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**ENTIRE FUNCTIONS OF EXPONENTIAL TYPE,  
ALMOST PERIODIC IN BESICOVITCH'S SENSE  
ON THE REAL HYPERPLANE**

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Suppose that an almost periodic in Besicovitch's sense function  $f(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^p$  is the restriction to  $\mathbb{R}^p$  of some entire function of exponential type  $\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{C}^p$ . Then the spectrum of  $f$  is contained in the ball  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^p : |x| \leq \sigma\}$ .

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Предположим, что почти периодическая по Безиковичу функция  $f(x)$  на  $\mathbb{R}^p$  является сужением на  $\mathbb{R}^p$  некоторой целой функции экспоненциального типа  $\sigma$  на  $\mathbb{C}^p$ . Тогда спектр  $f$  содержится в шаре  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^p : |x| \leq \sigma\}$ .

In his paper [3] H. Bohr showed that the spectrum of an almost periodic function  $f(x)$  on the real axis  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subset of  $[-\sigma, \sigma]$ , as long as  $f$  is the restriction to  $\mathbb{R}$  of an entire function of an exponential type  $\sigma$ . R. Boas [2] extended the assertion to almost periodic functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  in Besicovitch's metric (for brevity, B-almost periodic functions). In the general case, these functions are unbounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ , hence the proof of the latter assertion is more difficult.

H. Bohr's result was generalized to almost periodic functions in a finite dimensional space by S. Yu. Favorov and O. I. Udodova [8]. But the case of B-almost periodicity is more complicated, because restrictions to straight lines of B-almost periodic functions in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  are not necessarily almost periodic.

It should be mentioned that B-almost periodic functions of several variables were considered earlier in [4], [6], [7]. But in [6], [7] the spectrum of functions was not under consideration, and in [4] the author studied only B-almost periodic functions with bounded Besicovitch's norm in a tube domain with a cone in the base.

Our proof differs from ones in [2], [3], [8] and is based on estimates of entire functions and Logvinenko's theorem [9] on the growth of entire functions of several variables on the hyperplane  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

We will use the following notations.

By  $z = x + iy$ ,  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_p)$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_p)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_p)$  we denote vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^p$  (or, respectively, in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ),  $'x$  means the vector  $(x_2, \dots, x_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is the inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Next,  $|z|$ ,  $|x|$ ,  $'|x|$  are the Euclidean norms in the spaces  $\mathbb{C}^p$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ , respectively. By  $dx$ ,  $d'x$ , and  $dx_1$  we denote the Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}$ , respectively. Furthermore,

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$B(x, \delta)$  denotes the open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  of radius  $\delta$  with the center in  $x$ ,  $C$  with lower indexes are constants, depending only on  $f$ .

*Besicovitch's norm* of a locally integrable function  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  is the limit

$$\|f\|_B = \overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \right)^p \int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x)| dx.$$

A function  $f(x)$  is called *B-almost periodic* in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a (generalized) trigonometric polynomial

$$P(x) = \sum c_n e^{i\langle x, \lambda^{(n)} \rangle}, \quad c_n \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^p, \quad (1)$$

such that

$$\|f - P\|_B < \varepsilon.$$

A *Fourier coefficient* of  $f$  is the limit

$$a(\lambda, f) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \right)^p \int_{[-T, T]^p} f(x) e^{-i\langle x, \lambda \rangle} dx. \quad (2)$$

The *spectrum*  $\text{spf}$  of  $f(x)$  is the set

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^p : a(\lambda, f) \neq 0\}.$$

Note that the existence of the limit in (2) and countability of the spectrum follow easily from the definition of B-almost periodicity and the equality

$$a(\lambda, P) = \begin{cases} c_n, & \lambda = \lambda^{(n)} \\ 0, & \lambda \neq \lambda^{(n)}, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

which holds for any  $n$  and any polynomial (1).

By [7], for any B-almost periodic function there exists a sequence of polynomials (1) (the so-called Bochner-Fejer sums) with  $\lambda^{(n)} \in \text{spf}$ , which approximate  $f$ .

The main result of our paper is the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that a B-almost periodic function  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  can be extended to  $\mathbb{C}^p$  as an entire function with the bound*

$$|f(z)| \leq C_0 e^{\sigma|z|}. \quad (4)$$

Then we have  $\text{spf} \subset B(0, \sigma)$ .

The proof of this theorem is based on the following statement.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  be a function with a finite norm  $\|f\|_B$ . If  $f$  can be extended to  $\mathbb{C}^p$  as an entire function with estimate (4) then*

$$|f(x)| \leq C_1 \prod_{j=1}^p (1 + |x_j|)^p \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^p. \quad (5)$$

We get the proof of Theorem 2 using the following auxiliary results.

**Theorem A** ([9]). *Let  $f(z)$  be an entire function on  $\mathbb{C}^p$  which satisfies (4) and  $E$  be a  $\delta$ -net in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . If  $\sigma\delta < K(p)$  then*

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^p} |f(x)| \leq (1 - \sigma\delta)^{-1} \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|.$$

**Theorem B** (see, for example, [5], p. 311). *Let a function  $g(w)$  be holomorphic in  $\mathbb{C}^+ = \{w \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Im } w > 0\}$ , continuous in the closure of  $\mathbb{C}^+$  and satisfy the estimate*

$$|g(w)| \leq ce^{a|w|}, \quad w \in \mathbb{C}^+. \tag{6}$$

If

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log^+ |g(t)|}{1+t^2} dt < \infty, \tag{7}$$

then

$$\log |g(w)| \leq \frac{\text{Im } w}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log |g(\text{Re } w + t)|}{t^2 + (\text{Im } w)^2} dt + h \text{Im } w, \quad w \in \mathbb{C}^+, \quad h = \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log |g(it)|}{t}.$$

In the case when  $\sup_{\mathbb{R}} |g(w)| < \infty$  Theorem B yields the well-known version of the Fragment-Lindelöf Principle

$$|g(w)| \leq \sup_{\text{Im } w=0} |g(w)| e^{h \text{Im } w}, \quad w \in \mathbb{C}^+. \tag{8}$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Since  $\|f\|_B < \infty$ , we get for any  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$

$$\int_{B(\tilde{x}, \delta)} |f(x)| dx \leq \int_{[-\tilde{x}-\delta, \tilde{x}+\delta]^p} |f(x)| dx \leq C_2 (1 + |\tilde{x}|)^p.$$

Therefore, there is a constant  $C_3 < \infty$  such that for any ball of radius  $\delta$  there exists a point  $x'$  in the ball with  $|f(x')| \leq C_3 \delta^{-p} (1 + |x'|)^p$ . Put

$$g(z) = f(z) \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\sin z_j}{z_j} \right)^p.$$

We have  $|g(z)| \leq C_0 \exp\{(\sigma + p^2)|z|\}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^p$ . Since  $|g(x)| \leq C_4 \delta^{-p}$  at the points of the  $\delta$ -net, we see that Theorem A with a suitable  $\delta$  implies the bound

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^p} |g(x)| \leq C_5. \tag{9}$$

Using (9), we apply inequality (8) first in the domain  $\text{Im } z_1 > 0$ , and then in the domain  $\text{Im } z_1 < 0$ . We get

$$|g(z_1, 'x)| \leq C_5 e^{(\sigma+p^2)|y_1|} \tag{10}$$

for all  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $'x \in \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ . Apply (8) to the function  $g(z_1, \dots, z_p)$  as a function of variable  $z_2$  and use (10) instead of (9). Repeating these arguments with variables  $z_3, \dots, z_p$ , we obtain  $|g(z)| \leq c_5 \exp\{(\sigma + p^2)(|y_1| + \dots + |y_p|)\}$ . Therefore,

$$\left| f(z) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\sin z_j}{z_j} \right)^p \right| \leq C_6 \text{ on the set } A = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^p : |y_1| \leq 1, \dots, |y_p| \leq 1\}.$$

Hence,

$$\left| f(z) \cdot \prod_{j=2}^p \left( \frac{\sin z_j}{z_j} \right)^p \right| \leq C_7(1 + |z_1|)^p \text{ on the set } \left\{ z : z \in A, z \notin \bigcup_n B(n\pi, \frac{1}{2}) \right\}.$$

By the Maximum Principle, we get the same inequality with the constant  $2^p C_7$  instead of  $C_7$  at every point of  $A$ . Repeating these arguments  $p - 1$  times, we obtain (5). Theorem 2 is proved.  $\square$

For the proof of Theorem 1 we need the following lemma.

**Lemma.** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is an entire function on  $\mathbb{C}^p$  which satisfies (4) and its restriction to  $\mathbb{R}^p$  satisfies the condition  $\|f\|_B \leq \infty$ . Then for any  $s_0 \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $T \geq T(s_0)$  and  $s \in (0, s_0)$  we have*

$$\int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x_1 + is, 'x)| e^{-s\sigma} dx \leq C_8 T^p,$$

with  $C_8 = 2^{p+1}(1 + 2 \cdot 3^p \|f\|_B)$ .

*Proof of the lemma.* By Theorem 2, the function  $f(z_1, 'x)$  satisfies (7) in the variable  $z_1$  for any fixed  $'x \in \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ . Taking into account (4), we get  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(iy_1, 'x)|}{y_1} \leq \sigma$ . Hence, Theorem B implies for any  $s > 0$

$$\log |f(x_1 + is, 'x)| \leq \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)| dt}{t^2 + s^2} + \sigma s.$$

Since the measure  $\frac{s}{\pi} \cdot \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2}$  is a probability one on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get for any locally integrable function  $h(t)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\exp \left( \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{h(t) dt}{t^2 + s^2} \right) \leq \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{e^{h(t)} dt}{t^2 + s^2} + \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| > 2T} \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x_1 + is, 'x)| e^{-s\sigma} dx &\leq \int_{[-T, T]^p} \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt \right\} dx \leq \\ &\leq \int_{[-T, T]^p} \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt \right\} \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| > 2T} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt \right\} dx \leq \\ &\leq \int_{[-T, T]^p} \left( \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{|f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt + 1 \right) \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| > 2T} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt \right\} dx. \end{aligned}$$

By (5) we have for  $x \in [-T, T]^p$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \geq 2T} \frac{\log |f(t + x_1, 'x)|}{t^2 + s^2} dt &\leq \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \geq 2T} C_3 \left( \sum_{j=1}^p p \log^+(1 + |x_j|) + p \log^+ t \right) \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2} \leq \\ &\leq C_3 \left[ p^2 \log(1 + T) \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \geq 2T} \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2} + \frac{ps}{\pi} \int_{|t| \geq 2T} \frac{\log^+ t dt}{t^2 + s^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the latter expression is bounded from above by  $\log 2$  for  $s \leq s_0$  and  $T \geq T(s_0)$ .

Therefore, taking into account the inequality  $\int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x)| dx \leq 2 \|f\|_B (2T)^p$ ,  $T \geq C_9$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x_1 + is, 'x)| e^{-s\sigma} dx &\leq 2 \left( \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2} \int_{[-T, T]^p} |f(x_1 + t, 'x)| dx + (2T)^p \right) \leq \\ &\leq 2^{p+1} T^p + 2 \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{|t| \leq 2T} \frac{dt}{t^2 + s^2} \left[ \int_{[-3T, 3T]} |f(x)| dx \right] \leq 2^{p+1} (1 + 2 \cdot 3^p \|f\|_B) T^p. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Let  $A$  be an orthogonal matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . It is easy to check the equality

$$a(\lambda, f) = a(A^{-1}\lambda, f_A), \quad (11)$$

where  $f_A(x) = f(Ax)$  and  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

Indeed, it follows from (3) that this equality is true for any polynomial  $P$  of the form (1). To prove it for an arbitrary B-almost periodic function, we can approximate it by a polynomial  $P$  such that  $\|f - P\|_B < \varepsilon$ . Therefore,  $\|f_A - P_A\|_B < K^p \varepsilon$ , where  $K = \max_j |Ae_j|$ ,  $e_j$  is the natural basis in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Hence, we obtain (11).

Consider any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^p$  with  $|\lambda| > \sigma$ . Since bound (4) is the same for  $f_A$ , we may suppose that  $\lambda = (-\sigma - \eta, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ . In this case we have

$$a(\lambda, f) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \right)^p \int_{[-T, T]^p} f(x_1, 'x) e^{ix_1(\sigma + \eta)} dx. \quad (12)$$

The function  $f(z_1, x')$  is holomorphic in  $z_1$ , therefore for any  $y_1 > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[-T, T]^p} f(x_1, 'x) e^{ix_1(\sigma + \eta)} dx &= i \int_0^{y_1} \int_{[-T, T]^{p-1}} f(-T + is, 'x) e^{-iT(\sigma + \eta) - s(\sigma + \eta)} d'x ds + \\ &+ \int_{[-T, T]^p} f(x_1 + iy_1, 'x) e^{ix_1(\sigma + \eta) - y_1(\sigma + \eta)} dx - i \int_0^{y_1} \int_{[-T, T]^{p-1}} f(T + is, 'x) e^{iT(\sigma + \eta) - s(\sigma + \eta)} d'x ds = \\ &= I_1(T, y_1) + I_2(T, y_1) - I_8(T, y_1). \end{aligned}$$

By the lemma, we get  $|I_2(T, y_1)| \leq C_8 T^p e^{-\eta y_1}$ , hence for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and sufficiently large  $y_1$

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} |(2T)^{-p} I_2(T, y_3)| \leq \varepsilon. \quad (13)$$

Next,  $|I_1 - I_3| \leq G(T)$ , where

$$G(x_1) = \int_0^{y_6} \int_{[-T, T]^{p-1}} e^{-s\sigma} (|f(x_1 + is, 'x)| + |f(-x_1 + is, 'x)|) ds d'x.$$

By the lemma, the Lebesgue measure of the set

$$E = \{x_1 : \frac{T}{2} < |x_1| < T, G(x_1) > 3C_8 T^{p-1} |y_1|\}$$

is at most

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2C_8 |y_4| T^{p-1}} \int_E G(x_1) dx_9 \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{3C_8 |y_1| T^{p-1}} \int_0^{y_1} \int_{[-T, T]^p} e^{-s\sigma} (|f(x_1 + is, 'x)| + |f(-x_1 + is, 'x)|) dx ds < \frac{2T}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for some  $T' \in [\frac{T}{5}, T] \setminus E$  we obtain  $G(T') \leq 3C_8 |y_1| T^{p-1}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\overline{\lim}_{T' \rightarrow \infty} (2G')^{-p} |(I_1(T', y_1) - I_3(T', y_1))| = 0.$$

Thus, the latter bound and (13) yield  $a(\lambda, f) = 0$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

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