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## On the modulus of continuity for starlike mappings

*Dedicated to our friend Jan Krzyż*

ABSTRACT. For a conformal mapping of the unit disk onto a starlike domain with boundary in a given annulus we derive an estimate for the modulus of continuity of the boundary correspondence function. The result is in some sense asymptotically sharp.

**1. Introduction and results.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Jordan curve starshaped w.r. to  $w = 0$  and lying in  $\{w : 1 \leq |w| \leq R\}$  for some  $R > 1$ , let  $G := \text{int } \Gamma$ , and let  $f$  be a conformal map of the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  in the  $z$ -plane onto  $G$  with  $f(0) = 0$ , extended continuously to  $\bar{\mathbb{D}}$ . Finally let  $\arg f(e^{i\tau}) = \vartheta(\tau)$  which increases continuously with  $\tau$ . We are interested in the modulus of continuity of this function:

$$(1.1) \quad \omega_{\Gamma}(\delta) := \max\{|\vartheta(\tau) - \vartheta(\sigma)| : |\tau - \sigma| \leq \delta\} \quad (\delta > 0),$$

which was recently investigated by Stylianopoulos and Wegert [4]. They have shown that

$$(1.2) \quad \omega_{\Gamma}(\delta) \leq (6 + \pi \log R) \frac{1}{|\log \delta|} \quad \text{if } 0 < \delta < \frac{1}{4}.$$

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We shall complement this estimate by a two-sided estimate which shows that we can omit "6" in (1.2) if "1" is replaced by "1 +  $\varepsilon$ ", provided that  $\delta$  is sufficiently small.

To state our result we introduce

$$(1.3) \quad \omega(\delta) := \sup\{\omega_\Gamma(\delta) : \Gamma \text{ as above}\} \quad \text{for } \delta > 0.$$

This quantity can be expressed by a certain harmonic measure, and this will give the following two-sided estimate for  $\omega(\delta)$ .

**Theorem.** *For given  $R > 1$  and given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta_0 = \delta_0(R, \varepsilon) > 0$  such that for  $\delta < \delta_0$*

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log \delta|} \left[ 1 + \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{|\log \delta|} \log |\log \delta| \right] < \omega(\delta) < \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log \delta|} \left[ 1 + \frac{\pi + \varepsilon}{|\log \delta|} \log |\log \delta| \right].$$

**Corollary.** *Under the conditions of this theorem, we have*

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log \delta|} < \omega(\delta) < \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log \delta|} (1 + \varepsilon) \quad \text{for } \delta < \delta_1(R, \varepsilon).$$

Our proof gives, in principle, the possibility to derive a concrete  $\delta_0(R, \varepsilon)$  and  $\delta_1(R, \varepsilon)$ . But we will omit the lengthy calculations.

**Remarks. 1.** For every fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is no  $R_0(\varepsilon) > 1$  such that the right-hand side of (1.4), (1.5) holds for all  $R < R_0(\varepsilon)$  and all sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ .

**2.** The theorem can immediately be generalized to quasiconformal mappings. We only have to write such a mapping as the composition of a quasiconformal mapping of the unit disk onto itself (with the well-known Hölder continuity) and a conformal mapping.

**2. Reduction of the problem.** For a given curve  $\Gamma$  we take  $\sigma, \tau$  with  $|\tau - \sigma| \leq \delta$  and try to estimate  $|\vartheta(\tau) - \vartheta(\sigma)|$ . Obviously, we can assume without loss of generality that

$$\sigma = 0, \quad 0 < \tau \leq \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta(0) = 0, \quad \text{i.e. } \arg f(1) = 0,$$

so that we have to estimate  $\vartheta(\tau)$ . Since  $\vartheta(\tau)$  increases with  $\tau$ , it suffices to estimate  $\vartheta(\delta)$ . Let  $\Gamma_\delta$  be the subarc of  $\Gamma$  with  $0 \leq \vartheta \leq \vartheta(\delta)$  which is the image of  $\gamma_\delta := \{z = e^{i\varphi} : 0 \leq \varphi \leq \delta\}$  under the mapping  $f$ .

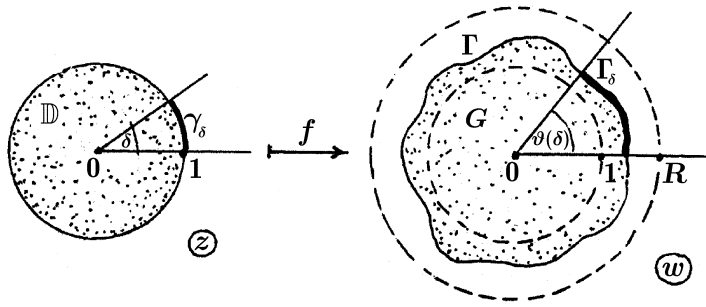


FIG. 1

Because of its conformal invariance, the harmonic measure of  $\Gamma_\delta$  with respect to  $w = 0$  is

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\delta}{2\pi} = \omega(0, \Gamma_\delta, G).$$

We now replace  $G$  by

$$(2.2) \quad G' := \mathbb{D} \cup \{w : |w| < R, 0 < \arg w < \vartheta(\delta)\}$$

and  $\Gamma_\delta$  by the circular arc  $\Gamma'_\delta$  (Fig. 2). Now  $\partial G'$  consists of  $\Gamma'_\delta$ , of a part of the unit circle, and both are connected by two radial line segments. In other words, we push  $\Gamma_\delta$  outwards to the circle  $\{w : |w| = R\}$  to get  $\Gamma'_\delta$ , while we push  $\Gamma \setminus \Gamma_\delta$  inwards to the unit circle.

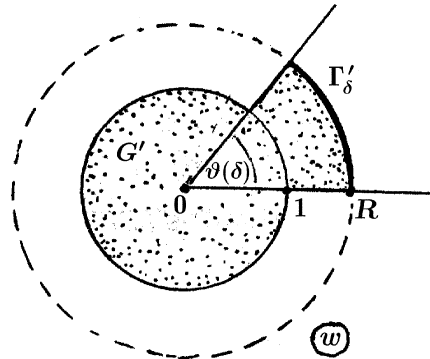


FIG. 2

Now it is readily seen that the functions  $\omega(w, \Gamma_\delta, G)$  and  $\omega(w, \Gamma'_\delta, G')$  are harmonic in  $g := G \cap G'$  and that

$$\omega(w, \Gamma_\delta, G) \geq \omega(w, \Gamma'_\delta, G') \quad \text{for } w \in \partial g.$$

By the maximum principle this holds also for  $w = 0$ , and (2.1) gives

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{\delta}{2\pi} = \omega(0, \Gamma_\delta, G) \geq \omega(0, \Gamma'_\delta, G'),$$

with equality if and only if  $\Gamma_\delta = \Gamma'_\delta$  and  $G = G'$ . The right-hand side depends only on  $\vartheta(\delta)$  and no longer on the shape of  $\Gamma_\delta$ , and we get from (2.3)

$$(2.4) \quad \delta \geq 2\pi \omega(0, \Gamma'_\delta, G') =: h(\vartheta(\delta)) \quad \text{for all } \delta \text{ with } 0 < \delta < 2\pi.$$

Notice that  $h(\vartheta)$  increases with  $\vartheta$ , so that (2.4) implies  $\vartheta(\delta) \leq h^{-1}(\delta)$ . This gives our upper estimate of the desired type

$$(2.5) \quad \omega_\Gamma(\delta) \leq h^{-1}(\delta) \quad \text{for all } \delta \text{ with } 0 < \delta < 2\pi.$$

Although  $\partial G' =: \Gamma'$  is not starshaped w.r. to  $w = 0$ , we can approximate  $\Gamma'$  arbitrarily close by bending the straight line pieces of  $\Gamma'$  slightly to get a starshaped Jordan curve which has modulus of continuity near that of  $\Gamma'$ . This argument shows that the *upper bound in (2.5) is best possible, i.e. cannot be decreased*. In other words

$$(2.6) \quad \omega(\delta) = \sup\{\omega_\Gamma(\delta) : \Gamma\} = h^{-1}(\delta).$$

**3. A lemma for harmonic measure.** We now have to estimate in (2.4) the harmonic measure  $h(\vartheta(\delta))$ . For simplicity we write in what follows  $h(\vartheta)$  instead of  $h(\vartheta(\delta))$ . The main tool for estimating  $h(\vartheta)$  is a connection with a conformal module for which we then can use known estimates.

**a.** For this purpose we use the following scheme.

With the square root transformation  $\sqrt{w}$  we obtain from the two-sheeted  $G'$  a quadrilateral in the plane  $\sqrt{w}$  which is symmetric with respect to 0 whose opposite sides are circular arcs  $\sqrt{R} \cdots \sqrt{R}e^{i\vartheta/2}$  and  $-\sqrt{R} \cdots -\sqrt{R}e^{i\vartheta/2}$ .

With the in the scheme prescribed Riemann mapping  $W = W(w)$  our harmonic measure obviously satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad h(\vartheta) = \frac{\theta}{\pi},$$

where  $e^{2i\theta}$  is the image of  $Re^{i\vartheta}$ .

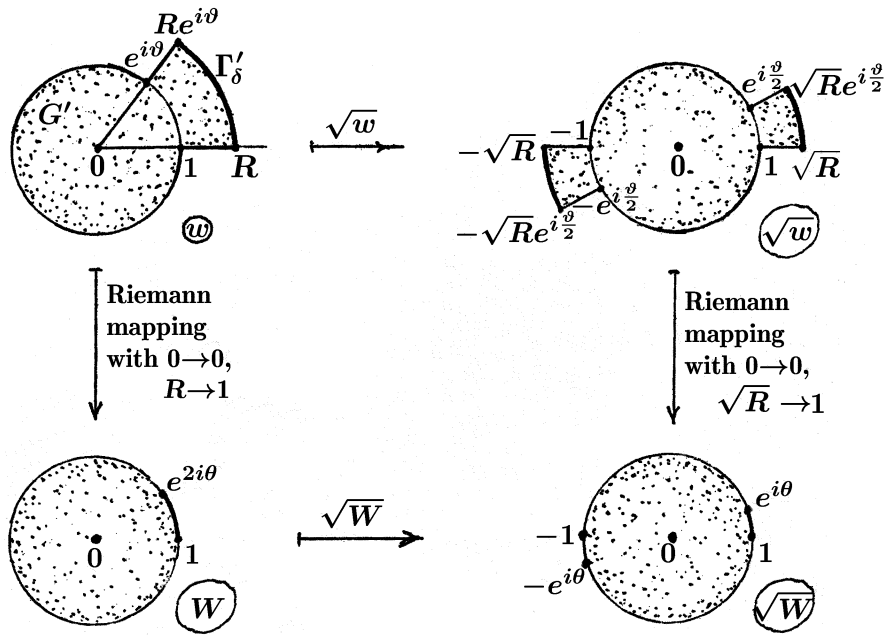


FIG. 3

Now the relation between the conformal module  $\mathfrak{M}$  of the quadrilateral in the plane  $\sqrt{w}$  (resp. the image in the plane  $\sqrt{W}$ ) and the harmonic measure  $h(\vartheta) = \theta/\pi$  is given in the following lemma; see also [3], Theorem 2.75.

**Lemma.** *With the usual notation  $\mu(\dots)$  of the module of Grötzsch's extremal domain (see [2], p. 53) we have*

$$(3.2) \quad \mathfrak{M} = \frac{\pi}{2\mu(\sin \frac{\theta}{2})} = \frac{K(\sin \frac{\theta}{2})}{K(\cos \frac{\theta}{2})}$$

( $K =$  elliptic integral of the first kind).

**Proof.** Under the Möbius transformation  $\zeta(\mathfrak{w})$  defined by

$$\zeta = -i \frac{1 - \mathfrak{w}}{1 + \mathfrak{w}}$$

the unit disk in the  $\mathfrak{w} = \sqrt{W}$ -plane is mapped on the lower  $\zeta$ -halfplane with

$$1 \rightarrow 0, \quad -1 \rightarrow \infty, \quad e^{i\theta} \rightarrow -\operatorname{tg} \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad -e^{i\theta} \rightarrow \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

We now consider the  $\zeta$ -plane with cuts along the segment  $-\operatorname{tg} \frac{\theta}{2} \cdots 0$  and the ray  $\operatorname{ctg} \frac{\theta}{2} \cdots +\infty$  as a Teichmüller extremal domain (see [2], p. 55). The corresponding module  $M$  (= logarithm of the quotient  $> 1$  of the radii of a conformally equivalent annulus) satisfies

$$M = 2\mu \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right).$$

Because of conformal invariance  $\mathfrak{M}$  is also the conformal module of the lower half of our Teichmüller extremal domain, considered as a quadrilateral with obvious opposite sides. This yields

$$\mathfrak{M} = \frac{\pi}{M} = \frac{\pi}{2\mu(\sin \frac{\theta}{2})}.$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**b.** The inequality

$$(3.3) \quad \log \frac{(1 + \sqrt{1 - r^2})^2}{r} < \mu(r) < \log \frac{4}{r}$$

(see [2], p. 61, in our case  $r = \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$ ) gives us with (3.2)

$$\frac{\pi/2}{\log \frac{4}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}} < \mathfrak{M} < \frac{\pi/2}{\log \frac{(1 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2})^2}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}},$$

or with  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} > \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{24}\right)$  and  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} < \frac{\theta}{2}$ ,  $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} > 1 - \frac{\theta}{\pi}$

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{\pi/2}{\log \frac{8}{\theta \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{24}\right)}} < \mathfrak{M} < \frac{\pi/2}{\log \frac{2 \left(2 - \frac{\theta}{\pi}\right)^2}{\theta}}.$$

**4. Proof of (1.4) (left-hand side).** Our aim is the connection between  $\vartheta$  and the harmonic measure  $h = \frac{\theta}{\pi}$ . Because we have by the lemma a connection between  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\theta$ , we need only a connection between  $\vartheta$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$ . So we have to consider  $\mathfrak{M}$  as a function of  $\vartheta$ .

After a conformal mapping of the plane  $\sqrt{w}$  under the logarithm we can reduce this problem with the Schwarz-Christoffel formula to the discussion of an elliptic integral (for this reason it is enough to study a quarter of the domain in the plane  $\sqrt{w}$  which is a pentagon).

But we prefer to estimate  $\mathfrak{M}$  in what follows in both directions using module estimates.

An upper estimate follows easily by using classical inequalities for the comparison of modules. We introduce three quadrilaterals  $\mathfrak{V}_1, \mathfrak{V}_2, \mathfrak{V}_3$  with modules  $\text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_k$  as parts of our whole quadrilateral with the module  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

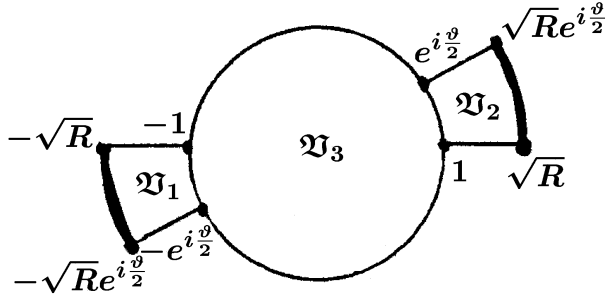


FIG. 4

Namely, define the quadrilaterals  $\mathfrak{V}_k$  as follows

- $\mathfrak{V}_1$ : opposite sides = segments  $-\sqrt{R} \dots -1$  and  $-\sqrt{R}e^{i\vartheta/2} \dots -e^{i\vartheta/2}$   
other sides = circular arcs with radii 1 and  $\sqrt{R}$  (see Fig. 4),
- $\mathfrak{V}_2$ : opposite sides = segments  $1 \dots \sqrt{R}$  and  $e^{i\vartheta/2} \dots \sqrt{R}e^{i\vartheta/2}$  other  
sides = circular arcs with radii 1 and  $\sqrt{R}$ ,
- $\mathfrak{V}_3$ : opposite sides = arcs  $-1 \dots e^{i\vartheta/2}$  and  $-e^{i\vartheta/2} \dots 1$  on the unit circle,  
other sides = remaining arcs on the unit circle.

Then we have immediately

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^3 \text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_k \leq \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}}.$$

Here we have

$$\text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_1 = \text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_2 = \frac{\log R}{\vartheta}.$$

Further we obtain from (3.2) (replacing  $\theta$  by  $\vartheta/2$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  by  $1/\text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_3$ )

$$\text{mod } \mathfrak{V}_3 = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu\left(\sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}\right).$$

The resulting inequality

$$\frac{2 \log R}{\vartheta} + \frac{2}{\pi} \mu\left(\sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}}$$

leaves us because of (3.3) with

$$\frac{2 \log R}{\vartheta} + \frac{2}{\pi} \log \frac{(1 + \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4})^2}{\sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \leq \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}},$$

$$\frac{2 \log R}{\vartheta} \left[ 1 + \frac{\vartheta}{\pi \log R} \left( \log \frac{16}{\vartheta} - \frac{\vartheta^2}{3} + \dots \right) \right] \leq \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}}$$

(... even powers of  $\vartheta$  starting with  $\vartheta^4$ ),

$$\vartheta \geq 2 \mathfrak{M} \log R \cdot \left[ 1 + \frac{\vartheta}{\pi \log R} \left( \log \frac{16}{\vartheta} - \frac{\vartheta^2}{3} + \dots \right) \right],$$

especially  $\vartheta \geq 2 \mathfrak{M} \log R$  (for small  $\vartheta$ ), therefore

$$(4.2) \quad \vartheta \geq 2 \mathfrak{M} \log R \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \mathfrak{M} \left( \log \frac{8}{\mathfrak{M} \log R} - \frac{1}{3} (2 \mathfrak{M} \log R)^2 + \dots \right) \right],$$

because the function  $\vartheta \left( \log \frac{16}{\vartheta} - \frac{\vartheta^2}{3} + \dots \right)$  is monotonically increasing (for small  $\vartheta$ ).

Now we combine this with

$$(4.3) \quad \mathfrak{M} \geq \frac{\pi/2}{\left( \log \frac{8}{\theta} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{\theta^2 + \dots + \theta^4 + \dots}{24 \log \frac{8}{\theta}} \right]}$$

(see (3.4)). Because of

$$\log \frac{8}{\theta} = \left( \log \frac{1}{2\theta} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{\log 16}{\log \frac{1}{2\theta}} \right]$$

this finally yields

$$(4.4) \quad \vartheta \geq \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log 2\theta|} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{|\log 2\theta|} \log |\log 2\theta| + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{|\log 2\theta|} \right) \right].$$

Because we have considered the extremal situation, (4.4) gives us after replacing  $\vartheta$  by  $\omega$  and  $\theta$  by  $\frac{\delta}{2}$  the left-hand side of (1.4).

To *prove the remark* after (1.5), take a fixed small  $\theta = \frac{\delta}{2}$  and consider  $R \rightarrow 1$ . Because of (3.2)  $\mathfrak{M}$  is also fixed, and therefore

$$\mathfrak{M} \cdot \log \frac{8}{\mathfrak{M} \log R} \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{for } R \rightarrow 1.$$



So the remark follows from (4.2).

**5. Proof of (1.4) (right-hand side).** We use a continuous analogue of the classical Grötzsch module estimate for families of curves which depend on a parameter (see [1]):

$$(5.1) \quad \mathfrak{M} \geq \int \frac{dt}{\int_{\mathfrak{C}(t)} \frac{ds}{a}}.$$

Here  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  are sufficiently smooth arcs in the quadrilateral with module  $\mathfrak{M}$ , which connect the opposite sides. For different values of parameter  $t$  the corresponding  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  are disjoint, and the dependence on the parameter  $t$  is also sufficiently smooth. It is not necessary that the arcs  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  fill the quadrilateral completely. Moreover,  $s$  is the arc-length on the corresponding  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$ , and  $a dt$  is the infinitesimal distance between the arcs  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  and  $\mathfrak{C}(t+dt)$ . In this way a function  $a$  is defined at all points situated on a curve  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$ .

In our case we use the following concrete family of arcs  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$ .

Instead of the quadrilateral of Fig. 3 in the plane  $\sqrt{w}$  we use the following quadrilateral of Fig. 5 which has the same module  $\mathfrak{M}$  because of symmetry. Every  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  consists of three segments  $\mathfrak{C}_1(t)$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}_3(t)$  as shown in Fig. 5 with the given endpoints. The parameter  $t$  is defined by the endpoints  $e^{it}$  of  $\mathfrak{C}_1(t)$ ,  $0 < t < \vartheta/4$ . In this way we have for points with the same  $t$  a linear correspondence in the arc-length between: a.) the points of the arc  $1 \cdots e^{i\vartheta/4}$  of the unit circle, b.) the points of the arc  $\sqrt{R} \cdots \sqrt{R}e^{i\vartheta/4}$  of the circle with center 0 and radius  $\sqrt{R}$ , c.) the points of the segment  $\cos \frac{\vartheta}{4} \cdots e^{i\vartheta/4}$ , and d.) the points of the segment  $0 \cdots i$ .

To get an estimate of the right hand side of (5.1) we start with

$$(5.2) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{C}_1(t)} \frac{ds}{a} = \int_1^{\sqrt{R}} \frac{ds}{s} = \log \sqrt{R}.$$

For the corresponding part of  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$  it is enough to have a rough estimate. An elementary geometric consideration of  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$  gives us the boundedness of the angle  $\gamma$  between  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$  and the real axis. This means

$$(5.3) \quad \cos \gamma \geq c$$

with a universal constant  $c > 0$  (for example  $c = 0.6$ ). Because  $a$  attains its extremal values on  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$  at the endpoints, it is enough to estimate this quantity there. At the left-hand endpoint we have

$$a \geq \frac{4}{\vartheta} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} \cos \gamma,$$

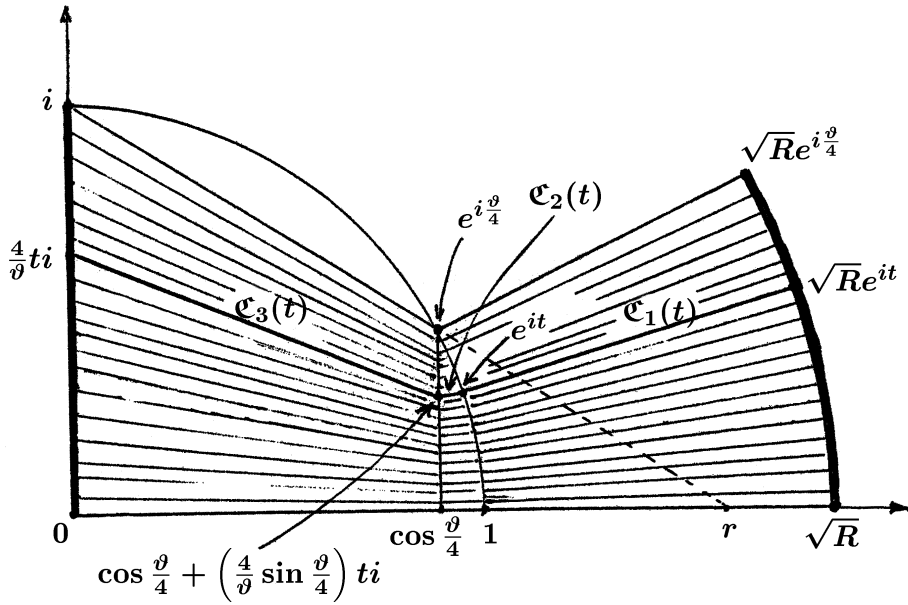


FIG. 5

because  $\frac{4}{\vartheta} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} dt$  is the orthogonal infinitesimal distance there (in the direction of the imaginary axis) between  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  and  $\mathfrak{C}(t+dt)$ . Mutatis mutandis we have at the right-hand endpoint

$$a \geq \cos \gamma \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \sin t = \cos \gamma \cos t \geq \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4} \cdot \cos \gamma.$$

Therefore we have on the whole segment  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$ :

$$a \geq \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4} \cos \gamma \geq c \cdot \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}.$$

Moreover, the length of  $\mathfrak{C}_2(t)$  is less than  $\frac{1}{c}(1 - \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4})$ . Therefore

$$(5.4) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{C}_2(t)} \frac{ds}{a} \leq \frac{1}{c \cdot \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}\right) \leq \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{4}\right)^2}{\cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}} = \frac{\vartheta^2}{32c^2 \cdot \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}}.$$

For the last part  $\int_{\mathfrak{C}_3(t)}$  in (5.1) let us denote by  $a' dt$  the orthogonal distance (in the direction of the imaginary axis) between  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$  and  $\mathfrak{C}(t+dt)$  at the corresponding point. Then obviously  $a \geq a'/\sqrt{2}$ . Let us further

denote by  $d\sigma$  the orthogonal projection of every element  $ds$  of  $\mathfrak{C}_3(t)$  on the real axis. Then  $\frac{ds}{d\sigma} < \sqrt{2}$ . Because  $a'$  is a linear function of  $\sigma$ , we have

$$(5.5) \quad a' = \frac{\sigma}{d} \cdot \frac{4}{\vartheta} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} \quad \text{with} \quad d = \frac{\cos \frac{\vartheta}{4} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}}{1 - \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}},$$

if we set  $\sigma = 0$  for the common real point of intersection

$$r = \frac{\cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}}{1 - \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}}$$

(see Fig. 5) of the prolongations of the  $\mathfrak{C}_3(t)$ . The value (5.5) for  $a'$  follows because we have for  $\sigma = d$  (corresponding to the right-hand endpoint of  $\mathfrak{C}_3(t)$ ) the value  $a' = \frac{4}{\vartheta} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}$ .

This altogether yields

$$(5.6) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{C}_3(t)} \frac{ds}{a} \leq \sqrt{2} \int_{\mathfrak{C}_3(t)} \frac{ds}{a'} = \sqrt{2} \int_d^r \frac{ds}{d\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{a'} \leq 2 \int_d^r \frac{d\sigma}{a'} = 2d \frac{\vartheta}{4} \frac{1}{\sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \int_d^r \frac{d\sigma}{\sigma} < \frac{\vartheta/2}{1 - \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \cdot \left| \log \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} \right|.$$

(If we use instead of the arcs  $\mathfrak{C}_3(t)$  a "better" curve family which fills the space under the unit circle, we get with much more lengthy calculations in the result (1.4) a smaller constant than  $\pi + \varepsilon$ .)

Collecting (5.2), (5.4), (5.6) we obtain from (5.1)

$$(5.7) \quad \mathfrak{M} \geq \frac{\vartheta}{4} \left[ \log \sqrt{R} + \frac{\vartheta^2}{32c^2 \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}} + \frac{\vartheta/2}{1 - \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \left| \log \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} \right| \right]^{-1}.$$

To obtain now an estimate of  $\vartheta$  with  $\mathfrak{M}$  from above we write (5.7) in the form

$$(5.8) \quad \vartheta \leq 2\mathfrak{M} \left[ \log R + \frac{\vartheta^2}{16c^2 \cos \frac{\vartheta}{4}} + \frac{\vartheta}{1 - \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}} \left| \log \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4} \right| \right].$$

If we compare the module  $\mathfrak{M}$  of our quadrilateral in Fig. 5 with the module of the rectangle with corners  $0, \sqrt{R}, i \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}, \sqrt{R} + i \sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}$ , we obtain additionally

$$\mathfrak{M} \geq \frac{\sin \frac{\vartheta}{4}}{\sqrt{R}} \geq \frac{\vartheta}{2\pi\sqrt{R}}, \quad \text{or} \quad \vartheta \leq 2\pi\sqrt{R}\mathfrak{M}.$$

Inserting this in the right-hand side of (5.8) we get

$$\vartheta \leq 2 \mathfrak{M} \left[ \log R + \mathcal{O} \left( \mathfrak{M} \log \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}} \right) \right].$$

And inserting this now in the right-hand side of (5.8) we arrive at

$$(5.9) \quad \vartheta \leq 2 \mathfrak{M} \left[ \log R + 2(\log R) \mathfrak{M} \log \frac{1}{\mathfrak{M}} + \mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{M}) \right].$$

Now we have to combine this with the inequality

$$(5.10) \quad \mathfrak{M} \leq \frac{\pi/2}{|\log 2\theta|} \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{|\log 2\theta|} \right) \right],$$

which follows from (3.4). This leaves us with

$$(5.11) \quad \vartheta \leq \frac{\pi \log R}{|\log 2\theta|} \left[ 1 + \frac{\pi}{|\log 2\theta|} \log |\log 2\theta| \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{\log |\log 2\theta|} \right) \right) \right].$$

Because we have considered the extremal situation, (5.11) gives us finally the right-hand side of (1.4) after replacing  $\vartheta$  by  $\omega$  and  $2\theta$  by  $\delta$ .

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