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# **On** F(p, s)-Teichmüller Space

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**Abstract** In this paper, we determine the differential of the Bers projection at the origin in the F(p, s)-Teichmüller space.

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## 1. Introduction

This is a continuous work of our previous paper [1], where we introduced the F(p, s)-Teichmüller space and investigated its Schwarzian derivative model and pre-logarithmic derivative model. In particular, we proved that the Bers projection is holomorphic. In this paper, we shall determine the differential of Bers projection at the origin in the F(p, s)-Teichmüller space. We start with some notations and definitions.

Let  $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  be the unit disk in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\Delta^* = \{z : |z| > 1\}$  be the outside of the unit disk. For any  $a \in \Delta$ , set  $\varphi_a(z) = \frac{z-a}{1-\overline{a}z}$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ . For  $p \ge 2$ , and  $s \ge 0$ , the space F(p, s) consists of all holomorphic functions f on the unit disk  $\Delta$  with the following finite norm

$$\|f\|_{F_{p,s}}^{p} = \sup_{a \in \Delta} \iint_{\Delta} |f'(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{p-2} (1 - |\varphi_{a}(z)|^{2})^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y < \infty.$$
(1.1)

This space F(p, s), as a special case of F(p, q, s) which is introduced by Zhao [2], is a Banach space.

An orientation preserving homeomorphism f from domain  $\Omega$  onto  $f(\Omega)$  is quasiconformal if f has locally  $L^2$  integrable distributional derivative on  $\Omega$  and satisfies the following equation

$$f_{\overline{z}} = \mu(z) f_z,$$

for some measurable functions  $\mu$  with  $\|\mu\|_{\infty} < 1$ . Here we use the notations

$$f_{\overline{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right), \quad f_{z} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right),$$

and the function  $\mu$  is called the complex dilatation of f (see [3] for more details).

The universal Teichmüller space T is defined as  $T = M(\Delta^*) / \sim$ , where  $M(\Delta^*)$  denotes the unit ball of the Banach space  $L^{\infty}(\Delta^*)$  of bounded measurable functions on  $\Delta^*$ . Let  $f_{\mu}$  be the

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unique quasiconformal mapping whose complex dilatation is  $\mu$  in  $\Delta^*$  and zero in  $\Delta$ , normalized by

$$f_{\mu}(0) = f'_{\mu}(0) - 1 = f''_{\mu}(0) = 0.$$

We say that two Beltrami coefficients  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  in  $M(\Delta^*)$  are Teichmüller equivalent and denoted by  $\mu_1 \sim \mu_2$  if  $f_{\mu_1}(\Delta) = f_{\mu_2}(\Delta)$  (see [3–5] for more details).

Let s > 0. A positive measure  $\lambda$  defined in a simply connected domain  $\Omega$  is called *s*-Carleson measure if

$$\|\lambda\|_c = \sup\{\frac{\lambda(\Omega \cap D(z, r))}{r^s} : z \in \partial\Omega, 0 < r < \infty\} < \infty,$$
(1.2)

where D(z,r) denotes a disk with center z and radius r. 1-Carleson measure is the classical Carleson measure. We denote by  $CM_s(\Omega)$  the set of all s-Carleson measures on  $\Omega$ .

Here and in what follows, we assume that  $2 \leq p$  and 0 < s < 2. Denote by  $M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  the Banach space of all essentially bounded measurable functions  $\mu$  each of which induces an *s*-Carleson measure

$$\lambda_{\mu}(z) := \frac{\|\mu(z)\|^p}{(|z|-1)^{2-s}} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \in CM_s(\Delta^*)$$

The norm of  $\mu \in M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  is defined as

$$\|\mu\|_{s} = \|\mu\|_{\infty} + \|\lambda_{\mu}\|_{C,s}^{1/p},$$
(1.3)

where  $\|\lambda_{\mu}\|_{C,s}$  is the s-Carleson norm of  $\lambda_{\mu}$  on  $\Delta^*$ . The F(p,s)-Teichmüller space  $T_{F(p,s)}$  is defined as  $T_{F(p,s)} = M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*)/\sim$ , where  $M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*) = M_{p,s}(\Delta^*) \cap M(\Delta^*)$ . It should be pointed out that F(2, 1)-Teichmüller space is the BMO-Teichmüller space [6–8], the limit case F(2, 0)-Teichmüller space is the Weil-Petersson Teichmüller space [9, 10] and F(p, 0)-Teichmüller space is the *p*-integrable Teichmüller space [11–13].

The Bers projection  $\Phi$  is defined by seeding  $\mu \in M(\Delta^*)$  to the Schwarzian derivative  $S_{f_{\mu}}$  of  $f_{\mu}$  on the unit disc  $\Delta$ . Recall that for a conformal mapping f on  $\Delta$ , its Schwarzian derivative  $S_f$  is defined as

$$S_f = (N_f)' - \frac{1}{2}(N_f)^2, \ N_f = (\log f')'.$$

The Bers projection maps the universal Teichmüller space into the complex Banach space  $\mathcal{B}(\Delta)$  which consists of all holomorphic functions on  $\Delta$  with norm

$$|\varphi||_{\mathcal{B}} = \sup_{z \in \Delta} |\varphi(z)|(1-|z|^2)^2 < \infty.$$

It is well known that the map  $\Phi: M(\Delta^*) \to \mathcal{B}(\Delta)$  is a holomorphic split submersion [4,5].

In [1], we proved that the Bers projection maps F(p, s)-Teichmüller space into the complex Banach space N(p, s) which consists of all holomorphic functions f on  $\Delta$  with the following finite norm

$$\|f\|_{N_{p,s}}^{p} = \sup_{a \in \Delta} \iint_{\Delta} |f(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} \frac{(1 - |a|^{2})^{s}}{|1 - \overline{a}z|^{2s}} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y,$$
(1.4)

and  $\Phi: M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*) \to N(p,s)$  is holomorphic. We note that a holomorphic function  $f \in N(p,s)$  if and only if [14]

$$|f(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{s+2p-2} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \in CM_s(\Delta).$$

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In this paper, we shall prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $p \ge 2$  and 0 < s < 2. The differential  $D_0\Phi$  of Bers projection  $\Phi : M^1_{p,s}(\Delta^*) \to N(p,s)$  at the origin is given by the following correspondence

$$\nu \mapsto \frac{-6}{\pi} \iint_{\Delta^*} \frac{\nu(w)}{(w-z)^4} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v, \tag{1.5}$$

which is a bounded mapping from  $M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  to N(p,s).

# 2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section, we shall prove Theorem 1.1. In what follows,  $C(\cdot)$  will denote constant that depends only on the elements put in the bracket.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Let  $p \ge 2$  and 0 < s < 2. We first show that the differential  $D_0 \Phi$  of Bers projection  $\Phi: M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*) \to N(p,s)$  at the origin is given by the correspondence (1.5).

Let  $\mu \in M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$ . We can choose  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $t\mu \in M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*)$  for all  $t < 2\epsilon$ . For simplicity of notation, we use  $\beta(t)$  to denote the Schwarzian derivative  $S_{f_{t\mu}}$ . It is well known [5,15] that  $\beta(t)$  is an analytic function of t for every  $z \in \Delta$  and

$$\frac{\partial \beta(t)(z)}{\partial t}|_{t=0} = -\frac{6}{\pi} \iint_{\Delta^*} \frac{\mu(w)}{(w-z)^4} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v.$$

Note that the Bers projection  $\Phi: M^1_{p,s}(\Delta^*) \to N(p,s)$  is holomorphic [1]. It is sufficient to show that the limit

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\beta(t) - \beta(0)}{t} = \frac{\partial \beta(t)}{\partial t}|_{t=0}$$
(2.1)

exsits in N(p, s). In fact, for every  $a \in \Delta$ , the Cauchy formula and Fubini theorem yield

$$\begin{split} &\iint_{\Delta} \left| \frac{\beta(t)(z) - \beta(0)(z)}{t} - \frac{\partial\beta(t)(z)}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} \right|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} |\varphi_{a}'(z)|^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \\ &= \frac{|t|^{p}}{2^{p} \pi^{p}} \iint_{\Delta} \left| \int_{|s|=2\varepsilon} \frac{\beta(s)(z)}{(s-t)s^{2}} \mathrm{d}s \right|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} |\varphi_{a}'(z)|^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \\ &\leq \frac{|t|^{p}}{2^{p} \pi^{p} \varepsilon^{3p}} \iint_{\Delta} \left( \int_{|s|=2\varepsilon} |\beta(s)(z)| |\mathrm{d}s| \right)^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} |\varphi_{a}'(z)|^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \\ &\leq C(\epsilon) |t|^{p} \iint_{\Delta} \int_{|s|=2\varepsilon} |\beta(s)(z)|^{p} |\mathrm{d}s| (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} |\varphi_{a}'(z)|^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \\ &= C(\epsilon) |t|^{p} \int_{|s|=2\varepsilon} \iint_{\Delta} |\beta(s)(z)|^{p} (1 - |z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} |\varphi_{a}'(z)|^{s} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y |\mathrm{d}s| \\ &\leq C(\epsilon) |t|^{p}. \end{split}$$

$$(2.2)$$

The assertion follows.

Now, we prove that the linear operator  $D_0\Phi : M_{p,s}(\Delta^*) \to N(p,s)$  is bounded. For any  $\zeta \in \partial \Delta$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ , let  $B(\zeta, r) = \Delta \cap D(\zeta, r)$  and  $B^*(\zeta, r) = \Delta^* \cap D(\zeta, r)$ , where  $D(\zeta, r)$  is

the disk with center  $\zeta$  and radius r. Set

$$\lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w) := \frac{|\mu(w)|}{(|w|^2 - 1)^{p_1}}, \ p_1 = \frac{2 - s}{p}.$$

Then

$$\iint_{B(\zeta,r)} \left| \iint_{\Delta^{*}} \frac{\mu(w)}{(w-z)^{4}} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \right|^{p} (1-|z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$

$$\leq 2^{p} \iint_{B(\zeta,r)} \left( \iint_{B^{*}(\zeta,2r)} \frac{\lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w)(1-|z|^{2})^{2-p_{1}}(|w|-1)^{p_{1}}}{|z-w|^{4}} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \right)^{p} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y +$$

$$2^{p} \iint_{B(\zeta,r)} (1-|z|^{2})^{s+2p-2} \left( \iint_{\Delta^{*} \setminus B^{*}(\zeta,2r)} \frac{\lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w)(|w|-1)^{p_{1}}}{|z-w|^{4}} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \right)^{p} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$

$$= 2^{p} (I_{1}+I_{2}).$$
(2.3)

For any  $z \in \Delta$ , let  $D_z = \{w : |w - z| > 1 - |z|\}$ . Consider kernel function

$$K(z,w) = \frac{(1-|z|^2)^{2-p_1}(|w|-1)^{p_1}}{|z-w|^4}$$

Then,

$$\iint_{\Delta^*} K(z,w) \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v \leq \iint_{D_z} \frac{(1-|z|^2)^{2-p_1}}{|z-w|^{4-p_1}} \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v \leq (1-|z|^2)^{2-p_1} 2\pi \int_{1-|z|}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{3-p_1}} \mathrm{d} r = C_0.$$

A similar argument gives that for any  $w \in \Delta^*$ ,

$$\iint_{\Delta} K(z, w) \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \le C_1.$$
(2.4)

It follows from the Schur's theorem [16, Theorem 3.6] that the operator

$$Kf(z) = \iint_{\Delta^*} K(z, w) f(w) \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v$$

is bounded from  $L^p(\Delta^*)$  to  $L^p(\Delta)$ . Let  $g(w) = \lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w)\chi_{B^*(\zeta,2r)}$ , where  $\chi_{B^*(\zeta,2r)}$  is the characteristic functions of  $B^*(\zeta,2r)$ . Thus,

$$\iint_{\Delta} \left| \iint_{\Delta^*} K(z,w) g(w) \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \right|^p \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \le C_2 \iint_{\Delta^*} |g(w)|^p \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v$$

$$= C_2 \iint_{B^*(\zeta,2r)} \frac{|\mu(w)|^p}{(|w|-1)^{2-s}} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \le C_2 \|\lambda_\mu\|_c r^s. \tag{2.5}$$

We proceed to estimate  $I_2$ . Since  $\lambda_{\mu}(w) du dv$  is an s-Carleson measure in  $\Delta^*$ , the Hölder inequality yields

$$\left(\iint_{B^*(\zeta,r)} \lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w) \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v\right)^p \leq (\pi r^2)^{p-1} \iint_{B^*(\zeta,r)} \lambda_{\mu}(w) \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v \leq \pi^{p-1} \|\lambda_{\mu}\|_c r^{2p-2+s}.$$

Thus, we get

$$\iint_{B(\zeta,r)} (1-|z|^2)^{s+2p-2} \Big(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \iint_{B^*(\zeta,2^{i+1}r)\setminus B^*(\zeta,2^i r)} \frac{\lambda_{\mu}^{1/p}(w)(|w|-1)^{p_1}}{|z-w|^4}\Big)^p \mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y$$

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$$\leq C_3 \|\lambda_{\mu}\|_c \iint_{B(\zeta,r)} (1-|z|^2)^{s+2p-2} \Big(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{i+1}r)^{2-p_1}}{(2^i r)^{4-p_1}}\Big)^p \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$
  
$$\leq C_4 \|\lambda_{\mu}\|_c r^s.$$
(2.6)

Combining (2.3), (2.5) with (2.6) gives  $\|D_0\Phi\|_{N(p,s)} \leq \|\lambda_\mu\|_s$ . The proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

#### 3. Some remarks

Let  $p \geq 2$  and 0 < s < 2. We denote by  $\widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)}$  the set of functions  $\log f'$ , where f is conformal on  $\Delta$  and admits a quasiconformal extension to the whole plane  $\mathbb{C}$  such that its complex dilatation  $\mu$  satisfies

$$\frac{|\mu(z)|^p}{(|z|-1)^{2-s}} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y \in CM_s(\Delta^*).$$
(3.1)

It is known [1] that  $\widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)}$  is a disconnected subset of the space F(p,s). Furthermore,  $\widetilde{T}_b = \{\log f' \in \widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)} : f(\Delta) \text{ is bounded } \}$  and  $\widetilde{T}_{\theta} = \{\log f' \in \widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)} : f(e^{i\theta}) = \infty\}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi), \text{ are the connected components of } \widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)}.$ 

Let  $\mu \in M^1_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  and  $z_0 \in \Delta^*$ . We use  $f^{z_0}_{\mu}$  to denote the quasiconformal mapping on  $\mathbb{C}$ whose complex dilatation is  $\mu$  in  $\Delta^*$  and zero in  $\Delta$ , normalized by

$$f_{\mu}(0) = f'_{\mu}(0) - 1 = 0, \quad f_{\mu}(z_0) = \infty.$$

The pre-Bers projection mapping  $L_{z_0}$  on  $M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*)$  is defined by setting  $L_{z_0}(\mu) = \log(f_{\mu}^{z_0})'$ . Then  $\cup_{z_0 \in \Delta^*} L_{z_0}(M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*)) = \widetilde{T}_{F(p,s)} \cap F(p,s)^0$ , where  $F(p,s)^0$  consists of all functions  $\varphi \in F(p,s)$  with  $\varphi(0) = 0$ .

In [1], we proved that the pre-Bers projection  $L_{z_0}: M^1_{p,s}(\Delta^*) \to F(p,s)^0$  is holomorphic. Analogous to Theorem 1.1, we obtain

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $p \ge 2$  and 0 < s < 2. The differential  $D_0L_{\infty}$  of pre-Bers projection  $L_{\infty}: M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*) \to F(p,s)^0$  at the origin is given by the following correspondence

$$\nu \mapsto \frac{-2}{\pi} \iint_{\Delta^*} \frac{\nu(w)}{(z-w)^3} \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v, \qquad (3.2)$$

which is a bounded mapping from  $M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  to F(p,s).

**Proof** For abbreviation, we use  $f_t(z)$  to stand for  $f_{t\mu}(z)$  for  $t\mu \in M^1_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$ . Then  $f_0(z) = z$ . Ahlfors and Bers [15] proved that for any fixed z, the function  $f_t(z)$  is an analytic function of t and

$$\frac{\partial f_t(z)}{\partial t}\big|_{t=0} = F_\mu(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Delta^*} (\frac{1}{w-z} - \frac{z}{w-1} + \frac{z-1}{w}) \mu(w) \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v.$$

We denote t-derivative by a dot and z-derivative by a prime. Noting that  $f'_t(z)|_{t=0} = 1$  and  $f''_t(z)|_{t=0} = 0$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left(\frac{f_t''(z)}{f_t'(z)}\right)\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\dot{f}_t''(z)f_t'(z) - \dot{f}_t'(z)f_t''(z)}{f_t'(z)^2}\Big|_{t=0}$$

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$$=F_{\mu}^{\prime\prime}(z)=\frac{-2}{\pi} \iint\limits_{\Delta^{*}} \frac{\nu(w)}{(z-w)^{3}} \mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v.$$

By using the similar argument as in Theorem 1.1, we can prove that the differential  $D_0L_{\infty}$  of pre-Bers projection  $L_{\infty}: M_{p,s}^1(\Delta^*) \to F(p,s)^0$  at the origin is  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \frac{f_t''}{f_t'}|_{t=0}$  and it is a bounded operator from  $M_{p,s}(\Delta^*)$  to F(p,s). We omit the details.  $\Box$ 

It is well known that there are holomorphic local right inverses (i.e., section) to the Bers projections of universal Teichmüller space [4, 5] and BMO-Teichmüller space [7]. Thus, it is natural to ask the following

**Problem 3.2** Whether there are holomorphic local sections to the Bers projection and pre-Bers projection of F(p, s)-Teichmüller space?

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