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**On the Minorant Sets for Univalent Functions**

O zbiorach minoryzacji dla funkcji jednolistnych

Множества миноризации однолистных функций

1. Let  $S$  be the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ , regular and univalent in the unit disk  $K$  and let  $S^*$  be the subclass of functions  $f \in S$  starshaped w.r.t. the origin. From the starshapedness property and from the Cauchy-Riemann equations it follows immediately that

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \log |f(re^{i\theta})| > 0,$$

which means that  $|f|$  strictly increases on the segment  $[0, a]$ . Hence, given  $a \in K$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , we have:  $|f(z)| < |f(a)|$  for any  $z \in (0, a)$ , and any  $f \in S^*$ .

Thus, given a fixed subclass  $S_0 \subset S^*$  and a fixed  $a \in K$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , we are led to the determination of the set  $\mathcal{D}(a, S_0)$  which is defined as the maximal subset of  $K$  such that for any  $f \in S_0$  and any  $z \in \mathcal{D}(a, S_0)$  we have:  $|f(z)| < |f(a)|$ . In what follows we shall call  $\mathcal{D}(a, S_0)$  the minorant set associated with  $a$  and  $S_0$ . By our previous remark,  $(0, a) \subset \mathcal{D}(a, S_0)$ . Obviously,

$$\mathcal{D}(a, S_0) = \bigcap_{f \in S_0} D_f(a),$$

where

$$D_f(a) = \{z \in K : |f(z)| < |f(a)|\}.$$

In this paper we determine  $D(a, S_0)$  for the class  $S_\alpha^*$  of starshaped functions of order  $\alpha$ , in case  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 1/2$  ( $S_0^* = S^*$ ), as well as for the class  $S^c$  of convex functions. The class  $S_\alpha^*$  is defined by the condition:  $\operatorname{re}[zf'(z)/f(z)] > \alpha$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

Suppose that  $S_0$  has the following property:

$$(1.2) \quad \text{if } f \in S_0 \text{ and } |\eta| \leq 1, \text{ then } \eta^{-1}f(\eta z) \in S_0.$$

Obviously  $S^*$  and  $S^c$  have property (1.2). Moreover, for any  $S_0$  with the property (1.2) we have:

$$1^\circ \quad \mathcal{D}(ae^{it}, S_0) = e^{it} \mathcal{D}(a, S_0) \text{ for any real } t,$$

$$2^\circ \quad \text{if } 0 < r < R < 1, \text{ then } \mathcal{D}(r, S_0) \subset \mathcal{D}(R, S_0).$$

In order to determine  $\mathcal{D}(a, S_\alpha^*)$ ,  $\alpha = 0, 1/2$ , we use the following result [5]:

If  $f \in S_\alpha^*$ , then for fixed  $r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , fixed  $z \in K$  ( $z \neq 0, r$ ) and  $f$  ranging over  $S_\alpha^*$  the set of all values of

$$[rf(z)/zf(r)]^{1/2(1-\alpha)}$$

is the closed disk  $\mathcal{X}_{r,\alpha}$  with the boundary

$$(1.3) \quad w(t) = (1 - re^{it})/(1 - ze^{it}), t \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

2. We now prove

**Theorem 1.** If  $\rho, \theta$  are polar coordinates then the boundary of  $\mathcal{D}(r, S^*)$  has the equation

$$(2.1) \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2r} \left[ r^2 + 4r \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + 1 - \sqrt{\left( r^2 + 4r \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + 1 \right)^2 - 4r^2} \right], \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f \in S$  and  $\zeta \in \mathcal{X}_{r,\alpha}$ . Then  $f(z)/f(r) = \frac{\zeta^2 z}{r}$  is contained in the domain enclosed by the curve

$$(2.2) \quad u(t) = (z/r) [(1 - re^{it})/(1 - ze^{it})]^2, t \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

Therefore  $z \in \mathcal{D}(r, S^*)$ , iff for any  $t \in [-\pi, \pi]$  we have:  $|(z/r) \times [(1 - re^{it})/(1 - ze^{it})]^2| < 1$ , which is equivalent to

$$(2.3) \quad 2rre[e^{-it}(z - |z|)] < (r - |z|)(1 - r|z|), t \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

It follows from (2.3) that

$$(2.4) \quad \mathcal{D}(r, S^*) = \{z: 2r|z - |z| < (r - |z|)(1 - r|z|)\}.$$

Putting  $z = \rho e^{i\theta}$  in (2.4) we easily obtain (2.1).

In an analogous way we can prove

**Theorem 2.** If  $\rho, \theta$  are polar coordinates then the boundary of  $\mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*)$  has the equation

$$(2.5) \quad \theta = \pm \arccos \left[ \frac{r^2 + \rho^2}{2r\rho} - \frac{1}{2r\rho} \left( \frac{r^2 - \rho^2}{2r\rho} \right)^2 \right], \rho \in \left[ \frac{r}{1+2r}, r \right].$$

**Proof.** If  $f$  is ranging over  $S_{1/2}^*$  and  $z, r$  are fixed then the set of all values  $f(z)/f(r)$  is a closed disk whose boundary has the equation

$$(2.6) \quad v(t) = (z/r)(1 - re^{it})(1 - ze^{it})^{-1}, t \in [-\pi, \pi],$$

which is a consequence of (1.3).

Hence  $z \in \mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*)$ , iff for any  $t \in [-\pi, \pi]$  we have:  $|(z/r)(1 - re^{it}) \times (1 - ze^{it})^{-1}| < 1$ , which is equivalent to

$$(2.7) \quad 2rre\{e^{-it}(rz - |z|^2)\} < r^2 - |z|^2, t \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

Now, (2.7) implies

$$(2.8) \quad \mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*) = \{z: 2r|rz - |z|^2| < r^2 - |z|^2\}.$$

Putting  $z = \rho e^{i\theta}$  in (2.8) we obtain the equation of the boundary of  $\mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*)$ :

$$(2.9) \quad 2r\rho\sqrt{r^2 + \rho^2 - 2r\rho \cos \theta} = r^2 - \rho^2.$$

It is easily verified that  $\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} < 0$  for  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$ , hence we can obtain  $\theta$  as a function  $\rho \in [r/(1+2r), r]$  in the form (2.5).

**Corollary.**

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*) = \mathcal{D}(r, S^c).$$

**Proof.** Obviously  $\mathcal{D}(r, S_{1/2}^*) \subset \mathcal{D}(r, S^c)$  since  $S^c \subset S_{1/2}^*$ . On the other hand, for the family of functions  $\{\eta^{-1}f_0(\eta z)\}$ , where  $|\eta| = 1$  and  $f_0(z) = z(1+z)^{-1}$ , the inequality  $|f(z)| < |f(r)|$  leads to the set on the right-hand side of the equality (2.8). This proves the Corollary.

**3.** We now give an example showing that the determination of the set  $\mathcal{D}(r, S_0)$  provides the solution of some problems in the theory of subordination.

Let us start with some definitions and notations.

Suppose that  $A$  is the class of functions  $f(z) = a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ ,  $a_1 \geq 0$ , analytic in the unit disk  $K$  and let  $B$  be the subclass of  $A$  consisting of all  $\omega \in A$  with  $|\omega(z)| < 1, z \in K$ .

Suppose, moreover, that  $H(z)$  denotes for a fixed  $z \in K$  the closed convex circular triangle whose boundary consists of an arc of the circle  $\{\zeta: |\zeta| = |z|^2\}$  and of two circular arcs through  $z$  tangent to the former circle. The region  $H(z)$  has following properties:

$$(i) \quad H(ze^{it}) = e^{it}H(z) \quad \text{for any real } t,$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{if } |z| < |\zeta|, \arg z = \arg \zeta, \text{ then } H(z) \subset H(\zeta).$$

Moreover, if  $R, t$  are polar coordinates then the boundary points of  $H(r)$  satisfy the equations

$$(3.1) \quad R^2 + R(1 - r^2)\sin t - r^2 = 0, \quad t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}\pi, 2\pi\right],$$

$$(3.2) \quad R = r^2, \quad t \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\pi\right].$$

It is easy to verify (cf. [3], p. 327) that the set  $H(z)$  defined above is identical with the set  $\{W: W = \omega(z), \omega \in B\}$ .

The function  $f \in A$  is said to be subordinate to  $F \in S_0$  in  $K$  (which is denoted:  $f \prec F$ ) if  $f = F \circ \omega$  with  $\omega \in B$ .

M. Biernacki was the first [1] who considered the following problem: Given the classes  $A, S_0$  evaluate the number

$$(3.31) \quad r_0 = r(A, S_0) = \inf r(f, F),$$

where

$$(3.32) \quad r(f, F) = \sup \{r: [(f \not\prec F) \wedge (0 < |z| < r)] \Rightarrow |f(z)| < |F(z)|\},$$

for a fixed pair  $(f, F)$  such that  $f \in A, F \in S_0, f \not\prec F$ , the infimum in (3.31) being taken with respect to all such pairs.

In the above given notation we can state a general method of evaluating  $r(A, S_0)$  in terms of the set  $\mathcal{D}(A, S_0)$ . We have

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that a fixed subclass  $S_0$  of normalized, univalent functions has the property (1.2). Then

$$(3.4) \quad r(A, S_0) = \sup \{r: H(r) \subset \mathcal{D}(r, S_0)\}.$$

The proof can be easily derived from the properties of the above introduced sets  $H(r), \mathcal{D}(r, S_0)$  and is omitted here.

We shall apply Theorem 3 to the evaluation of  $r(A, S^*)$  and  $r(A, S^c)$ . An alternate method was applied earlier in [4] and [2] in evaluating these constants. We have

**Theorem 4.**

$$(3.5) \quad r(A, S^*) = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5}),$$

$$(3.6) \quad r(A, S^c) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Proof.** We first verify (3.5). The boundary of  $H(r)$  has according to (3.1), (3.2) the following equation

$$(3.7) \quad R(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}[-(1-r^2)\sin t + \sqrt{(1-r^2)^2\sin^2 t + 4r^2}], & t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}\pi, 2\pi\right] \\ r^2, & t \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\pi\right]. \end{cases}$$

If  $H(r) \subset \mathcal{D}(r, S^*)$  then  $R(\pi) < \varrho(\pi)$  and hence  $0 < r < \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5})$  by (2.1). We have to show that

$$(3.8) \quad R(t) < \varrho(t), \text{ for } t \in (0, \pi) \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5}).$$

For a fixed  $r$  the function  $\varrho(t)$  decreases in  $(0, \pi)$  and therefore (3.8) holds obviously for  $t \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ . On the other hand, for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  the inequality (3.8) can be written in the following form:

$$(3.9) \quad \sqrt{5 \sin^2 t + 4} - \sqrt{5} \sin t < \frac{1}{r} \left[ 3 + 4 \sin \frac{t}{2} - \sqrt{\left(3 + 4 \sin \frac{t}{2}\right)^2 - 4} \right].$$

Leaving the functions containing square roots on the left hand side and then squaring both sides twice we bring the inequality (3.9) to the form

$$(3.10) \quad 12 + 8 \sin \frac{t}{2} - 15 \cos \frac{t}{2} - 5 \sin t \cos \frac{t}{2} < 10 \sin t, \quad t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

in view of the equality  $1 - r^2 = \sqrt{5}r$  with  $r = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5})$ . If the left hand side and the right hand side in (3.10) are denoted  $g(t)$  and  $h(t)$ , resp., then  $g''(t) > 0$ ,  $h''(t) < 0$  for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ,  $g(0) < h(0)$ ,  $g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) < h\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . This proves (3.10), as well as (3.8) for  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and the equality (3.5) follows.

We now prove (3.6). Again  $R(\pi) < \varrho(\pi)$  and in view of (2.9) we obtain  $0 < r < \frac{1}{2}$ . We now prove that

$$(3.11) \quad R(t) < \varrho(t) \text{ for } t \in (0, \pi) \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{2}.$$

If  $t \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ , then (3.11) is obviously true and if  $t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , then (3.11) takes the form

$$(3.12) \quad \arcsin \frac{1 - 4\varrho^2}{3\varrho} < \arccos \left[ \frac{1 + 4\varrho^2}{4\varrho} - \frac{1}{\varrho} \left( \frac{1 - 4\varrho^2}{4\varrho} \right)^2 \right], \quad \varrho \in \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5 - \sqrt{17}}{2}}, \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

The left hand side in (3.12) is obtained from (3.1) by expressing  $t$  as a function of  $\varrho$ , whereas the right hand side of (3.12) is obtained from (2.5) by putting  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ . After some obvious transformations (3.12) takes the form

$$(3.13) \quad 3(12\varrho^2 - 1) < 16\varrho^2 \sqrt{9\varrho^2 - (1 - 4\varrho^2)^2},$$

and this is easily verified by elementary calculus. This proves Theorem 4.

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## STRESZCZENIE

Niech  $S_0$  oznacza ustaloną podklasę klasy  $S$  funkcji  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ , analitycznych i jednolistnych w kole jednostkowym  $K$ . W pracy tej zajmujemy się problemem wyznaczenia zbioru

$$\mathcal{D}(a, S_0) = \bigcap_{f \in S_0} D_f(a),$$

gdzie

$$D_f(a) = \{z \in K: |f(z)| < |f(a)|\}, a \in K,$$

w przypadku, gdy  $S_0$  jest klasą funkcji gwiazdzystych lub wypukłych (twierdzenia 1 i 2). Używając zbioru  $\mathcal{D}(a, S_0)$  podajemy w twierdzeniu 3 ogólną metodę rozwiązywania problemu M. Biernackiego dla funkcji podporządkowanych i w oparciu o nią powtarzamy niektóre wcześniej i na innej drodze uzyskane rezultaty (twierdzenie 4).

## РЕЗЮМЕ

Пусть  $S_0$  обозначает фиксированный подкласс класса  $S$  функций  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ , аналитических и однолистных в единичном круге  $K$ . В этой работе изучается проблема определения множества

$$D(a, S_0) = \bigcap_{f \in S_0} D_f(a)$$

где  $D_f(a) = \{z \in K: |f(z)| < |f(a)|\}$ ,  $a \in K$ , если  $S_0 = S^*$ ,  $S^c$  (теоремы 1, 2).

Теорема 3 содержит общий метод решения проблемы М. Биернацкого для подчиненных функций. По этому методу получены некоторые результаты данные ранее Г. М. Голузиным и другими авторами (теорема 4).