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## PROPERTIES OF POSITIVE CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS IN $\mathbb{C}^n$

The properties of classes  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  and  $Q$  of positive continuous functions are investigated. We prove that some compositions of functions from  $Q$  belong to class  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ . A relation between functions from these classes is established.

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### INTRODUCTION

Introducing entire functions of bounded  $L$ -index in direction (see [1]) we have to impose additional conditions to a continuous function  $L : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ . We suppose that  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  (see below (5)). It is necessary to establish criteria of boundedness of  $L$ -index in direction and to apply  $L$ -index for solutions of partial differential equations or for entire functions with “plane” zeros [3].

Such conditions describe a behavior of slice function  $L(z^0 + t\mathbf{b})$ ,  $z^0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ . It provides that function  $L$  does not rapidly change as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . In one-dimensional case Sheremeta M.M. [5] used a class  $Q$  of positive continuous functions  $l = l(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ , satisfying some additional conditions. In fact,  $l(t) = \ln |t|$ ,  $l(t) = |t|^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$  belong to  $Q$ .

It is interesting: what are examples of functions from  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ ? To answer the question we consider compositions of functions from  $Q$ . Thus, it is a natural question: how to build a function  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  by a function  $l \in Q$ ?

### 1 PRELIMINARIES AND DENOTATIONS

For  $\eta > 0$ ,  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and a positive continuous function  $L : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  we define

$$\lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) = \inf \left\{ \frac{L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) = \inf \{ \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) : t_0 \in \mathbb{C} \}, \quad \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta) = \inf \{ \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) : z \in \mathbb{C}^n \}, \quad (2)$$

and

$$\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) = \sup \left\{ \frac{L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\}, \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) = \sup\{\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) : t_0 \in \mathbb{C}\}, \quad \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta) = \sup\{\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) : z \in \mathbb{C}^n\}. \quad (4)$$

By  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  we denote the class of functions  $L$ , which for all  $\eta \geq 0$  satisfy the condition

$$0 < \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta) \leq \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta) < +\infty. \quad (5)$$

For a positive continuous function  $l(t)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $t_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\eta > 0$  we denote  $\lambda_1(t_0, \eta) \equiv \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(0, t_0, \eta)$  and  $\lambda_2(t_0, \eta) \equiv \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(0, t_0, \eta)$  in the case  $z = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 1$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $L \equiv l$ , and

$$\lambda_1(\eta) = \inf\{\lambda_1(t_0, \eta) : t_0 \in \mathbb{C}\}, \quad \lambda_2(\eta) = \sup\{\lambda_2(t_0, \eta) : t_0 \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

As in [5], by  $Q$  we denote the class of positive continuous functions  $l(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ , which satisfy the condition:  $0 < \lambda_1(\eta) \leq \lambda_2(\eta) < +\infty$  for all  $\eta \geq 0$ . In particular,  $Q = Q_1^1$ .

## 2 ELEMENTARY PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS FROM $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$

Investigating the properties of entire functions of bounded  $L$ -index in direction we obtained following propositions about class  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ .

**Lemma 1** ([1]). *If  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , then  $L \in Q_{\theta\mathbf{b}}^n$  for every  $\theta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , and if  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}_1}^n$  and  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}_2}^n$  then  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}_1+\mathbf{b}_2}^n$  for any  $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .*

For  $l \in Q$  we denote

$$l_1(t, w) = (|t| + |w| + 1)l(tw), \quad l_2(t, w) = (|w| + 1)l(tw), \quad l_3(t, w) = (|t| + 1)l(tw),$$

where  $t, w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 2** ([2]). *If  $l \in Q$ , then  $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^2$   $l_1 \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^2$ ,  $l_2 \in Q_{\mathbf{b}_1}^2$ ,  $l_3 \in Q_{\mathbf{b}_2}^2$ , where  $\mathbf{b}_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_2 = (0, 1)$ .*

For  $l \in Q$  we denote  $l_4(z) = l(|\langle z, m \rangle|)$ , where  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Lemma 3** ([4]). *If  $l \in Q$ , then  $l_4 \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and every  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .*

For  $l \in Q$  we denote  $l_5(z) = l(|z|)$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Lemma 4** ([4]). *If  $l \in Q$ , then  $l_5 \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  for every  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .*

It is easy to see that Lemmas 2, 3, 4 propose possible ways to construct a function  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  by a function  $l \in Q$ . Below we prove a generalization of Lemma 2 for  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (see Theorem 1).

Let  $L^*(z)$  be a positive continuous function in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . The denotation  $L \asymp L^*$  means that for some  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  the inequalities  $\theta_1 L(z) \leq L^*(z) \leq \theta_2 L(z)$  hold.

**Lemma 5.** *If  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  and  $L \asymp L^*$ , then  $L^* \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ .*

*Proof.* Using the definition of  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf \left\{ \frac{L^*(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L^*(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{L^*(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} \\ & \geq \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf \left\{ \frac{\theta_1 L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{\theta_2 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\theta_1 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} \\ & = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf \left\{ \frac{L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\theta_1 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

because  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ . Besides,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup \left\{ \frac{L^*(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L^*(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{L^*(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} \\ & \leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup \left\{ \frac{\theta_2 L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{\theta_1 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\theta_1 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} \\ & = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t_0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup \left\{ \frac{L(z + t\mathbf{b})}{L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\theta_1 L(z + t_0\mathbf{b})} \right\} < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $L^* \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ . □

### 3 MAIN THEOREM

Now we prove several propositions that indicate ways of construction of functions from the class  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If  $l \in Q$  and  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = c > 0$ , then  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , where*

$$L(z) = \frac{1}{c} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|)) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right), \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{j \in \emptyset} (\cdot) = 1.$$

*Proof.* Note that in the definition of  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  it is required that inequality (5) holds for all  $\eta > 0$ . But in view of (1)–(4) function  $\lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta)$  is nonincreasing and  $\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta)$  is nondecreasing. So it is sufficient to require in definition of  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$  that inequality (5) is true for all  $\eta \geq 1$ . Indeed let this inequality holds for  $\eta^* > 1$ . Then for all  $\tilde{\eta}$  such that  $0 < \tilde{\eta} < 1 \leq \eta^* < +\infty$ , the following inequalities hold  $\lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(\tilde{\eta}) \geq \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta^*) > 0$ ,  $\lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(\tilde{\eta}) \leq \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(\eta^*) < +\infty$ . Thus inequality (5) holds for all  $\eta > 0$ . Below we assume that  $\eta \geq 1$ .

Besides, we suppose that  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = 1$ . If this infimum does not equal 1, then we can consider the function  $\tilde{l}(t) = \frac{l(t)}{\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\}}$ , for which this equality holds.

So we consider the case  $\eta \geq 1$  and  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = 1$ . We shall prove that for all  $\eta \geq 1$  the following inequalities hold

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|)) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. / \left( \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right) \right) : \right. \\ & \quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right)} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right)} \right\} > 0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right) \right. \\ \left. / \left( \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right) \right) : \right. \\ \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right)} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right)} \right\} < \infty. \quad (7)$$

For this end we use the fact that  $l \in Q$ . According to our choice  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = 1$  and

$$\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right) \geq 1.$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$|t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right)} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right)} \leq \eta. \quad (8)$$

It remains to estimate the module

$$\left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| = \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - (z_1 + b_1 t^0) \prod_{j=2}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left( (z_1 + b_1 t^0) \prod_{j=2}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^2 (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=3}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right) + \dots \right. \\ \left. + \left( \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=k}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^k (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right) + \dots \right. \\ \left. + \left( (z_j + b_n t) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (z_j + b_j t^0) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right) \right|. \quad (9)$$

We estimate each of obtained  $n$  differences separately. In particular  $n$ -th difference can be estimated as

$$\left| (z_j + b_n t) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (z_j + b_j t^0) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_n| |t - t^0| \\ \leq \frac{\eta \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_n|}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right) \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right)}.$$

Applying the inequality (8) and using that  $\eta > 1$ ,  $(n - 1)$ -th differences can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=n-1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (z_j + b_j t^0) (z_j + b_j t) \right| = \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |t - t^0| |z_n + b_n t| \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |t - t^0| |z_n + b_n t^0 + b_n(t - t^0)| \\
 &\leq \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq n-1}}^n |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |t - t^0| + \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |b_n| |t - t^0|^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\eta \prod_{j=1, j \neq n-1}^n |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}|}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \\
 &+ \frac{\eta^2 \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |b_n|}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\eta^2 \left( \prod_{j=1, j \neq n-1}^n |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| + \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} |z_j + b_j t^0| |b_{n-1}| |b_n| \right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For arbitrary  $k$ -th difference,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , of (9) we can obtain estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=k}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^k (z_j + b_j t^0) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (z_j + b_j t) \right| \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n |z_j + b_j t| |b_k| |t - t^0| \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n |z_j + b_j t^0 + b_j(t - t^0)| |b_k| |t - t^0| \\
 &\leq \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j| |t - t^0|) |b_k| |t - t^0| \\
 &\leq \frac{\eta |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j| \eta)}{\left(1 + \prod_{j=1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) - \prod_{j=1}^n |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\eta^{n-k} |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)}{\left(1 + \prod_{j=1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) - \prod_{j=1}^n |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, returning to (9) and considering that  $\eta^j \leq \eta^n$  for all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , we obtain the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| \\
& \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\eta^{n-k} |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \frac{1}{1} \\
& \leq \eta^n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \\
& \quad \times \frac{1}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right)} \\
& \leq \frac{\eta^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \frac{1}{1} \\
& \leq \frac{\eta^n}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then for all  $\eta \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \right. \\
& \quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right)} \right\} \\
& \geq \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|) \right)\right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)\right)} : |t - t^0| \leq \eta \right\} \\
& \quad \times \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

The first factor in the obtained inequality is a fractional rational expression with the same

degrees of the numerator and denominator by variable  $z_j$ , and by  $t, t^0$ , respectively. Thus the corresponding infimum is not equal to zero. Suppose that the second expression equals zero.

Then there exists sequences  $(z^p), (t_p^0)$ , for which

$$\inf_t \left\{ \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t_p^0)\right)} \right\}_{p \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

Denoting  $u_p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t)$ , and  $v_p(t_p^0) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0)$ , we obtain that

$$\inf_t \left\{ \frac{l(u_p(t))}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u_p(t) - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\}_{p \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

But

$$\inf_t \left\{ \frac{l(u_p(t))}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u_p(t) - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\} \geq \inf_u \left\{ \frac{l(u)}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\},$$

and  $\inf_{v \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_u \left\{ \frac{l(u)}{l(v)} : |u - v| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v)} \right\} = 0$ , that contradicts the condition  $l \in Q$ . Thus, the second factor in (10) is also positive, so the inequality (6) is correct.

Using similar considerations, we can prove the similar inequality for sup. Indeed, for all  $\eta \geq 1$  the following inequalities hold

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|)\right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)\right)} \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \right. \\ & \quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)\right)} \right\} \\ & \leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|)\right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)\right)} : \right. \\ & \quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0|\right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)\right)} \right\} \\ & \times \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + |b_j t| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t| + |b_j|)\right)\right)}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|)\right)\right)} : |t - t^0| \leq \eta \right\}.$$

As above for infimum in the first brackets we obtain a fractional rational expression with the same degrees of the numerator and denominator by  $z_j$ , and by  $t, t^0$  respectively. Hence corresponding supremum does not equal infinity. Suppose that the second expression is equal to infinity. Then there exist  $(z^p), (t_p^0)$  with property

$$\sup_t \left\{ \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t_p^0)\right)} \right\} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} \infty.$$

Denoting  $u_p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t)$ , and  $v_p(t_p^0) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j^p + b_j t_p^0)$ , we obtain

$$\sup_t \left\{ \frac{l(u_p(t))}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u_p(t) - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} \infty.$$

But

$$\sup_t \left\{ \frac{l(u_p(t))}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u_p(t) - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\} \leq \sup_u \left\{ \frac{l(u)}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} : |u - v_p(t_p^0)| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v_p(t_p^0))} \right\},$$

and  $\sup_{v \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_u \left\{ \frac{l(u)}{l(v)} : |u - v| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(v)} \right\} = \infty$ , that contradicts the condition  $l \in Q$ . Thus, the second factor in (11) is also positive, so the inequality (7) is valid. Hence, we deduce that the function

$$\frac{1}{c} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|)\right)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j\right)$$

belongs to the class  $Q_b^n$ . □

#### 4 REMARKS TO MAIN THEOREM

**Remark 1.** The condition  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = c > 0$  is not essential. In fact, every function  $l \in Q$ , which satisfies the equality  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = 0$ , can be replaced by the function  $l(t) + 1$ , which also belongs to the class  $Q$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, for the positive continuous function  $l(t)$  the inequality holds

$$\frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} \leq \frac{l(t) + 1}{l(t_0) + 1} < \frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} + 1, \quad (12)$$

where the right part is true for all  $t, t_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , and the left part is true for all  $t, t_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $l(t) \leq l(t_0)$ . The right inequality is equivalent to the following

$$l(t_0)(l(t) + 1) < (l(t) + l(t_0))(l(t_0) + 1) \quad \text{or} \quad l(t_0)l(t) + l(t_0) < l(t)l(t_0) + l^2(t_0) + l(t) + l(t_0),$$



i. e.  $0 < l^2(t_0) + l(t)$ . But this inequality holds for the function  $l(t)$  for all  $t, t_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

From the left part we similarly obtain  $l(t)l(t_0) + l(t) \leq l(t_0)(l(t) + 1)$ . Hence  $l(t) \leq l(t_0)$ .

Evaluating the supremum for the right part of inequality (12) and the infimum for the left side and using that  $l(t) \in Q$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \inf \left\{ \frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0)}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} &\leq \inf \left\{ \frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0) + 1}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &\leq \inf \left\{ \frac{l(t) + 1}{l(t_0) + 1} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0) + 1}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \left\{ \frac{l(t) + 1}{l(t_0) + 1} : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0) + 1}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \left\{ \frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} + 1 : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0) + 1}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \left\{ \frac{l(t)}{l(t_0)} + 1 : |t - t_0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l(t_0)}, t \in \mathbb{C} \right\} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

These inequalities imply  $l(t) + 1 \in Q$ . □

**Remark 2.** In fact, analysis of the proof of Theorem 1 indicates that we can somehow decrease function  $L$ . For each  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , such that  $\prod_{j=1}^n |b_j| \neq 0$ ,  $l \in Q$  and  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = c > 0$ , we have  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , where

$$L(z) = \frac{1}{c} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|)) \right).$$

The appearance of term 1 in the proof of Theorem 1 is necessary for lower estimate of the function  $\left( \sum_{k=1}^n (|b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|)) \right)^j$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We can take the direction  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{b} / \prod_{j=1}^n |b_j|$  instead of  $\mathbf{b}$  under the previous condition  $\prod_{j=1}^n |b_j| \neq 0$ , because by Lemma 1 the function  $L$  belongs to the class  $Q_{\theta \tilde{\mathbf{b}}}^n$ , with  $\theta = \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^n |b_j|}$ .

Then all considerations of previous theorem should be repeated, omitting the term 1 in the appropriate places. Alternatively we can take a larger function.

**Remark 3.** If  $l^* \in Q$ ,  $l \in Q$ ,  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = c > 0$ , and for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  the following inequalities hold

$$l^* \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \geq c_1 \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right) \right)$$

and

$$l^* \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \leq c_2 \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) - \prod_{j=1}^n |z_j| \right),$$

then  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , where  $L(z) = \frac{1}{c} l^* \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right) l \left( \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ ,  $c_1 > 0$ ,  $c_2 > 0$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may suppose  $\inf\{l(t) : t \in \mathbb{C}\} = 1$  as in Theorem 1. Then we can repeat the considerations of this theorem, taking everywhere the function  $l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j\right)$  instead of

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right).$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| &\leq \eta^n \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j + b_j t^0| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j + b_j t^0| + |b_j|) \right)}{\min\{1, c_1^n\} l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^n}{\min\{c_1, c_1^{n+1}\} l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Denoting  $\tilde{c} = \min\{c_1, c_1^{n+1}\}$ , for all  $\eta \geq 1$  we obtain the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \right. \\ &\quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\} \\ &\geq \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{\tilde{c} l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\} \\ &\times \inf_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \inf_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \inf_t \left\{ \frac{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \left| \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0) \right| \leq \frac{\eta^n}{\tilde{c} l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Since  $l(t) \in Q$ , by similar considerations as in Theorem 1 it can be showed that the product in (13) is greater than zero. It is obviously that we can prove

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \sup_{t^0 \in \mathbb{C}} \sup_t \left\{ \frac{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t)\right)}{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} : \right. \\ &\quad \left. |t - t^0| \leq \frac{\eta}{l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right) l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (z_j + b_j t^0)\right)} \right\} < \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

In view of (13), (14) we obtain that the function  $l^*\left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j\right)l\left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j\right)$  belongs to the class  $Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.** We can take the following functions

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) - \prod_{j=1}^n |z_j| \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right)$$

instead of the expression  $\sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right)$  in Theorem 1.

It follows from Lemma 5 and notion

$$1 + \prod_{j=1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) - \prod_{j=1}^n |z_j| \asymp 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right) \asymp 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |b_k| \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} |z_j| \prod_{j=k+1}^n (|z_j| + |b_j|) \right).$$

**Proposition 1.** If  $L \in Q_{\mathbf{b}}^n$ , then for every  $z^0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we have  $l_{z^0} \in Q$  ( $l_{z^0}(t) \equiv L(z^0 + t\mathbf{b})$ ).

*Proof.* We remark that (1)–(5) imply for every  $z^0 \in \mathbb{C}^n, t \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\forall \eta > 0 \quad 0 < \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) \leq \lambda_1^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) \leq 1 \leq \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, t_0, \eta) \leq \lambda_2^{\mathbf{b}}(z, \eta) < +\infty.$$

These inequalities imply that  $l_{z^0} \in Q$ .  $\square$

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