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HIGH-ORDER SCHWARZ-PICK LEMMA FOR THE SCHUR CLASS ON  
THE POLYDISC<sup>1</sup>

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In this paper, we give Schwarz-Pick Lemma for functions in the Schur class on the polydisc of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and generalize some early work of Schwarz-Pick Lemma for functions in the Schur class on the unit disk of  $\mathbb{C}$  and functions in the Schur-Agler class on the polydisc of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The class of holomorphic functions which are bounded by one on the unit disk  $\mathbf{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  is often called the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}$ . For  $\varphi(z)$  in the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}$ , the classical Schwarz-Pick estimate is the inequality

$$|\varphi'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}, \quad |z| < 1.$$

There were many results on Schwarz-Pick estimates for holomorphic function on  $\mathbf{D}$ , see [1-4]. The following estimate of higher order derivatives for  $\varphi(z)$  in the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}$  was given by:

**Theorem A**[1, 4] — *If  $\varphi(z)$  is in the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}$ , then*

$$|\varphi^{(m)}(z)| \leq \frac{m!(1 - |\varphi(z)|^2)}{(1 - |z|^2)^m} (1 + |z|)^{m-1}.$$

For notation, let  $\mathbf{D}^n$  be the polydisc of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . The Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$  is the set of holomorphic functions which are defined and bounded by one on  $\mathbf{D}^n$ . Anderson, Dritschel, and Rovnyak estimated derivatives of arbitrary order of functions in the Schur-Agler class on the polydisc of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  in [5]. For  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , the Schur-Agler class coincides with the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$ . For  $n > 2$ , the Schur-Agler class is a proper subset of the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$  (for example, see [5, 6]). Moreover, for the holomorphic functions on the unit ball and classical domain in several complex variables, we have presented the estimates for their high-order derivatives, see [7, 8]. In this paper, we will obtain estimates of higher order derivatives for functions in the Schur class on the polydisc of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Before we give the main results, we recall some commonly used notations for multi-indices.

A multi-index  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  consists of  $n$  nonnegative integers  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The degree of a multi-index is the sum  $|v| = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i$ . For vectors  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\|z\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |z_i|$ , and the multi-indices can be used as exponents in a product  $z^v = \prod_{i=1}^n z_i^{v_i}$ ; similarly,  $a_v$  represents the coefficient  $a_{v_1, \dots, v_n}$  of  $z^v$  in the Taylor expansion of a holomorphic function. Let  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$  be the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$ . Then we have the following results.

**Theorem 1.1** — Let  $\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ . Then for multi index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , such that  $m_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial^m \varphi(z)| &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n m_i! \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{(1 - |z_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + |z_i|)^{m_i-1} \\ &\leq |m|! \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{(1 - \|z\|_\infty^2)^{|m|}} (1 + \|z\|_\infty)^{|m|-n}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\partial^m \varphi(z) = \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(z)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \dots \partial z_n^{m_n}}$ .

*Remark 1.2* : This result reduces to Theorem A as  $n = 1$ .

More generally, denote  $0! = 1$ , we have the following corollary.

*Corollary 1.3* — Let  $\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ . For multi index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , such that for some integer  $0 < k < n$ , there are  $k$  indexes  $m_i = 0$ , without loss of generality,  $m_1 = \dots = m_k = 0$  and other  $m_j > 0, k < j \leq n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial^m \varphi(z)| &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n m_i! \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{(1 - |z_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=k+1}^n (1 + |z_i|)^{m_i-1} \\ &\leq |m|! \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{(1 - \|z\|_\infty^2)^{|m|}} (1 + \|z\|_\infty)^{|m|-n+k}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\partial^m \varphi(z) = \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(z)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \dots \partial z_n^{m_n}}$ .

*Remark 1.4* : It is easy to see that Corollary 1.3 is more general than Theorem 7 of [5], since we consider the Schur class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$  here while [5] only discussed the Schur-Agler class on  $\mathbf{D}^n$ .

From the above results, an explicit bound of Corollary 4.3 in [9] can be deduced.

*Corollary 1.5* — Let  $\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ . Then for multi index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , such that  $m_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbf{D}^n} \frac{|\partial^m \varphi(z)| \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - |z_i|^2)^{m_i}}{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2} \leq \prod_{i=1}^n m_i! 2^{|m|-n+k},$$

where  $\partial^m \varphi(z) = \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(z)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \dots \partial z_n^{m_n}}$  and  $k$  is the number of  $m_i = 0$ .

2. A LEMMA

*Lemma 2.1* — Let  $\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$  and

$$\varphi(z) = \sum_{u=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=u} a_v z^v. \tag{1}$$

Then we have  $|a_v| \leq 1 - |a_0|^2$ .

PROOF : For any  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n) \in \mathbf{D}_n$ , then  $\zeta\theta := (\zeta_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, \zeta_n e^{i\theta_n}) \in \mathbf{D}^n$ , for  $\theta_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . By the orthogonality we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &> \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_0^{2\pi} \dots \int_0^{2\pi} |\varphi(\zeta_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, \zeta_n e^{i\theta_n})|^2 d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_n \\ &= \sum_{u=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=u} |a_v|^2 |\zeta^v|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\zeta$  be close to  $\partial\mathbf{D}_n$ , then

$$\sum_{u=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=u} |a_v|^2 \leq 1. \tag{2}$$

On the other hand, let  $\psi(z) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=1}^k \varphi(e^{\frac{l}{k} 2\pi i} z)$ , then  $\psi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ ,  $\psi(0) = a_0$  and

$$\psi(z) = a_0 + \sum_{u=1}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=uk} a_v z^v. \tag{3}$$

Furthermore, let  $\phi(z) = \frac{\psi(z) - a_0}{1 - \bar{a}_0 \psi(z)}$ . Obviously,  $\phi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$  and  $\phi(0) = 0$ . From (3), we have

$$\phi(z) = \frac{\sum_{u=1}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=uk} a_v z^v}{1 - \bar{a}_0 \psi(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - |a_0|^2} \sum_{|v|=k} a_v z^v + \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=lk} d_v z^v.$$

Let  $b_v = \frac{1}{1-|a_0|^2} a_v$ , then from (2),

$$\sum_{|v|=k} |b_v|^2 = \sum_{|v|=k} \left| \frac{1}{1-|a_0|^2} a_v \right|^2 \leq 1.$$

Especially, we have  $|a_v| \leq 1 - |a_0|^2$ .

*Remark 2.3 :* It is easy to see that Lemma 2.1 generalizes Corollary 9 of [5] to the Schur class on the polydisc.

The estimate of Lemma 2.1 turns out to be sharp by the following example:

*Example 2.3 :* Let  $f(z, w) = z^k w^l$ , where  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Obviously, it is holomorphic in  $\mathbf{D}^2$ , besides,  $|z^k w^l| \leq 1$ , so that  $|f(z, w)| < 1$  in  $\mathbf{D}^2$ . Using Lemma 2.1, we have  $|a_v| \leq 1 - |a_0|^2$ . In this example  $n = 2, |v| = k + l, a_0 = f(0, 0) = 0$ . Hence, we have  $|a_v| \leq 1$ . On the other hand,  $a_{k,l} = 1$  in  $f(z, w)$ , which means that the estimate of Lemma 2.1 is sharp.

### 3. THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

PROOF : Let  $\tau(z) \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ , where  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{D}^n)$  is the automorphic group of  $\mathbf{D}^n$ . By the representation of automorphism  $\mathbf{D}^n$  [?], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau : (z_1, \dots, z_n) &\rightarrow (\tau_1(z), \dots, \tau_n(z)), \\ \tau_i(z) &= e^{i\theta_i} \frac{z_{p(i)} - \zeta_i}{1 - \bar{\zeta}_i z_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p$  is permutations of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $|\zeta_i| < 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Especially, let  $p = id, \theta_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\tau_i(z) = \frac{z_i - \zeta_i}{1 - \bar{\zeta}_i z_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

For  $\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{D}^n)$ , we set

$$F(z) := \varphi(\tau^{-1}(z)) = \sum_{u=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=u} c_v z^v,$$

then

$$\varphi(z) = F(\tau(z)) = \sum_{u=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|v|=u} c_v \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{z_i - \zeta_i}{1 - \bar{\zeta}_i z_i} \right)^{v_i}.$$

By computation, for multi index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ ,

$$\frac{d^{m_i}}{dz_i^{m_i}} \left( \frac{z_i - \zeta_i}{1 - \bar{\zeta}_i z_i} \right)^{v_i} \Big|_{z_i=\zeta_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & m_i = v_i = 0, \\ 0, & m_i < v_i \text{ or } m_i > v_i = 0, \\ \frac{(\bar{\zeta}_i)^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!}, & m_i \geq v_i > 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence, from above equation, if  $|m| \geq |v|$ ,  $m_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(\zeta)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \dots \partial z_n^{m_n}} &= \sum_{u=0}^{|m|} \sum_{|v|=u} c_v \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\bar{\zeta}_i)^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\ &= \sum_{|v|=n, v_i > 0}^{|m|} c_v \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\bar{\zeta}_i)^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{|v|=n, v_i > 0}^{|m|}$  means that  $|v| = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i$  sums from  $n$  to  $|m|$  with every  $v_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Note that  $c_0 = \varphi(\zeta)$ , so by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$|c_v| \leq 1 - |c_0|^2 = 1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(\zeta)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \cdots \partial z_n^{m_n}} \right| &\leq \sum_{|v|=n, v_i > 0}^{|m|} |c_v| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \sum_{|v|=n, v_i > 0}^{|m|} |c_v| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i - v_i} (m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\
 &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \sum_{|v|=n, v_i > 0}^{|m|} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i - v_i} (m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\
 &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{v_i=1}^{m_i} \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i - v_i} (m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{l_i=0}^{m_i-1} \frac{(m_i - 1)!}{l_i!(m_i - l_i - 1)!} |\zeta_i|^{l_i} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{l_i=0}^{m_i-1} \binom{m_i - 1}{l_i} |\zeta_i|^{l_i} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + |\zeta_i|)^{m_i - 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

At last, replace  $\zeta$  with  $z$ , we prove Theorem 1.1.  $\square$

#### 4. THE PROOF OF COROLLARY 1.3

PROOF : If  $|m| \geq |v|$ ,  $m_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , without loss of generality, we assume  $m_1 = 0, m_i > 0, i = 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(\zeta)}{\partial z_2^{m_2} \cdots \partial z_n^{m_n}} &= \sum_{u=0}^{|m|} \sum_{|v|=u, v_1=0} c_v \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{(\bar{\zeta}_i)^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{|v|=n-1, v_1=0, v_i > 0 (i \neq 1)}^{|m|} c_v \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{(\bar{\zeta}_i)^{m_i - v_i}}{(1 - |\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i - 1)!}{(m_i - v_i)!(v_i - 1)!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Using Lemma 2.1 again, we have for  $|v| > 0$ ,

$$|c_v| \leq 1 - |c_0|^2 = 1 - |\varphi(\zeta)|^2.$$

Therefore, by the similar computation with (4),

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(\zeta)}{\partial z_2^{m_2} \cdots \partial z_n^{m_n}} \right| &\leq \sum_{|v|=n-1, v_1=0, v_i>0(i \neq 1)}^{|m|} |c_v| \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i-v_i}}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \frac{m_i!(m_i-1)!}{(m_i-v_i)!(v_i-1)!} \\ &\leq \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{m_i!(1-|\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=2}^n \sum_{v_i=1}^{m_i} \frac{|\zeta_i|^{m_i-v_i} (m_i-1)!}{(m_i-v_i)!(v_i-1)!} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{m_i!(1-|\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=2}^n \sum_{l_i=0}^{m_i-1} \frac{(m_i-1)!}{l_i!(m_i-l_i-1)!} |\zeta_i|^{l_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{m_i!(1-|\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=2}^n \sum_{l_i=0}^{m_i-1} \binom{m_i-1}{l_i} |\zeta_i|^{l_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{m_i!(1-|\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=2}^n (1+|\zeta_i|)^{m_i-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

At last, replace  $\zeta$  with  $z$ .

For multi index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , such that there are  $k$  indexes  $m_i = 0$ , without loss of generality, we assume  $m_1 = \dots = m_k = 0$  and other  $m_j > 0$ ,  $k < j \leq n$ . Denote  $0! = 1$ . From (5), by induction,

$$|\partial^m \varphi(z)| \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i!(1-|\varphi(\zeta)|^2)}{(1-|\zeta_i|^2)^{m_i}} \prod_{i=k+1}^n (1+|\zeta_i|)^{m_i-1},$$

where  $\partial^m \varphi(z) = \frac{\partial^{|m|} \varphi(z)}{\partial z_1^{m_1} \cdots \partial z_n^{m_n}}$ . The proof of Corollary 1.3 is completed.  $\square$



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