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A Contribution to the Theory of Subordination

Pewien przyczynek do teorii podporządkowania

К некоторому вопросу подчинений

1. Introduction

Suppose the function  $f(z) = a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ ,  $a_1 \geq 0$ , is regular in  $K_\delta = \{z: |z| < \delta\}$  and  $F(z) = A_1z + A_2z^2 + \dots$ ,  $A_1 > 0$ , regular and univalent in  $K_\delta$ .

The function  $F(z)$  is said to be a domain majorant of  $f(z)$  in  $K_\varrho$ ,  $\varrho \leq \delta$ , resp.  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $F(z)$  if the map of  $K_\varrho$  under  $f$ , i.e.  $f(K_\varrho)$ , is contained in  $F(K_\varrho)$ . In this case we write  $(f, F, \varrho)$ .

On the other hand,  $F(z)$  is said to be a modular majorant of  $f(z)$  in  $K_\varrho$ , if  $|f(z)| \leq |F(z)|$  for any  $z \in K_\varrho$ . We write  $|f, F, \varrho|$  in the latter case.

Let  $S$  be the class of functions regular and univalent in  $K_1$  with usual normalization  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ .

As shown by Z. Lewandowski [1],  $|f, F, 1|$  implies  $|f', F', 2 - \sqrt{3}|$  for any  $F \in S$  and any  $f$  regular in  $K_1$  and satisfying  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) \geq 0$  and the constant  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  is the best possible. Even under supplementary assumption of starshapedness of both functions the constant  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  cannot be improved.

In this paper we obtain a result analogous to the just mentioned. We prove that  $|f, F, 1|$  implies  $(zf', zF', R_0)$  for any  $F \in S$  and any  $f$  univalent in  $K_1$  and satisfying  $f(0) > 0, f'(0) > 0$ , where  $R_0 = 0,143\dots$  is the positive root of the transcendental equation (4) below. The problem whether  $R_0$  is best possible, remains still open.

## 2. Preliminary remarks

Suppose  $P_\beta^{\delta}$  ( $\beta > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ) is the class of all functions  $\varphi(z) = \beta + \beta_1 z + \beta_2 z^2 + \dots$  regular in  $K_\delta$  and satisfying  $\operatorname{re} \varphi(z) > 0$  in  $K_\delta$ . For any  $\varphi \in P_\beta^{\delta}$  we have

$$(1) \quad |\arg \varphi(z)| \leq \arcsin(2r\delta/(r^2 + \delta^2)) = 2 \arctan(r/\delta)$$

where  $r = |z| < \delta$ . This can be easily deduced from the fact that the domain of variability of  $\varphi(z)$  for fixed  $z \in K_1$  and varying  $\varphi \in P_\beta^1$  is the closed disc with diameter

$$[\beta(1 - |z|)/(1 + |z|), \beta(1 + |z|)/(1 - |z|)].$$

Note that  $\varphi(z) \in P_\beta^{\delta}$  is equivalent to  $\varphi(\delta z) \in P_\beta^1$ .

Suppose that  $S_a$ ,  $a > 0$ , is the class of functions  $f(z) = az + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  regular and univalent in  $K_1$ . It is well known (cf. e.g. [3], p. 42) that for any  $f \in S_a$

$$(2) \quad |(1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)) - (1 + |z|^2)/(1 - |z|^2)| \leq 4|z|/(1 - |z|^2).$$

Suppose that  $C_\delta$  is the class of functions

$$\Phi(z, t) = a_1(t)z + a_2(t)z^2 + \dots$$

of  $z \in K_\delta$  and  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$  with  $a_1(t) > 0$  which satisfy the following conditions:

(A) for any fixed  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$  the function  $\Phi(z, t)$  is regular and univalent as a function of  $z \in K_\delta$ .

(B) for any fixed  $z \in K_\delta$  the function  $\Phi(z, t)$  is continuous in  $t$  and has a continuous derivative  $\Phi'_t(z, t)$  in  $[t_1, t_2]$ .

A function  $\Phi(z, t) \in C_\delta$  is said to be areally increasing in  $K_\varrho$ ,  $\varrho \leq \delta$ , if  $(\Phi(z, t'), \Phi(z, t''), \varrho)$  for any  $t_1 \leq t' < t'' \leq t_2$ . We write  $\Phi \uparrow^\varrho$  in this case.

A function  $\Phi(z, t) \in C_\delta$  is said to be absolutely increasing in  $K_\varrho$ ,  $\varrho \leq \delta$ , if  $|\Phi(z, t'), \Phi(z, t''), \varrho|$  for any  $t_1 \leq t' < t'' \leq t_2$ . We write  $|\Phi| \uparrow^\varrho$  in this case.

A. Bielecki and Z. Lewandowski [4] gave necessary and sufficient conditions of areal and absolute monotoneity. In the sequel we shall use the following

**Lemma.** If  $\Phi(z, t) \in C_\delta$  and

$$(3) \quad \text{either } |\arg [\Phi'_t(z, t)/z\Phi'_z(z, t)]| < \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ or } \Phi'_t(z, t) = 0.$$

for any  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$ ,  $z \in K_\varrho$ , then  $\Phi \uparrow^\varrho$ .

### 3. The main result

**Theorem.** If  $f \in S_a$ ,  $F \in S$  and  $|f, F, 1|$ , then  $(zf', zF', R_0)$ , where  $R_0$  is the unique root of the equation

$$(4) \quad \Omega(r) = \arcsin(4r/(1+r^2)) + 2 \arctan(r/(2-\sqrt{3})) = \pi/2$$

contained in the interval  $(0, 2-\sqrt{3})$ .

**Proof.** Put

$$(5) \quad \Phi(z, t) = z[f'(z)]^{1-t}[F'(z)]^t,$$

where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and the single valued branches of  $u^{1-t}$ ,  $u^t$  become 1 for  $u = 1$ . We have  $\Phi(0, t) = 0$ ,  $\Phi'_z(0, t) = a^{1-t} > 0$  and  $\operatorname{re}[z\Phi'_z(z, t)/\Phi(z, t)] > 0$  for  $|z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$ . Hence  $\Phi(z, t) \in C_{2-\sqrt{3}}$ . We have, moreover,  $\Phi(z, 0) = zf'(z)$ ,  $\Phi(z, 1) = zF'(z)$ . Now,  $|f, F, 1|$  implies

$$(6) \quad \operatorname{re}[\Phi'_t/\Phi] = \operatorname{re} \log[F'(z)/f'(z)] > 0 \text{ for } z \in K_{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

since  $|F'(z)| > |f'(z)|$  in  $K_{2-\sqrt{3}}$ , [4]. From (1) it follows that

$$(7) \quad \arg[\Phi'_t/\Phi] \leq 2 \arctan[r/(2-\sqrt{3})]$$

where  $r = |z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$ . Now, it follows from the convexity of the domain described by  $1+zf''(z)/f'(z)$  which is a circular disc of the right halfplane in case  $|z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$ , cf. (2), that also

$$|\arg(z\Phi'_z/\Phi)| = 1 + (1-t)zf''(z)/f'(z) + tzF''(z)/F'(z)$$

belongs to this disc. This implies

$$(8) \quad |\arg(z\Phi'_z(z)/\Phi(z))| \leq \arcsin(4r/(1+r^2))$$

in case  $r = |z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$ . It follows from (7) and (8) that

$$(9) \quad |\arg(\Phi'_t/z\Phi'_z)| + |\arg(z\Phi'_z/\Phi)| + |\arg(\Phi'_t/\Phi)| \leq \Phi(r)$$

for  $|z| = r < 2-\sqrt{3}$  and, consequently, in view of monotoneity of  $\Phi(r)$ , also  $|\arg(\Phi'_t/z\Phi'_z)| < \pi/2$  for  $|z| < R_0$  which means  $\Phi \uparrow^{R_0}$  in view of Lemma. In particular  $(zf', zF', R_0)$  and this proves our theorem. It can be easily verified that  $R_0 = 0.143\dots$

The problem whether  $R_0$  is best possible remains still open.

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### Streszczenie

W pracy tej dowodzę następującego twierdzenia:

Jeżeli  $f(z)$  i  $F(z)$  są funkcjami holomorficznymi i jednolistnymi w kole  $|z| < 1$ ,  $f(0) = F(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) > 0$ ,  $F'(0) > 0$  i  $|f(z)| \leq |F(z)|$  dla  $|z| < 1$ , to  $zf'(z) \prec zF'(z)$  w kole  $|z| < r_0$ , gdzie  $r_0$  nie zależy od szczególnego doboru funkcji  $f$  i  $F$ . Liczba  $r_0$  jest pierwiastkiem dodatnim równania (4) i wynosi w przybliżeniu 0,143.

Nie wiadomo czy  $r_0$  nie da się zastąpić liczbą większą.

### Резюме

В работе доказана следующая теорема. Пусть  $f(z)$ ,  $F(z)$  — голоморфные и однолистные функции в единичном круге  $|z| < 1$ ,  $f(0) = F(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) > 0$ ,  $F'(0) > 0$  и  $|f(z)| \leq |F(z)|$ . Тогда  $zf'(z) \prec zF'(z)$  в круге  $|z| < r_0$ , где  $r_0 = 0.143$  — положительный корень уравнения (4).