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Some Remarks on a Paper of M. S. Robertson

Kilka uwag o pewnej pracy M. S. Robertsona

Несколько заметок об одной работе М. С. Робертсона

**1. Introduction.** The aim of this paper is to establish two theorems A' and B' which are analogues of theorems A and B proved recently by M. S. Robertson, cf. [1]. In the statement of the Theorem B (due to M. S. Robertson) the notion of subordination plays a basic role, whereas in the statement of the Theorem B' an analogous role plays the inequality between the moduli of two functions regular in the unit disc.

**2. Main results.**

**Theorem A'.** Let  $w(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(t)z^n$  be regular in  $|z| < 1$  for any  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$  and let  $|w(z, t)| < 1$  in  $|z| < r$  for any  $r \in (0, 1)$  and for  $t \in (-\delta, \delta(r))$  whereas  $w(z, 0) = 1$ . If the limit

$$(1) \quad w(z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{w(z, t) - 1}{t^\varrho}$$

exists for a positive  $\varrho$ , then

$$(1') \quad R w(z) \leqslant 0$$

in  $|z| < 1$ .

**Proof.** The function  $u(z, t) = [w(z, t) - 1]/[w(z, t) + 1]$  is regular in  $|z| < 1$  and of negative real part in  $|z| < r$ . We have

$$(2) \quad R \frac{w(z, t) - 1}{t^\varrho} \frac{2}{w(z, t) + 1} = R \left\{ \frac{2u(z, t)}{t^\varrho} \right\} < 0.$$

The condition (1) implies the equality  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} w(z, t) = w(z, 0)$ , therefore in view of (2), we have  $R w(z) \leqslant 0$  in  $|z| < 1$ . The Theorem A' is proved.

**Theorem B'.** Suppose  $F(z, t)$  is a function regular in  $|z| < 1$  for any  $t \in \langle 0, \delta \rangle$ , vanishing at the origin for any  $t \in \langle 0, \delta \rangle$ . If  $f(z) = F(z, 0)$  is univalent in  $|z| < 1$ , if  $|F(z, t)| \leq |f(z)|$  in  $|z| < r$  for any  $r \in (0, 1)$ , for any  $t \in \langle 0, \delta(r) \rangle$  and if the limit

$$(3) \quad F(z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \frac{F(z, t) - F(z, 0)}{t^\varrho}$$

exists for a real and positive  $\varrho$ , then

$$(4) \quad R\left\{\frac{F(z)}{f(z)}\right\} \leq 0$$

in  $|z| < 1$ .

**Proof.** The inequality  $|F(z, t)| \leq |f(z)|$  is equivalent to the identity  $F(z, t) = f(z) w(z, t)$ , where  $|w(z, t)| < 1$  in  $|z| < r$ . Since  $F(z, 0) = f(z)$ , we have  $w(z, 0) = 1$ . Hence

$$(5) \quad \frac{F(z, t) - F(z, 0)}{t^\varrho} = f(z) \frac{w(z, t) - 1}{t^\varrho}.$$

The left hand side in (5) has a limit  $F(z)$  for  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , therefore the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} [w(z, t) - 1]/t^\varrho = w(z)$  exists. Since  $f'(0) \neq 0$ , we have in view of Theorem A',  $R\{F(z)/f(z)\} \leq 0$ .

**Corollary 1.** It is easy to see that, if  $w(z)$  (resp.  $F(z)$ ) are regular in  $|z| < 1$  and  $Rw(0) \neq 0$  (resp.  $R\{F(0)/f(0)\} \neq 0$ ) then the sign of equality in (1') and (4) is impossible (the maximum principle for harmonic functions).

### 3. Applications

Let  $S$  be the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  regular and univalent in  $|z| < 1$  and let  $\tilde{S}$  be the subclass of functions mapping the unit disc on spiral-like domains. It is well known [2] that  $f \in \tilde{S}$  if and only if the real part of  $e^{-i\varphi} zf'(z)/f(z)$  is positive for some real constant  $\varphi$ . For  $\varphi = 0$  we obtain the subclass  $S^*$  of functions mapping the unit disc on domains starshaped w.r.t. origin.

We now prove the following

**Theorem C'.** If  $f \in S$  then  $f \in \tilde{S}$  if and only, if there exists a  $\delta(r) > 0$  such that for any  $t \in \langle 0, \delta(r) \rangle$  the inequality

$$(6) \quad |f[z(1 - te^{-i\varphi})]| \leq |f(z)|$$

holds in the disc  $|z| < r$ ,  $r \in (0, 1)$  (for some real constant  $\varphi$ ).

**Proof. Necessity.** Put  $F(z, t) = f[z(1 - te^{-i\varphi})]$ . We have  $F(0, t) = 0$ ,  $F(z, 0) = f(z)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f[z(1 - te^{-i\varphi})] - f(z)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \frac{-ze^{-i\varphi}[f(z - zte^{-i\varphi}) - f(z)]}{-tze^{-i\varphi}} = \\ &= -e^{-i\varphi} zf'(z). \end{aligned}$$

From the Theorem B' we have  $R\{e^{-i\varphi} zf'(z)/f(z)\} > 0$  in  $|z| < 1$ , hence  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**Sufficiency.** Let now  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  and let  $F(z, t) = f[z(1 - te^{-i\varphi})]$ . We have for  $|z| < r$  and  $t > 0$ :  $\{\partial F(z, t)/\partial t\}/F(z, t)|_{t=0} = -ze^{-i\varphi} f'(z)/f(z)$  thus  $R\{F'_t/F\}_{t=0} < 0$  in  $|z| < r$  because  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ . The continuity of the function  $F'_t/F(z, t)$  with respect to  $t$ ,  $t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ , implies

$$(8) \quad R\{F'_t/F\} < 0$$

for  $t \in \langle 0, \delta(r) \rangle$ ,  $|z| < 1$ , and  $\delta$  sufficiently small. The condition (8) implies that for every fixed  $z$ ,  $|z| < r$ ,  $|F(z, t)|$  is a decreasing function of  $t$ . Since  $F(z, 0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} F(z, t) = f(z)$ , we have  $|F(z, t)| \leq |f(z)|$ ,  $t \in \langle 0, \delta(r) \rangle$ . The theorem C' is proved.

**Corollary 2.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if there exists a  $\delta(r) > 0$  such that  $|f[z(1 - t)]| \leq |f(z)|$  in  $|z| < r$  for any  $t \in \langle 0, \delta(r) \rangle$  and any  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

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#### Streszczenie

W pracy tej dowodzę dwu podstawowych twierdzeń A' i B', które pozwalają na charakteryzację pewnych klas funkcji holomorficznych w kole jednostkowym. W twierdzeniach tych główną rolę gra nierówność modułów funkcji holomorficznych. Twierdzenia te są pewnymi analogonami twierdzeń A i B Robertsona [1]. W zastosowaniu daje nieznane, o ile mi się wydaje, warunki konieczne i dostateczne na to, by funkcja  $f(z)$  holomorficzna i jednolistna w kole  $|z| < 1$  była funkcją spiralną.

**Резюме**

В этой работе я доказываю две основные теоремы  $A'$  и  $B'$ , которые позволяют характеризовать некоторые классы функций голоморфных в единичном круге. В этих теоремах главную роль играет неравенство модулей голоморфных функций. Эти теоремы являются некоторыми аналогиями теорем  $A$  и  $B$  Робертсона [1]. Как применение я даю новые, как думаю, необходимые и достаточные условия того, чтобы функция  $f(z)$  голоморфная и однолистная в круге  $|z| < 1$  была спиральной функцией.