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A quotient B_1/B_2 of two infinite Blaschke products B_1 and B_2 with no common zero is called a Blaschke quotient. The existence of a Blaschke quotient which is not normal in the open unit disk D, is well known. We shall show among other things, that, for each p,0 , there exists a nonnormal Blaschke quotient <math>f such that

$$\iint_{D} (1-|z|)^p |f'(z)|^2/(1+|f(z)|^2)^2 dx dy < \infty$$
 .

This might be of interest because, if g is meromorphic in D and if $\iint_D |g'(z)|^2/(1+|g(z)|^2)^2 dxdy < \infty$, then g is normal in D.

1. Introduction. By a Blaschke product we mean a holomorphic function in $D = \{|z| < 1\}$, denoted by

$$B(z;\{c_n\}) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|c_n|}{c_n} \frac{c_n - z}{1 - \overline{c}_n z}$$
,

where $\{c_n\}$ is an infinite complex sequence satisfying $0 < |c_n| < 1$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and $\sum (1 - |c_n|) < \infty$. By a Blaschke quotient we mean a meromorphic function in D, defined by

$$Q(z; \{c_n\}, \{c'_n\}) = B(z; \{c_n\})/B(z; \{c'_n\})$$
,

where the Blaschke products in the right-hand side have no zero in common.

A meromorphic function f in D is called normal in D if $\sup_{z\in D}(1-|z|)f^\sharp(z)<\infty$, where $f^\sharp=|f'|/(1+|f|^2)$; see [5]. We shall construct nonnormal Blaschke quotients with some additional properties. It is easy to merely construct a nonnormal Blaschke quotient. For example, set $c_n=1-(2n)^{-\lambda}$ and $c'_n=1-(2n+1)^{-\lambda}$, $n=1,2,\cdots$, where $\lambda>1$ is a constant. Then $Q(z)=Q(z;\{c_n\},\{c'_n\})$ is not normal. Actually, let

$$\sigma(z_{\scriptscriptstyle 1},\,z_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}) = rac{1}{2}\,\lograc{1\,+\,
ho(z_{\scriptscriptstyle 1},\,z_{\scriptscriptstyle 2})}{1\,-\,
ho(z_{\scriptscriptstyle 1},\,z_{\scriptscriptstyle 2})}$$

be the non-Euclidean distance between z_1 and z_2 in D, where

$$\rho(z_1, z_2) = |z_1 - z_2|/|1 - \overline{z}_1 z_2|$$

Then, $Q(c_n) = 0$, $Q(c'_n) = \infty$, $n \ge 1$, and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma(c_n, c'_n) = 0$. Therefore, Q is not uniformly continuous from D, endowed with $\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$,

into the Riemann sphere, endowed with the spherical chordal distance. Consequently, Q is not normal in D. Accordingly, J. A. Cima [3, Theorem 4] proved the existence of a nonnormal Blaschke quotient $Q(z; \{c_n\}, \{c'_n\})$ with $\inf_{j,k\geq 1} \sigma(c_j, c'_k) > 0$.

There is another way of finding nonnormal Blaschke quotients. Namely, if a Blaschke quotient Q has two asymptotic values at one boundary point of D, then Q is not normal in D by [5, Theorem 2]. Therefore, one can easily conclude that the Blaschke quotients found by D. A. Storvick [6, p. 37] and C. Tanaka [7, Theorem 2] both are not normal in D. A meromorphic function f in D is said to have the left angular limit w (possibly, ∞) at 1 if $f(z) \rightarrow w$ as $z \rightarrow 1$ within each triangular domain whose vertices are 1 and two points in $D^+ = \{z \in D \mid \text{Im } z > 0\}$. Also, f is said to have the right angular limit w at 1 if $\overline{f(\overline{z})}$ has the left angular limit \overline{w} at 1 (convention: $\overline{\infty} = \infty$). A Blaschke quotient $Q(z) = Q(z; \{c_n\}, \{c'_n\})$ is called symmetric if $\overline{c}_n = c'_n$ for each n. If Q is symmetric, then $Q(z)\overline{Q(\overline{z})} \equiv 1$ in D. so that Q has the left angular limit w at 1 if and only if Q has the right angular limit $1/\bar{w}$ (convention: $1/0 = \infty$, $1/\infty = 0$) at 1. Therefore, if Q is symmetric and if Q has the left angular limit 0at 1, then Q is never normal in D because Q has 0 and ∞ as asymptotic values at 1.

Now, for f meromorphic in D, we set

$$S_p(f) = \iint_D (1-|z|)^p f^\sharp(z)^2 dx dy \;, \qquad z=x+iy \;, \quad 0 \leqq p < \infty \;.$$

It is familiar that if $S_0(f) < \infty$, then f is normal in D. It is not difficult to observe that $S_1(Q) < \infty$ for each Blaschke quotient Q. In effect, since Q is of bounded characteristic in the sense of R. Nevanlinna, it follows from

$$\int_0^1 \Bigl[\iint_{|z| < r} Q^{\sharp}(z)^2 dx dy \Bigr] dr < \infty$$
 ,

that $S_1(Q) < \infty$; see (2.10) in §2.

Our first result is

THEOREM 1. Let $0 , and let <math>0 < q < \infty$. Then there exists a symmetric Blaschke quotient $Q(z) = Q(z; \{a_n\}, \{\bar{a}_n\})$ satisfying the following three conditions.

- $(I) \inf_{j,k \geq 1} \sigma(a_j, \bar{a}_k) \geq q.$
- (II) Q has 0 as the left angular limit at 1.
- (III) $S_p(Q) < \infty$.

If we restrict p in (III) of Theorem 1 as 1/2 , then we can construct <math>Q with an additional property.

By a left horocyclic angle at 1 we mean a domain

$$\{z \in D^+ | 1 - x_1 < |z - x_1| \text{ and } 1 - x_2 > |z - x_2| \}$$
,

where $0 < x_2 < x_1 < 1$. A meromorphic function f in D is said to have the left horocyclic angular limit w at 1 if $f(z) \to w$ as $z \to 1$ within each left horocyclic angle at 1; the notion is essentially due to F. Bagemihl [1]. Also, f is said to have the right horocyclic angular limit w at 1 if $\overline{f(\overline{z})}$ has \overline{w} as the left horocyclic angular limit at 1. Again, a symmetric Blaschke quotient Q has the left horocyclic angular limit w at 1 if and only if Q has the right horocyclic angular limit $1/\overline{w}$ at 1. Therefore, if a symmetric Q has the left horocyclic angular limit 0 at 1, then Q is never normal in D.

THEOREM 2. Let $1/2 , and let <math>0 < q < \infty$. Then there exists a symmetric Blaschke quotient $Q(z) = Q(z; \{a_n\}, \{\bar{a}_n\})$ satisfying the same conditions as (I), (II), and (III) in Theorem 1, together with

(IIH) Q has 0 as the left horocyclic angular limit at 1.

Lastly in the present section, we remark that Cima and P. Colwell [4, Theorem 2] proposed a necessary and sufficient condition for a Blaschke quotient to be normal in D in terms of interpolating sequences.

2. Proof of Theorem 1. By the linear transformation $w=\varphi(z)\equiv (1+z)/(1-z)$, the disk D is mapped onto the right half-plane R, so that, $R^+=\varphi(D^+)$ is the first quadrant in the w-plane. Furthermore, by φ , the chord $L(\theta)=\{z\in D|\arg{(1-z)}=\theta\},\ |\theta|<\pi/2$, is mapped onto the half-line:

$$\Lambda(\theta) = \{w = x + iy \in R | y = (-\tan \theta)(x+1)\}$$
.

By a simple calculation one obtains

$$(2.1) \hspace{1cm} 1-|z|^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}=4\operatorname{Re} w/\!\!\mid\! w+1\!\!\mid^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}, \hspace{0.5cm} w=\varphi(z)\;,\;\;z\in D\;,$$

and

(2.2)
$$\rho(z_1, z_2) = |w_1 - w_2|/|\bar{w}_1 + w_2|$$

for $w_j = \varphi(z_j)$, $z_j \in D$, j = 1, 2.

To costruct Q we choose A, 0 < A < 1, such that

(2.3)
$$\frac{1}{2}\log\frac{1+t}{1-t}=q \text{ and } t=A/(1+A^2)^{1/2}.$$

Choose θ_0 , $-\pi/2 < \theta_0 < 0$, so that $A = -\tan \theta_0$, and then choose s > 1/p > 1. Consider the sequence of points $b_n \in \Lambda(\theta_0)$ such that $b_n = x_n + iy_n = n^s + iA(n^s + 1)$, $n = 1, 2, \cdots$. Let $a_n = \varphi^{-1}(b_n)$, $n \ge 1$. Then $\{a_n\} \subset L(\theta_0)$. We then set $Q(z) = Q(z; \{a_n\}, \{\overline{a}_n\})$. First of all, Q is well defined because, by (2.1),

(2.4)
$$\sum (1 - |a_n|) = \sum (1 - |\bar{a}_n|) \le \sum (1 - |a_n|)^p$$

$$\le \sum (1 - |a_n|^2)^p \le 4^p \sum n^{-sp} < \infty .$$

Further, one observes that

$$|Q(z)|=g(w)\equiv\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}g_{n}(w)$$
 , $w=arphi(z)$,

where $g_n(w) = |w^2 - b_n^2|/|w^2 - \overline{b}_n^2|$, $n \ge 1$.

Proof of (I). Let $w=x+iy\in R$, $\zeta=\xi+i\eta\in R$, with $y\geq A(x+1)$, $\eta\geq A(\xi+1)$. Since

$$X \equiv (x + \varepsilon)/(y + \eta) \le A^{-1}$$

it follows that

$$|w - \overline{\zeta}|/|w + \zeta| \ge (X^2 + 1)^{-1/2} \ge (1 + A^{-2})^{-1/2} = t$$
.

In view of (2.2) one can now easily conclude that $\rho(a_j, \bar{a}_k) \geq t$, so that $\sigma(a_j, \bar{a}_k) \geq q$ for all $j, k \geq 1$.

Proof of (II). To prove that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \to 1 \\ z \in L(\theta_0)}} Q(z) = 0 ,$$

it suffices by (2.5) to show that

$$\lim_{\substack{w\to\infty\\w\in A(\theta_0)}}g(w)=0\ .$$

Since $g_n(w) \leq 1$ for all $w \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and for all $n \geq 1$, it follows that

(2.8)
$$g(w) \leq g_n(w) \leq 1$$
 for all $w \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and all $n \geq 1$.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, one can find a natural number N such that $x_{n+1}/x_n - 1 < \varepsilon$ for all $n \ge N$. Then, for each $w = x + iy \in A(\theta_0)$ with $x \ge x_N$,

$$g(w) \leqq A_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} arepsilon$$
 , $A_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} = rac{1}{2} (A + A^{\scriptscriptstyle -1})$,

which proves (2.7). To make sure of (2.9), we first find $n \ge N$ such that $x_n \le x \le x_{n+1}$. Then,

$$|w-b_n|=(1+A^2)^{1/2}(x-x_n)\leqq (1+A^2)^{1/2}(x_{n+1}-x_n)$$
 , $|w+ar{b}_n|\geqq x+x_n\geqq 2x_n$,

whence

$$|\,w\,-\,b_{\scriptscriptstyle n}\,|/|\,w\,+\,ar{b}_{\scriptscriptstyle n}\,|\,\leqqrac{1}{2}(1\,+\,A^{\scriptscriptstyle 2})^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2}\!arepsilon$$
 .

On the other hand,

$$egin{align} |\,w\,+\,b_n|/|\,w\,-\,ar{b}_n|\ &\leq [(x\,+\,x_n)^2\,+\,A^2(x\,+\,x_n\,+\,2)^2]^{1/2}/[A(x\,+\,x_n\,+\,2)] \leq (1\,+\,A^{-2})^{1/2}\,, \end{split}$$

so that $g_n(w) \leq A_1 \varepsilon$. Therefore, in view of (2.8), one can assert (2.9).

Since $|Q(z)| = g(\varphi(z)) \le 1$ in D^+ by (2.8), and since (2.6) holds, it follows from E. Lindelöf's theorem [8, Theorem VIII. 10, p. 306], together with an obvious conformal homeomorphism from the upper half-disk onto D^+ , mapping 0 to 1, that Q has the left angular limit zero at 1.

Proof of (III). We remember L. Carleson's family T_{α} of meromorphic functions h in D such that

$$I_{lpha}(h) \equiv \int_0^1 (1-r)^{-lpha} iggl[\iint_{|z| < r} h^{\sharp}(z)^2 dx dy \, iggr] \! dr < \, \infty \,$$
 ,

where $0 \le \alpha < 1$; see [2, p. 19]. Letting $X_r(z)$ be the characteristic function of the disk $\{|z| < r\}$, one observes that

$$egin{aligned} I_{lpha}(h) &= \int_{_0}^{_1} (1-r)^{-lpha} igg[\iint_{_D} X_r(z) h^{\sharp}(z)^2 dx dy \, igg] dr \ &= \iint_{_D} igg[\int_{_0}^{_1} (1-r)^{-lpha} X_r(z) dr \, igg] h^{\sharp}(z)^2 dx dy = (1-lpha)^{-1} S_{_{1-lpha}}(h) \; . \end{aligned}$$

For a Blaschke quotient $Q_1(z) = Q(z; \{c_n\}, \{c'_n\})$ we assume that

$$\sum (1-|c_n|)^{1-lpha}<\infty \quad ext{and} \quad \sum (1-|c_n'|)^{1-lpha}<\infty$$
.

Then it follows from [2, Theorem 2.2, p. 24] that $Q_1 \in T_{\alpha}$.

Returning to our Q, we can easily conclude from (2.4) that $Q \in T_{1-p}$, whence $S_p(Q) < \infty$ by (2.10).

REMARK. The Blaschke quotient Q, described in the second paragraph in §1, satisfies $S_p(Q)<\infty$, for a $p,\,0< p<1$, provided that $\lambda<1/p$.

3. Proof of Theorem 2. Let $\lambda > (1/2)(p^{-1}+1)$ and $1/(2p) < \mu < 1$, and $y_{n,m} = n^{\lambda}m^{\mu}$ $(n, m = 1, 2, \cdots)$. Let t and A be as in (2.3).

Then, for each fixed $n \ge 1$, we may find a natural number M_n such that

$$y_{n,m} \ge A(n+1) \ge A(n^{-1}+1)$$
 for all $m \ge M_n$.

Then, for each fixed $n \geq 1$, the points $b_{n,m} = n + iy_{n,m}$, $m \geq M_n$, lie on the half-line $\Gamma(n) = \{w \in R^+ | \operatorname{Re} w = n\}$, so that $a_{n,m} = \varphi^{-1}(b_{n,m})$ $(m \geq M_n)$ lie on the half-oricycle $C(n) = \varphi^{-1}(\Gamma(n))$. Similarly, for each fixed $n \geq 2$, the points $b_{n,m}^* = n^{-1} + iy_{n,m}$, $m \geq M_n$, lie on the half-line $\Gamma^*(n) = \{w \in R^+ | \operatorname{Re} w = n^{-1}\}$, so that $a_{n,m}^* = \varphi^{-1}(b_{n,m}^*)(m \geq M_n)$ lie on the half-oricycle $C^*(n) = \varphi^{-1}(\Gamma^*(n))$. Let $\{a_n\} = \{a_{n,m}\} \cup \{a_{n,m}^*\}$. Then $Q(z) = Q(z; \{a_n\}, \{\bar{a}_n\})$ is the requested. We first observe that, for $n \geq 1$,

$$eta_n \equiv \sum_{m \geq M_n} \left[\operatorname{Re} \, b_{n,m} / | \, b_{n,m} \, + \, 1 \, |^2
ight]^p \leq n^{p(1-2\lambda)} \, \sum_{m=1}^\infty \, m^{-2p\mu} \; ,$$

and for $n \geq 2$,

$$eta_n^* \equiv \sum_{m \geq M_n} [\operatorname{Re} b_{n,m}^* / |b_{n,m}^* + 1|^2]^p \leq n^{-p(1+2\lambda)} \sum_{m=1}^\infty m^{-2p\mu}$$
 .

Since $p(1+2\lambda)>p(2\lambda-1)>1$ and $2p\mu>1$, it follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{array}{c} \sum \left(1-|a_n|\right) \leqq \sum \left(1-|a_n|^2\right)^p \\ \leqq 4^p \left(\sum\limits_{n=1}^{\infty}\beta_n+\sum\limits_{n=2}^{\infty}\beta_n^*\right) < \infty \ , \end{array}$$

so that Q is well defined. Now, one observes that

$$|Q(z)|=G(w)\equiv\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}G_n(w)\prod_{n=2}^{\infty}G_n^*(w)$$
 , $w=arphi(z)$,

where

$$egin{align} G_n &= \prod \limits_{m=M_n}^\infty g_{n,m} \;, \qquad G_n^* &= \prod \limits_{m=M_n}^\infty g_{n,m}^* \;, \ & \ g_{n,m}(w) &= |w^2 - b_{n,m}^2|/|w^2 - ar{b}_{n,m}^2| \;, \ & \ g_{n,m}^*(w) &= |w^2 - b_{n,m}^{*2}|/|w^2 - ar{b}_{n,m}^{*2}| \;. \end{split}$$

Proof of (I). The same as that of (I) of Theorem 1.

Proofs of (II) and (IIH). We shall first show that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \to 1 \\ z \in C(n)}} Q(z) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad n \ge 1 \; ,$$

and

(3.4)
$$\lim_{\substack{z \to 1 \\ z \in C^*(n)}} Q(z) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad n \ge 2.$$

Since $g_{n,m}(w) \leq 1$ and $g_{n,m}^*(w) \leq 1$ for all $w \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and for all possible pairs n, m, it follows that

$$(3.5) \qquad G(w) \leqq g_{\scriptscriptstyle n,m}(w) \leqq 1 \; , \qquad w \in R^+ \; , \qquad n \geqq 1 \; , \qquad m \geqq M_{\scriptscriptstyle n} \; ,$$

and

$$(3.6) G(w) \leq g_{n,m}^*(w) \leq 1, w \in \mathbb{R}^+, n \geq 2, m \geq M_n.$$

For the proof of (3.3), it suffices by (3.2) to show that

$$\lim_{w\to\infty\atop w\in\Gamma(n)}G(w)=0\;,\qquad n\geqq 1\;.$$

Since $\mu < 1$, it follows that, for each $n \ge 1$ and for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a natural number $M_n' \ge M_n$ such that $y_{n,m+1} - y_{n,m} < \varepsilon$ for all $m \ge M_n'$. Then, for each $w = n + iy \in \Gamma(n)$ with $y \ge y_{n,M_n'}$, there exists $m \ge M_n'$ such that $y_{n,m} \le y \le y_{n,m+1}$. Consequently,

$$|w - b_{n,m}|/|w + \bar{b}_{n,m}| \le (y_{n,m+1} - y_{n,m})/(2n)$$

and

$$\left|rac{w+b_{n,m}}{w-ar{b}_{n,m}}
ight| \geq \sqrt{1+rac{4n^2}{(2y_{n,m})^2}} \leq \sqrt{1+n^{2-2\lambda}}$$
 ,

so that, by (3.5), $G(w) \leq g_{n,m}(w) \leq k_n \varepsilon$, where k_n is a constant depending only on n. The proof of (3.7) is thus complete. Similarly we can prove, via (3.6), that

$$\lim_{w o \infty \atop w \in \varGamma^*(n)} G(w) = 0$$
 , $n \ge 2$,

which, together with (3.2), shows (3.4). By the Lindelöf theorem [8, Theorem VIII. 10, p. 306] again, (II) is established. For the proof of the horocyclic part, we first note that $|Q| \leq 1$ in D^+ . Set $\mathscr{C} = \{C(n) \mid n \geq 1\} \cup \{C^*(n) \mid n \geq 2\}$. Then for each left horocyclic angle H at 1, we may find members C_1 and C_2 of \mathscr{C} such that the left horocyclic angle H_1 at 1, bounded by C_1 and C_2 and a line segment on the real axis, contains H. Since

$$\lim_{z o 1 top z \in C_j} Q(z) = 0$$
 , $j = 1, 2$,

by (3.3) and/or (3.4), it follows from another theorem of Lindelöf [8, Theorem VIII. 7, p. 304], via an obvious conformal homeomorphism, that Q(z) has the limit 0 as $z \to 1$ within H_1 containing H. We have thus established (IIH).

Proof of (III). The same as that of (III) of Theorem 1.

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