\pi\beta/2 + \beta\epsilon). \quad (12)$$

We set

$$\theta_\epsilon = \pi/2 - \pi/2\beta + \epsilon.$$

Notice that  $0 < \theta_\epsilon < \pi/2$ .

We shall prove that  $\hat{f}$  is bounded on  $l(\theta_\epsilon)$ . To prove this, consider the function

$$g(z) = \hat{f}(z) e^{(b+iv)z^\beta}, \quad z \in D(0, \pi/2).$$

By (10), there exists  $B > 0$  such that

$$|g(z)| \leq c e^{B|z|^\beta} \quad (13)$$

for  $z \in D(0, \pi/2)$ . Since  $g(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is bounded on a neighborhood of  $x = 0$ , the condition (7) implies that there exists a constant  $C' > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^\infty \log^+ \frac{|g(x)|}{C'} \frac{dx}{x} < \infty. \quad (14)$$

For  $z = r e^{i\pi/2}$ ,  $r > 0$ , from (10) and (11) we have

$$|g(z)| \leq c e^{r^\beta (A + b \cos \pi\beta/2 - v \sin \pi\beta/2)} \leq c. \quad (15)$$

Since  $\pi/2 < \pi/\beta$ , we can apply Lemma 5 to  $g$  on  $D(0, \pi/2)$  to see that  $g(z)$  is bounded on each half line  $l(\theta)$  with  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ . For  $z = r e^{i\theta_\epsilon}$ ,  $r > 0$ , (12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(z)| &= |g(z)| |e^{-(b+iv)z^\beta}| = |g(z)| e^{-r^\beta \{b \cos \beta\theta_\epsilon - v \sin \beta\theta_\epsilon\}} \\ &= |g(z)| e^{-r^\beta \{b \sin(\pi\beta/2 + \beta\epsilon) + v \cos(\pi\beta/2 + \beta\epsilon)\}} = |g(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $g$  is bounded on  $l(\theta_\epsilon)$ ,  $\hat{f}$  is bounded on  $l(\theta_\epsilon)$ .

Applying the same argument to  $\hat{f}(\bar{z})$ ,  $\hat{f}(-z)$ ,  $\hat{f}(-\bar{z})$ , we see that  $\hat{f}$  is also bounded on  $l(-\theta_\epsilon)$ ,  $l(\theta_\epsilon + \pi)$ , and  $l(-\theta_\epsilon + \pi)$ . By (10),  $\hat{f}$  is also bounded on  $l(0)$  and  $l(\pi)$ . Notice that the 6 half lines  $l(\pm\theta_\epsilon)$ ,  $l(\pm\theta_\epsilon + \pi)$ ,  $l(0)$ , and  $l(\pi)$  divide the complex plane into 6 sectors each of which has angle less than  $\pi/\beta$ . Thus using Lemma 6, we conclude that  $\hat{f}$  is bounded on the whole plane. Thus by Liouville's theorem  $\hat{f}$  is a constant. Obviously the constant must be 0 and hence  $\hat{f} = 0$  and  $f = 0$ . This completes the proof for the case  $\beta < 2$ .

Case II:  $2 < \beta < \infty$ . Define  $v$  by

$$v = A(\sin \pi/2\beta)^\beta. \quad (16)$$

Consider

$$g(z) = \hat{f}(z)e^{(b+iv)z^\beta}, \quad z \in D(0, \pi/2\beta).$$

By (10) and (7), there exist constants  $B$  and  $C'$  for which  $g$  satisfies (13) for  $z \in D(0, \pi/2\beta)$  and (14). For  $z = re^{i\pi/2\beta}$ ,  $r > 0$ , it follows from (10) and (16) that

$$|g(z)| \leq ce^{r^\beta\{A(\sin \pi/2\beta)^\beta - v\}} = c.$$

Hence, by Lemma 5,  $g$  is bounded on  $l(\theta)$  for each  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2\beta)$ . Thus we proved

$$\sup_{r>0} \{|\hat{f}(re^{i\theta})|e^{r^\beta(b \cos \beta\theta - v \sin \beta\theta)}\} < \infty \quad (17)$$

for each  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2\beta)$ .

Applying the same argument with  $\bar{\hat{f}}(\bar{z})$  in place of  $\hat{f}(z)$ , we also have

$$\sup_{r>0} \{|\hat{f}(re^{-i\theta})|e^{r^\beta(b \cos \beta\theta - v \sin \beta\theta)}\} < \infty \quad (18)$$

for each  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2\beta)$ .

Take a  $\theta_0$  satisfying  $0 < \theta_0 < \pi/2\beta$  and set

$$b' = b - v \tan \beta\theta_0.$$

Consider the function  $h(z) = \hat{f}(z)e^{b'z^\beta}$  on  $D_0 = D(-\theta_0, \theta_0)$ . For  $z = re^{\pm i\theta_0}$ ,  $r > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h(z)| &= |\hat{f}(re^{\pm i\theta_0})|e^{b'r^\beta \cos \beta\theta_0} \\ &= |\hat{f}(re^{\pm i\theta_0})|e^{r^\beta(b \cos \beta\theta_0 - v \sin \beta\theta_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (17) and (18), the function  $h(z)$  is bounded on  $l(\pm\theta_0)$ . By (10),  $h(z)$  satisfies the global estimate  $|h(z)| \leq ce^{B'|z|^\beta}$  on  $D_0$ . Since  $2\theta_0 < \pi/\beta$ ,

we can use Lemma 6 to see that  $h(z)$  is bounded on  $D_0$ . Thus, in particular,  $\hat{f}(y)e^{b'y^\beta}$  is bounded for  $y > 0$ .

Applying the same argument to  $\hat{f}(-z)$ , we see that  $\hat{f}(-y)e^{b'y^\beta}$  is also bounded for  $y > 0$ . Thus we conclude that  $\hat{f}(y)e^{b'|y|^\beta}$  is bounded for  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now the conditions (6) and (7) are satisfied with  $f, \alpha, \beta, a, b$  replaced by  $\hat{f}, \beta, \alpha, b', a$ . Notice that  $b' \rightarrow b$  as  $\theta_0 \rightarrow 0$ . Hence if we take  $\theta_0$  sufficiently small the condition (4) is satisfied with  $\alpha, \beta, a, b$  replaced by  $\beta, \alpha, b', a$ . Therefore, applying the result of Case I, we conclude that  $f = 0$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1. ■

## 4 Proof of Theorem 2

By dilation of variables, we may assume that  $a = b = 1/2$ . We define  $\hat{f}(z)$  by (9). From (6) with  $a = 1/2$  and  $\alpha = 2$ , it follows that, for  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(z)| &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| e^{ty} dt \\ &= e^{y^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| e^{t^2/2} e^{-(t-y)^2/2} dt \leq ce^{y^2/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where  $c$  is a constant independent of  $z$ . It is also easy to see that  $\hat{f}$  is an entire holomorphic function. We consider  $g(z) = \hat{f}(z)e^{z^2/2}$ , which is also an entire function. We shall prove that  $g(z)$  is bounded.

For  $\epsilon \in (0, \pi/2)$ , we set

$$v_\epsilon = (\tan \epsilon)/4 = (\sin \epsilon)^2/2 \sin 2\epsilon, \quad \theta_\epsilon = \pi/2 - \epsilon$$

and

$$g_\epsilon(z) = \hat{f}(z)e^{(1/2+iv_\epsilon)z^2}.$$

By (19), there exists a constant  $B_\epsilon$  such that

$$|g_\epsilon(z)| \leq ce^{B_\epsilon|z|^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|g_\epsilon(x)| = |\hat{f}(x)e^{x^2/2}|$  satisfies (14) for some sufficiently large  $C''$  which is independent of  $\epsilon$ . For  $z = re^{i\theta_\epsilon}$ ,  $r > 0$ , (19) implies

$$\begin{aligned} |g_\epsilon(z)| &\leq ce^{(r^2/2)((\sin \theta_\epsilon)^2 + \cos 2\theta_\epsilon - 2v_\epsilon \sin 2\theta_\epsilon)} \\ &= ce^{(r^2/2)((\cos \theta_\epsilon)^2 - 2v_\epsilon \sin 2\theta_\epsilon)} \\ &= ce^{(r^2/2)((\sin \epsilon)^2 - 2v_\epsilon \sin 2\epsilon)} = c. \end{aligned}$$



If  $0 < \theta < \theta_\epsilon$ , then using Lemma 5 we have

$$\sup_{r>0} |g_\epsilon(re^{i\theta})| \leq c(\theta, \epsilon),$$

where the constant  $c(\theta, \epsilon)$  remains bounded if  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$  is fixed and  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Since, as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $v_\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $g_\epsilon(z) \rightarrow g(z)$ , we conclude that  $g(z)$  is bounded on each half line  $l(\theta)$  with  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ .

Applying the same argument to  $\bar{g}(-\bar{z})$ ,  $g(-z)$ ,  $\bar{g}(\bar{z})$ , we see that  $g$  is also bounded on the half lines  $l(\theta)$  for  $\pi/2 < \theta < \pi$ ,  $\pi < \theta < 3\pi/2$ , and  $3\pi/2 < \theta < 2\pi$ . Thus we can find, say, 5 half lines that divide the complex plane into 5 sectors each of which has angle less than  $\pi/2$  and  $g(z)$  is bounded on each half line. Thus, using Lemma 6, we can conclude that  $g$  is bounded on the whole complex plane. Since  $g$  is entire, it must be constant and thus  $f(x)$  is a constant multiple of  $e^{-x^2/2}$ .

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