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**On the Region of Variability of the Ratio  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$   
within the Class  $S$  of Univalent Functions**

O obszarze zmienności stosunku  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$  w klasie  $S$  funkcji jednolistnych  
Об области всех возможных значений  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$  в классе  $S$  однолистных функций

**1. Notations. Statement of results**

Let  $S$  be the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$  regular and univalent in the unit disc  $K = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ .

The determination of the region  $D(z_1, z_2)$  of variability of the ratio  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$ , where  $z_1, z_2$  are fixed points of  $K$  different from 0 and from each other and  $f$  ranges over  $S$ , is intimately connected with some other unsolved problems in the theory of functions, e.g. with the evaluation of precise bounds of  $\arg F(z)$ , where  $F(z)$  is a univalent function with Montel's normalization:  $F(0) = 0, F(z_1) = 1$ .

Let  $\lambda(\zeta) = k^2(\zeta)$  be the elliptic modular function (the Jacobian modulus) defined by the equation  $\zeta = iK(1-\lambda)/K(\lambda)$ , where  $K(\lambda) = \int_0^1 [(1-t^2)(1-\lambda t^2)]^{-1/2} dt$  is real and positive for  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , cf. [1], [5].

Let  $\varphi(z)$  be an arbitrary branch of  $[z(z-z_1)(z-z_2) \times (1-\bar{z}_1z) \times (1-\bar{z}_2z)]^{-1/2}$ , defined inside the triangle  $[z_0 z_1 z_2]$ ,  $z_0 = 0$ , and put

$$(1.1) \quad G_k = \int_0^{z_k} \varphi(\zeta) d\zeta, \quad H_k = \int_0^{z_k} \zeta \varphi(\zeta) d\zeta, \quad k = 1, 2,$$

where the integrals are taken along the sides of the triangle.

In this paper we show that all the boundary points of  $D(z_1, z_2)$  are situated on the analytic curve  $\Gamma(z_1, z_2)$  which is the map under  $\lambda(\zeta)$  of the circumference  $\gamma(z_1, z_2)$ :

$$(1.2) \quad \zeta = \zeta(a) = 1 \pm \frac{e^{ia}G_2 - H_2}{e^{ia}G_1 - H_1}, \quad 0 \leq a \leq 2\pi;$$

the sign in (1.2) has to be chosen so that  $\gamma(z_1, z_2)$  should lie in the upper half-plane which is possible since the imaginary part of  $(e^{i\alpha}G_2 - H_2)/(e^{i\alpha}G_1 - H_1)$  never vanishes.

The univalent functions corresponding to the points  $\lambda(\zeta(a))$  of  $\Gamma(z_1, z_2)$  have the form

$$(1.3) \quad f(z, a) = C \left\{ \mathfrak{p} \left[ \int_0^a e^{-i\alpha/2} (\zeta - e^{i\alpha}) \varphi(\zeta) d\zeta + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_1(a) + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_2(a) \right] + e_1(a) + e_2(a) \right\},$$

where  $C$  is a constant,

$$(1.4) \quad e_k(a) = \mathfrak{p} \left( \frac{1}{2} \Omega_k(a) \right), \quad k = 1, 2,$$

and  $\mathfrak{p}$  has primitive periods  $\Omega_k(a)$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , equal to those of the hyperelliptic integral  $\int e^{-i\alpha/2} (\zeta - e^{i\alpha}) \varphi(\zeta) d\zeta$  for paths situated inside  $K$ .

## 2. The differential equation of extremal functions

In order to obtain the differential equation of functions corresponding to the boundary  $\partial D(z_1, z_2)$  of  $D(z_1, z_2)$ , we apply Schiffer's variational method, cf. [2], p. 103, and the Lagrange multipliers.

Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  and put  $F(z, \varrho) = f(z) + \varrho e^{i\varphi} [f(z)]^2 [f(z) - f(u)]^{-1}$ , where  $\varrho > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is real and  $|u| < r < 1$ . If  $\varrho$  is small enough,  $F(z, \varrho)$  maps the annulus  $r < |z| < 1$  conformally on a doubly connected domain which arises by removing from a simply connected domain  $B_\varrho$  the interior of an analytic Jordan curve being the map of  $|z| = r$  under  $F(z, \varrho)$ . The function  $f^*(z)$  realizing the conformal mapping of  $K$  on  $B_\varrho$  so that  $f^*(0) = 0$ , has the following form

$$(2.1) \quad f^*(z) = f(z) \left\{ 1 + \varrho e^{i\varphi} \left[ \frac{f(z)}{f(z) - f(u)} + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right)^2 \frac{u}{u-z} \right] + \varrho e^{-i\varphi} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right)^2 \frac{z\bar{u}}{1 - \bar{u}z} \right] \right\} + O(\varrho^2)$$

where the term  $O(\varrho^2)$  has a uniform estimation on compact subsets of  $K$ . We have, moreover,

$$(2.2) \quad \delta \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} = \log \frac{f^*(z_1)}{f^*(z_2)} - \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} + O(\varrho^2) = \log \frac{f^*(z_1)}{f(z_1)} - \log \frac{f^*(z_2)}{f(z_2)} + O(\varrho^2).$$

Now, (2.1) yields

$$(2.3) \quad \log \frac{f^*(z)}{f(z)} = \rho e^{i\varphi} \left[ \frac{f(z)}{f(z)-f(u)} + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right)^2 \frac{u}{u-z} \right] + \\ + \rho e^{-i\varphi} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right)^2 \frac{\bar{u}z}{1-\bar{u}z} \right] + O(\rho^2),$$

Using (2.2) and (2.3) we obtain

$$(2.4) \quad \delta \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} = \rho e^{i\varphi} \left[ \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} \frac{u}{u-z_1} - \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_1)-f(u)} - \frac{f(z_2)}{f(z_2)-f(u)} \right] + \rho e^{-i\varphi} \left[ \frac{f(u)}{uf'(u)} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} \frac{\bar{u}z_1}{1-\bar{u}z_1} - \right. \\ \left. - \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} \frac{\bar{u}z_2}{1-\bar{u}z_2} \right] = \rho e^{i\varphi} S_1(u, z_1, z_2) + \rho e^{-i\varphi} S_2(u, z_1, z_2).$$

The boundary points of  $D(z_1, z_2)$  correspond to those functions  $f(z)$  which yield stationary values of  $\log|f(z_1)/f(z_2)|$  for fixed  $\arg f(z_1)/f(z_2)$ . Using the Lagrange multipliers we see that for the case of a local maximum of  $|f(z_1)/f(z_2)|$  under the restriction  $\arg f(z_1)/f(z_2) = \beta = \text{const.}$ , there exists a real number  $\lambda = \lambda(\beta)$  such that

$$\delta \left( \log \left| \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} \right| + \lambda \arg \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} \right) = \delta \left\{ \Re \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} + \lambda \Im \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} \right\} \leq 0,$$

i.e.

$$(2.5) \quad \Re \left\{ (1-i\lambda) \delta \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} \right\} \leq 0.$$

Using the equality  $\Re(a + \bar{b}) = \Re(a + b)$ , (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$\Re \{ (1-i\lambda) [\rho e^{i\varphi} S_1(u, z_1, z_2) + \rho e^{-i\varphi} S_2(u, z_1, z_2)] \} = \\ = \Re \{ \rho e^{i\varphi} [(1-i\lambda) S_1(u, z_1, z_2) + (1+i\lambda) \bar{S}_2(u, z_1, z_2)] \} \leq 0$$

for any  $\rho > 0$  and any real  $\varphi$ . This implies

$$(1-i\lambda) S_1(u, z_1, z_2) + (1+i\lambda) \bar{S}_2(u, z_1, z_2) = 0$$

and putting  $z$  instead of  $u$ , we obtain

$$(2.6) \quad (1-i\lambda) \left\{ \left[ \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} \frac{z}{z-z_1} - \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} \frac{z}{z-z_2} \right] + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_1)-f(z)} - \frac{f(z_2)}{f(z_2)-f(z)} \right\} + (1+i\lambda) \left\{ \left[ \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \right]^2 \left[ \left( \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} \right) \frac{z\bar{z}_1}{1-z\bar{z}_1} - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \left( \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} \right) \frac{z\bar{z}_2}{1-z\bar{z}_2} \right] \right\} = 0.$$

The same equation holds for local minima of  $|f(z_1)/f(z_2)|$  under fixed  $\arg\{f(z_1)/f(z_2)\}$ . Put now

$$(2.7) \quad A = (1 - i\lambda) \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)}, \quad B = (1 - i\lambda) \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)},$$

$$(2.8) \quad w = f(z), \quad w_k = f(z_k), \quad k = 1, 2.$$

The equation (2.6) takes now the following form

$$\left(\frac{w}{z} \frac{dz}{dw}\right)^2 \left(\frac{Az}{z-z_1} - \frac{Bz}{z-z_2} + \frac{\bar{A}z\bar{z}_1}{1-z\bar{z}_1} - \frac{\bar{B}z\bar{z}_2}{1-z\bar{z}_2}\right) + \frac{(1-i\lambda)w(w_2-w_1)}{(w_1-w)(w_2-w)} = 0,$$

resp.

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{P(z)}{z} = \frac{(1-i\lambda)(w_1-w_2)}{w(w-w_1)(w-w_2)} \left(\frac{dw}{dz}\right)^2,$$

where

$$(2.10) \quad P(z) = \frac{A}{z-z_1} + \frac{\bar{A}\bar{z}_1}{1-z\bar{z}_1} - \frac{B}{z-z_2} - \frac{\bar{B}\bar{z}_2}{1-z\bar{z}_2}.$$

### 3. The form of $P(z)$

Considering for small, real  $\theta$  the function  $f^*(z) = f(ze^{i\theta})$ , we obtain the formula

$$(3.1) \quad \log \frac{f^*(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{izf'(z)}{f(z)} \theta + O(\theta^2).$$

Using (2.2) and (3.1) we have

$$\delta \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} = i\theta \left[ \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} - \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} \right].$$

Hence (2.5), in view of (2.7), takes the form

$$\Re\{i\theta(A-B)\} = \mathcal{J}\{\theta(B-A)\} \leq 0$$

for both positive and negative  $\theta$  which implies

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{J}A = \mathcal{J}B,$$

or

$$(3.3) \quad A - \bar{A} = B - \bar{B}.$$

The same equation holds for local minima of  $|f(z_1)/f(z_2)|$  under fixed  $\arg\{f(z_1)/f(z_2)\}$ .

We now prove that  $z P(z)$  is real on  $|z| = 1$ . The identity  $\mathcal{J}(a + b) = \mathcal{J}(a - \bar{b})$  implies

$$\mathcal{J} \left\{ \frac{Ae^{i\theta}}{e^{i\theta} - z_1} + \frac{\bar{A}\bar{z}_1 e^{i\theta}}{1 - e^{i\theta}\bar{z}_1} \right\} = \mathcal{J} \left\{ \frac{A}{1 - z_1 e^{-i\theta}} - \frac{Az_1 e^{-i\theta}}{1 - z_1 e^{-i\theta}} \right\} = \mathcal{J}(A)$$

and similarly

$$\mathcal{J} \left\{ \frac{Be^{i\theta}}{e^{i\theta} - z_2} + \frac{\bar{B}\bar{z}_2 e^{i\theta}}{1 - e^{i\theta}\bar{z}_2} \right\} = \mathcal{J}(B),$$

and therefore, in view of (2.9) and (3.2), we have

$$\mathcal{J}\{e^{i\theta}P(e^{i\theta})\} = 0 \text{ for real } \theta.$$

Since

$$P(z) = \frac{[(A - \bar{A}) - (B - \bar{B})]\bar{z}_1\bar{z}_2z^3 + (\text{lower powers of } z)}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)(1 - \bar{z}_1z)(1 - \bar{z}_2z)},$$

(3.3) implies that  $P(z)$  has at most two finite roots. Besides, the principle of reflection implies  $\overline{zP(z)} = \bar{z}^{-1}P(\bar{z}^{-1})$ , hence both roots of  $P(z)$  are symmetric w.r.t.  $|z| = 1$ . Now, the r.h.s. of (2.9) does not vanish for any  $z \in K$ , so that  $P(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in K$  and this means that both roots of  $P(z)$  necessarily lie on  $|z| = 1$ .

We next prove that  $zP(z)$  has a constant sign on  $|z| = 1$ . Suppose that  $|f(z_1)/f(z_2)|$  attains for a function  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  a local maximum under the restriction that  $\arg f(z_1)/f(z_2)$  is fixed and let  $\Gamma$  be the boundary of  $f(K)$ . In view of (2.9)  $\Gamma$  is a union of a finite number of analytic arcs. If  $w \in \Gamma$  and  $\zeta = \varphi(w) \in \partial K$  correspond to each other, then the function  $f^*$  mapping  $K$  on a domain which arises by the displacement  $\varrho p(w)$  of points  $w$  on  $\Gamma$  along the outward normal, satisfies according to G. Julia [3] the following equation

$$(3.4) \quad \log \frac{f^*(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \frac{\zeta + z}{\zeta - z} |\varphi'(w)|^2 \varrho p(w) ds_w + O(\varrho^2),$$

where  $p(w)$  is a real and continuous function of  $w \in \Gamma$  which vanishes in the neighbourhood of points for which  $\varphi(w)$  ceases to be analytic, and  $\varrho$  is a real parameter. In view of (2.2) and (3.4) we have

(3.5)

$$\delta \log \frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \left[ \frac{z_1 f'(z_1)}{f(z_1)} \frac{\zeta + z_1}{\zeta - z_1} - \frac{z_2 f'(z_2)}{f(z_2)} \frac{\zeta + z_2}{\zeta - z_2} \right] |\varphi'(w)|^2 \varrho p(w) ds_w.$$

Now, (2.5) and (3.5) imply

$$(3.6) \quad \Re\left\{(1-i\lambda)\delta\log\frac{f(z_1)}{f(z_2)}\right\} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\Gamma}\Re\left(A\frac{\zeta+z_1}{\zeta-z_1}-B\frac{\zeta+z_2}{\zeta-z_2}\right)\times \\ \times |\varphi'(w)|^2 \varrho p(w) ds_w \leq 0$$

for the case of a local maximum. This means that

$$(3.7) \quad \Re\left\{A\frac{e^{i\theta}+z_1}{e^{i\theta}-z_1}-B\frac{e^{i\theta}+z_2}{e^{i\theta}-z_2}\right\} \geq 0$$

for any real  $\theta$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that the l.h.s. in (3.7) is negative on an analytic arc  $\gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$ . Taking a continuous function  $p(w)$  which is negative on the open arc  $\gamma_0$  and vanishes outside it on  $\Gamma$ , we obtain a positive variation in (2.5). At the same time this is an admissible variation of  $f$  since negative values of  $p(w)$  involve a shrinking of  $f(K)$ . On the other hand (3.6) and (3.7) imply that the complementary set  $\mathcal{E}f(K)$  has no interior points since otherwise a function  $p(w)$  providing a positive variation in (3.6) could be constructed. Hence  $f(K)$  is a slit domain.

Now, we have for real  $\theta$

$$\Re\left\{\frac{Ae^{i\theta}}{e^{i\theta}-z_1} + \frac{\bar{A}\bar{z}_1e^{i\theta}}{1-\bar{z}_1e^{i\theta}}\right\} = \Re\left\{A\frac{e^{i\theta}+z_1}{e^{i\theta}-z_1}\right\}$$

and in view of (2.10) and (3.7) we see that  $\Re\{e^{i\theta}P(e^{i\theta})\} \geq 0$  in the case of a local maximum. Similarly  $\Re\{e^{i\theta}P(e^{i\theta})\} \leq 0$  for those  $f(z)$  which correspond to local minima. Thus we have proved that  $zP(z)$  is real and of constant sign on  $|z| = 1$ . This implies that both roots of  $zP(z)$  situated on  $|z| = 1$  coincide and  $P(z)$  has the form

$$(3.8) \quad P(z) = \frac{C^{-1}\bar{\eta}(z-\eta)^2}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)(1-\bar{z}_1z)(1-\bar{z}_2z)}$$

where  $C$  is real and  $|\eta| = 1$ .

Using (2.9) and (3.8) we obtain the differential equation (3.9) of functions which correspond to the boundary points of  $D(z_1, z_2)$ :

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{e^{-i\alpha}(z-e^{-i\alpha})^2}{z(z-z_1)(z-z_2)(1-\bar{z}_1z)(1-\bar{z}_2z)} = \frac{C(1-i\lambda)(w_1-w_2)}{w(w-w_1)(w-w_2)} \left(\frac{dw}{dz}\right)^2,$$

( $\alpha, C, \lambda$  are real constants,  $e^{i\alpha} = \eta$ ).

### 4. Solution of the equation (3.9)

The equation (3.9) is formally identical with the equation (3.1), [4], and we can adopt the argument used in [4] in order to solve (3.9).

With any real  $\alpha$  we can associate the rational function

$$(4.1) \quad Q(z, \alpha) = \frac{e^{-i\alpha}(z - e^{i\alpha})^2}{z(z - z_1)(z - z_2)(1 - \bar{z}_1 z)(1 - \bar{z}_2 z)}$$

as well as three complex numbers

$$(4.2) \quad A_k = A_k(\alpha) = \int_{\lambda_k} e^{-i\alpha/2}(\zeta - e^{i\alpha})\varphi(\zeta)d\zeta, \quad k = 0, 1, 2,$$

where  $\varphi(z)$  is the branch of  $[z(z - z_1)(z - z_2)(1 - \bar{z}_1 z(1 - \bar{z}_2 z))]^{-1/2}$  chosen so that  $e^{-i\alpha/2}(\zeta - e^{i\alpha})\varphi(\zeta)d\zeta > 0$  on  $|\xi| = 1$  for  $\arg \zeta$  increasing in the interval  $(\alpha, \alpha + 2\pi)$ . Besides,  $\lambda_k$  denotes here a loop joining  $\eta$  to  $z_k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2$ ;  $z_0 = 0$ ), i.e. a cycle consisting of a small circle  $C(z_k, \varepsilon)$  centre at  $z_k$  described in the positive direction and of a rectilinear segment described twice and joining  $C(z_k, \varepsilon)$  to  $\eta$  whose prolongation contains  $z_k$ . The radius  $\varepsilon$  is chosen so that the only critical point of the integrand inside  $C(z_k, \varepsilon)$  is the centre. If the open segment  $(\eta, z_k)$  contains critical point of the integrand, we replace suitable parts of  $(\eta, z_k)$  by small semicircles so as to leave critical points on the left side, when passing from  $\eta$  to  $z_k$ . We put next

$$(4.3) \quad \Omega_k = \Omega_k(\alpha) = A_k - A_0, \quad k = 1, 2,$$

and

$$(4.4) \quad \vartheta = \vartheta(\alpha) = e^{i\beta}$$

where  $\beta = \beta(\alpha)$  is defined by the equation

$$(4.5) \quad \int_a^\beta \sin \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha)|e^{i\theta} - z_1|^{-1}|e^{i\theta} - z_2|^{-1}d\theta = \\ = \int_\beta^{\alpha+2\pi} \sin \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha)|e^{i\theta} - z_1|^{-1}|e^{i\theta} - z_2|^{-1}d\theta.$$

We have proved in [4] that  $\mathcal{I}\{\Omega_2(\alpha)/\Omega_1(\alpha)\} \neq 0$ . Therefore we may define the function

$$(4.6) \quad \tau(\alpha) = \pm \Omega_2(\alpha)/\Omega_1(\alpha), \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 2\pi,$$

where the sign is chosen so that  $\mathcal{I}\tau(\alpha) > 0$ .

Besides, we have also proved that the functions

$$(4.7) \quad F(z, \alpha) = \wp \left[ \int_{\alpha(a)}^z \sqrt{Q(\zeta, \alpha)} d\zeta \mid \Omega_1(\alpha), \Omega_2(\alpha) \right]$$

are single-valued and univalent in the unit disc  $K$  for any real  $\alpha$  and any path of integration situated inside  $K$ .

Putting

$$(4.8) \quad v(z) = \int_{\alpha(a)}^z \sqrt{Q(\zeta, \alpha)} d\zeta,$$

$$(4.9) \quad w = 4C(1 - i\lambda)(w_1 - w_2)W + \frac{1}{3}(w_1 + w_2),$$

we see that the equation (3.9) may be brought to the form  $(dW/dv)^2 = 4W^3 - g_2W - g_3$ , where  $g_2, g_3$  are constant and  $w = W = \infty$  for  $v = 0$ . Hence  $W = W(z) = \wp[v(z) \mid \omega', \omega'']$ . It follows from the discussion of sections 2 and 3 in [4] that  $W(z)$  represents a univalent and single-valued slit mapping if and only, if the lattices  $m_1\omega' + m_2\omega''$ ,  $m_1\Omega_1 + m_2\Omega_2$  are identical. This means that  $W(z) = F(z, \alpha)$ , where  $F(z, \alpha)$  is defined by (4.7). In view of (4.9) we see that

$$(4.10) \quad w = C_1F(z, \alpha) + C_2 = C_1\{F(z, \alpha) + e_1(\alpha) + e_2(\alpha)\},$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are constant and

$$(4.11) \quad e_k(\alpha) = \wp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \Omega_k(\alpha) \right], \quad k = 1, 2.$$

If  $f(z)$  is the function corresponding to a boundary point of  $D(z_1, z_2)$ , then the same consideration as that used in sect. 3, [4], yields

$$(4.12) \quad f(z_1)/f(z_2) = \lambda[\tau(\alpha) + 1]$$

where  $\lambda(\tau)$  is the Jacobian modular function and  $\tau(\alpha)$  is defined by (4.6),

## 5. The proof of the main result

**Theorem.** If  $G_k, H_k$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ) are defined by (1.1), then both circles defined by (1.2) have no points in common with the real axis  $\Im\xi = 0$ . If  $\gamma(z_1, z_2)$  is this circle which is situated in the upper half-plane  $\Im\xi > 0$ , then all the boundary points of the region of variability of the ratio,  $\{f(z_1)/f(z_2)\}$  have the form  $\lambda(\xi(\alpha))$ , where  $\zeta(\alpha) \in \gamma(z_1, z_2)$  and  $\lambda(\zeta) = k^2(\zeta)$  is the Jacobian modular function.

**Proof.** Suppose first that the points  $z_k, k = 0, 1, 2$ , are not collinear. Let  $(0k), k = 1, 2$ , be the loop joining  $z_0$  to  $z_k$ , i.e. a cycle consisting of two circles  $C(z_0, \delta), C(z_k, \delta)$  of small radius  $\delta$  and centres at  $z_0, z_k$ ,

both described in the positive direction and of a rectilinear segment described twice and joining both circles so that its prolongation contains  $z_0$  and  $z_k$ . The radius  $\delta$  is so small that the circles  $C(z_k, \delta)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , have no points in common and are all contained in the unit disc. In view of (4.12) it is sufficient to prove that

$$(5.1) \quad \lambda[1 + \tau(a)] = \lambda[\zeta(a)]$$

with  $\zeta(a)$  defined by (1.2) after a suitable choice of sign. The prolongations of the segments  $[z_k, z_j]$ ,  $j, k = 0, 1, 2$ , divide the unit circle  $|z| = 1$  into six arcs. For  $\eta = e^{ia}$  situated on four of them both loops (0k) are homotopic to the system of two loops  $\lambda_0, \lambda_k$  (defined in sect. 4) w.r.t.  $K$  punctured at  $z_j$  ( $j \neq 0, k$ ). We have therefore  $\int_{(0k)} e^{-ia/2} (\zeta - e^{ia}) \times \int \varphi(\xi) d\xi = A_k - A_0 = \Omega_k$  since after describing the loop  $\lambda_k$  the integrand changes the sign. Hence

$$1 + \tau(a) = 1 \pm \Omega_2(a)/\Omega_1(a)$$

$$= 1 \mp \frac{\int_{(02)} \varphi(\xi) d\xi - \int_{(02)} \zeta \varphi(\zeta) d\zeta}{\int_{(01)} \varphi(\xi) d\xi - \int_{(01)} \xi \varphi(\xi) d\xi} = 1 \mp \frac{e^{ia} G_2 - H_2}{e^{ia} G_1 - H_1} = \zeta(a)$$

and (5.1) is proved in this case.

If  $\eta = e^{ia}$  is situated on the arc of  $|z| = 1$  whose end points are determined by the rays  $[z_0, z_1]$ ,  $[z_2, z_1]$ , then the loop (01) is homotopic to the cycle  $\lambda_0 + \lambda_1$ , hence  $\int_{(01)} = A_1 - A_0 = \Omega_1$ . On the other hand the loop (02) is homotopic to the cycle  $\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$  w.r.t.  $K$  punctured at  $z_1$ . This implies  $\int_{(02)} / \int_{(01)} = 1 \pm (A_0 - 2A_1 + A_2)/(A_1 - A_0) = (1 \pm \Omega_2(a)/\Omega_1(a))2 \pm = [1 + \tau(a)] \pm 2$ . Since  $\lambda(\tau)$  has the period 2, (5.1) holds also in this case.

Finally, on the sixth arc the loop (02) is homotopic to the cycle  $\lambda_0 + \lambda_2$  w.r.t.  $K$  punctured at  $z_1$ , whereas the loop (01) is homotopic to the cycle  $\lambda_0 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$  w.r.t.  $K$  punctured at  $z_2$  so that

$$\int_{(02)} = A_2 - A_0 = \Omega_2, \quad \int_{(01)} = A_0 - 2A_2 + A_1 = \Omega_1 - 2\Omega_2.$$

We have

$$(5.2) \quad \xi(a) = 1 \pm \frac{\int_{(02)} / \int_{(01)}}{1 - 2\Omega_2/\Omega_1}.$$

If  $\mathcal{S}\{\Omega_2/\Omega_1\} > 0$ , then  $\tau = \Omega_2/\Omega_1$ , and (5.2) takes the form  $\xi(a) = 1 + \tau/(1 - 2\tau) = (1 - \tau)/(1 - 2\tau)$ . Putting  $1 + \tau = v$ , we have  $\xi(a) = (v - 2)/(2v - 3) = (av + b)/(ev + d)$ , where  $a \equiv d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $b \equiv c \equiv 0$

(mod 2),  $ad - bc = 1$ , which amens that  $(av + b)/(cv + d)$  is a modular transformation. The automorphic property of  $\lambda$  implies  $\lambda\left(\frac{v-2}{2v-3}\right) = \lambda(v)$  and (5.1) follows.

If  $\mathcal{S}\{\Omega_2/\Omega_1\} < 0$ , then  $\tau = -\Omega_2/\Omega_1$ . We have in this case from (5.2):  $\varsigma(a) = 1 \pm \tau/(1 + 2\tau) = 1 + \tau/(1 + 2\tau)$ . Putting  $1 + \tau = v$ , we obtain  $1 + \tau/(1 + 2\tau) = (3v - 2)/2v - 1$  which is another modular transformation. Hence  $\lambda(v) = \lambda\left(\frac{3v-2}{2v-1}\right)$  and (5.1) follows again. The one-sided continuity proves our theorem in the case of  $z_k$  and  $\eta$  situated on one straight line. Since the automorphic transformations preserve the real axis, we have always  $\mathcal{S}\xi(a) \neq 0$  for otherwise we would also have  $\mathcal{S}\tau(a) = 0$  which is impossible as shown in [4].

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#### Streszczenie

Niech  $S$  będzie klasą funkcji  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  regularnych i jedno-listnych w kole jednostkowym i niech  $0, z_1, z_2$  będą trzema różnymi punktami tego koła. W pracy tej dowodzę metodami wariacyjnymi, że wszystkie punkty brzegowe obszaru zmienności  $D(z_1, z_2)$  stosunku  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$  przy  $f$  zmieniających się w klasie  $S$  leżą na krzywej analitycznej  $\Gamma(z_1, z_2)$  będącej obrazem okręgu o równaniu (1.2), leżącego w górnej półpłaszczyźnie, poprzez funkcję modułową.

#### Резюме

Пусть  $S$  будет классом функций  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  регулярных и однолистных в единичном круге и пусть  $0, z_1, z_2$  будут три разные точки этого круга. В этой работе доказывается, что все граничные точки области  $D(z_1, z_2)$  всех возможных значений отношения  $f(z_1)/f(z_2)$ , если  $z_1, z_2$  фиксированы, а  $f$  изменяется в классе  $S$ , лежат на аналитической кривой  $\Gamma(z_1, z_2)$ , которая является образом круга (1.2) верхней полуплоскости при преобразовании модулярной функции Якоби.