

SOME CHARACTERIZATION THEOREMS FOR THE DISCRETE HOLOMETRIC SPACE

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ABSTRACT. This paper extends our earlier results on the properties of the discrete holometric space. Here, a characterization of domains is given and proved that domains are invariant under D-isometries. Also, we introduce the notion of D-kernel and some of its properties are studied.

1. The discrete holometric space

Consider the discrete subset of the complex plane $H = \{(q^m x_0, q^n y_0); m, n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ where $q \in (0, 1)$ is fixed and (x_0, y_0) is a fixed point in the first quadrant, $x_0, y_0 \neq 0$. The points $z = (q^m x_0, q^n y_0)$ are called lattice points.

The discrete plane H was first considered by Harman [4] in 1972 to evolve the discrete analogue of analytic function theory. Earlier, in [6,7] we have introduced and investigated the properties of D-linear sets, r-sets, etc. which are discrete analogues of segments and circles. Some special type of discrete transformations also have been studied in [8].

We shall now consider the following fundamental concepts.

Definition 1. Let $z \in H$ and consider

$$N(z) = \{(q^{m+1} x_0, q^n y_0), (q^m x_0, q^{n+1} y_0), (q^{m-1} x_0, q^n y_0), (q^m x_0, q^{n-1} y_0)\}.$$

A discrete curve joining any two points z_1 and z_t in H is a finite sequence of points H , $C = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_t \rangle$ where $z_{i+1} \in N(z_i)$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$. A discrete curve

between two given points consisting of a minimum number of lattice points is called a path joining them.

Definition 2. Let $z = (q^m x_0, q^n y_0) \in H$. Then

$$S(z) = \{(q^m x_0, q^n y_0), (q^{m+1} x_0, q^n y_0), (q^{m+1} x_0, q^{n+1} y_0), (q^m x_0, q^{n+1} y_0)\}$$

is called the basic set associated with z . A finite union of basic sets is called a region R . If R can be expressed as a union of basic sets, $\cup_{i=1}^t B_i$ with $B_i \cap B_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$, then it is called a domain, denoted by D .

Definition 3. Consider two points $z_1 = (q^{m_1} x_0, q^{n_1} y_0)$ and $z_2 = (q^{m_2} x_0, q^{n_2} y_0) \in H$. The distance d between z_1 and z_2 is defined as $d(z_1, z_2) = N - 1$, where N is the number of lattice points of a path joining them. Equivalently,

$$d(z_1, z_2) = |m_1 - m_2| + |n_1 - n_2|.$$

This metric takes only integral values and $H = (H, d)$ is called the discrete holomet space.

Definition 4. Let A be a finite subset of H . A is said to be D-linear if we can label the points of A as $A = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\}$ such that

$$d(z_1, z_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} d(z_i, z_{i+1}).$$

Note 5. When we write the D-linear set $A = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\}$ we mean that z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n are in that order in which

$$d(z_1, z_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} d(z_i, z_{i+1}).$$

2. A characterization of domains

In this section, we shall give an equivalent definition of domains, following [1] and prove that they are invariant under D-isometries.

Definition 6. Consider two basic sets B_1 and B_2 . Then,

$$\min\{d(z_1, z_2) : z_1 \in B_1, z_2 \in B_2\}$$

defined as the distance between B_1 and B_2 , denoted by $d(B_1, B_2)$.

Definition 7. Two basic sets B_1 and B_2 are adjacent if there are two pairs of points $z_1, z_1' \in B_1, z_2, z_2' \in B_2$ such that

$$d(z_1, z_2) = d(z_1', z_2') = d(B_1, B_2) = 1.$$

Definition 8. $z_1 = (q^{m_1} x_0, q^{n_1} y_0)$ and $z_2 = (q^{m_2} x_0, q^{n_2} y_0)$ are in the same horizontal (vertical) set if $n_1 = n_2$ ($m_1 = m_2$).

Note 9. If $B_1 = S(z_1)$ and $B_2 = S(z_2)$ are two adjacent basic sets, then z_1, z_2 belong to the same horizontal or vertical set. Consequently, for a given basic set, there are other basic sets adjacent to it.

Theorem 10. If $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^t B_i$ is such that B_i and B_{i+1} are adjacent for $i = 2, \dots, t-1$, then D is a domain.

Proof. Let $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^t B_i$ such that B_i and B_{i+1} are adjacent for $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$. Then B_{i+1} falls in one of the four cases mentioned in note 9. In any case, we can find a basic set (say) B , such that $B_i \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B_{i+1} \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Include B also in our collection of basic sets and, proceeding like this, D can be expressed as a union of basic sets $\{B'_i\}_{i=1}^T$ with $B'_i \cap B'_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$, where $T > t$. Hence D is a domain.

Note 11. In [1], Bajaj has defined connectedness in an integer-valued metric space as follows. Let (A, d') be an integer-valued metric space. Then (A, d') is connected if there do not exist non-empty disjoint sets A_1 and $A_2, A_1 \subset A, A_2 \subset A$, such that $A_1 \cup A_2 = A$ and

$$\min\{d'(x, y) : x \in A_1, y \in A_2\} > 1.$$

In a theorem, he further establishes that (A, d') is connected if and only if given any pair x, y of distinct points in A , there are points $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p = y$ in A , such that

$$d'(x_i, x_{i+1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1.$$

Theorem 12. Consider a union of basic sets,

$$R = \bigcup_{i=1}^t B_i.$$

Then, R is connected if and only if $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^t$ can be relabelled as $\{B'_i\}$ such that

$$d(B'_i, B'_{i+1}) \leq 1.$$

Proof. Let $R = \bigcup_{i=1}^t B_i$ be connected. That is, given any two points z and ξ of R , there are points $z = z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n = \xi$ such that

$$d(z_i, z_{i+1}) = 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Consider B_1 and choose all other basic sets B_i in $\{B_2, B_3, \dots, B_t\}$ such that

$$d(B_1, B_i) \leq 1.$$

By tracing back if necessary at each step to B_1 , these basic sets together with B_1 be relabelled as B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_t such that

$$d(B'_i, B'_{i+1}) \leq 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1.$$

If no such basic sets exist, then every other basic set B_s is such that $d(B_1, B_s) > 1$. Choose one such B_s . So by definition every pair of points $z_1 \in B_1$ and $z_2 \in B_s$ with $d(z_1, z_2) \geq 2$. For any such pair, we cannot find a sequence of points satisfy the hypothesis and hence the supposition that there are no basic sets with the above property leads us to a contradiction. Now, in the remaining basic sets of R , if there is at least one basic set B'_p which is at distance ≤ 1 , with at least one among B'_2, \dots, B'_t (say) B'_p , then we can similarly relabel the collection of all such basic sets together with those already relabelled, by tracing back if necessary at each step to B'_p such that the distance is less than or equal to 1. Thus, proceeding likewise basic sets constituting R can be relabelled as $\{B'_i\}_{i=1}^t$ such that $d(B'_i, B'_{i+1}) \leq 1$.

The converse can be proved easily. Hence the theorem.

Note 13. In the labelling $\{B'_i\}$ mentioned, if further B'_i, B'_{i+1} are adjacent then R is a domain. Conversely if R is a domain, then it is connected and there is labelling B'_i 's such that B'_i, B'_{i+1} are adjacent for $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Thus we have a metric characterization of domains.

Using the above results, we prove the following theorem establishing the equivalence of the property of being a domain under D-isometries [8].

Theorem 14. *If D is a domain and $T : H \rightarrow H$ is a D-isometry, then $T(D)$ is also a domain.*

Proof. Let $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^t B_i$ be a domain. Then the basic sets B_i and B_{i+1} are adjacent and for any two points z, ξ of D , there are points $z = z_1, z_2, \dots, \xi = z_n$ in D such that $d(z_i, z_{i+1}) = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Since T is a D-isometry, by definition, points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n with $d(z_i, z_{i+1}) = 1$ will be mapped onto points w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n with $d(w_i, w_{i+1}) = 1$ and further the adjacency of basic sets will also be preserved. Hence $T(D)$ is also a domain.

3. D-kernel

Boley [2], German [3], Soltan [5] and many others have studied convexity and related concepts in metric spaces. In [7], we have defined D-convexity for subsets of H and studied some of its properties. In this section, we introduce the notion of D-kernel for subsets of H and some characterization theorems are proved.

Definition 15. Let A be a nonempty finite subset of H . Then, A is D-convex if for every $z_1, z_2 \in A$,

$$[z_1, z_2] = \{z \in H : B(z_1, z, z_2)\} \subset A.$$

Here, $B(z_1, z, z_2)$ means that z is holometrically between z_1 and z_2 , and satisfies

$$d(z_1, z_2) = d(z_1, z) + d(z, z_2).$$

Note that the empty set is trivially D-convex and the definition could be extended to finite subsets of H also.

Definition 16. Let A be a subset of H . Then the set of all the $z_i \in A$ such that for every $z_j \in A$, all the D-linear sets with z_i and z_j as end points are contained in A , is called the D-kernel of A , denoted by $D - \ker(A)$.

Examples 17. (1) Let

$$A_1 = \{z_0 = (x_0, y_0), z_1 = (q x_0, y_0), z_2 = (q x_0, q y_0), z_3 = (x_0, q y_0), \\ z_4 = (q^{-1} x_0, y_0), z_5 = (q^{-1} x_0, q^{-1} y_0), z_6 = (x_0, q^{-1} y_0)\}.$$

then,

$$D - \ker(A_1) = \{z_0\}.$$

(2) Let

$$A_2 = A_1 \cup \{z_7 = (q x_0, q^{-1} y_0)\}.$$

then,

$$D - \ker(A_2) = \{z_0, z_1, z_6, z_7\}.$$

(3) Let

$$A_3 = A_2 \cup \{z_8 = (q^{-1} x_0, q y_0)\}.$$

then,

$$D - \ker(A_3) = A_3.$$

In the above examples, it turns out that $D - \ker(A_2)$ is D-convex, A_3 is D-convex and its D-kernel is itself. This is true in general and is proved in the following theorems.

Theorem 18. For any nonempty subset A of H , $D - \ker(A)$ is always D -convex

Proof. Consider two points $z_1, z_2 \in D - \ker(A)$. That is, for every $z_j \in A$, all D -linear sets joining z_1 to z_j and z_2 to z_j are contained in A . Required to prove that all the points between z_1 and z_2 are in $D - \ker(A)$. That is, if ξ is any such point, then all the D -linear sets joining ξ and z_j , for every $z_j \in A$ are contained in A ? Suppose not. That is, there exists at least one point $\eta \in A$ such that the D -linear set joining ξ and η is not contained in A . That is, there exists a D -linear set (say)

$$L_1 = \{\xi, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \eta\}$$

joining η and ξ of A containing some points not in A . Now ξ is a point between z_1 and z_2 . So there exists a D -linear set joining z_1 and ξ viz.,

$$L_2 = \{z_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \xi\}.$$

Now

$$L_3 = \{z_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \xi, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \eta\}$$

gives a D -linear set joining z_1 and η (this works since η is a point between z_1 and ξ which is not contained in A and $\eta \in A$, which implies that $z_1 \notin D - \ker(A)$). This leads us to a contradiction. Hence the theorem.

Theorem 19. Let A be a nonempty subset of H . Then, $D - \ker(A) = A$ if and only if A is D -convex.

Proof. Let $D - \ker(A) = A$. Then, by the previous theorem, A is D -convex.

Conversely, let A be D -convex. So by definition, for every $z_i, z_j \in A$,

$$\{z \in H : B(z_i, z, z_j)\} \subset A.$$

Now, $D - \ker(A)$ is equal to the set of all the $z_i \in A$ such that for every $z_j \in A$, all the D -linear sets joining z_i and z_j are contained in A , and equal to A since A is D -convex. Hence $D - \ker(A) = A$ if and only if A is D -convex.

Theorem 20. Let A and B be two D -convex sets. Then, $A \cap B \subset D - \ker(A \cup B)$

Proof. Since A and B are D -convex sets, $A \cap B$ is also D -convex. Let $z \in A \cap B$. To prove that $z \in D - \ker(A \cup B)$. That is, to prove that for any $z_i \in A \cup B$, every D -linear set from z to z_i is contained in $A \cup B$. Without loss of generality, let $z_i \in A$. Then $z, z_i \in A$ and A is D -convex. So the result follows.

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