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On Functions Angularly Accessible in the Direction of the Imaginary Axis

O funkcjach kątowno osiągalnych w kierunku osi urojonej

Об углово-достижимых функциях в направлении мнимой оси

**Introduction.** Suppose that  $C$  denotes the complex plane,  $N$  is the set of natural numbers and  $a \in (0, 1)$  is a fixed number. Now, let us assume the following notations:

$$A^-(w_0, a) = \left\{ w : \frac{\pi}{2}(3-a) \leq \arg(w-w_0) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}(3+a) \right\}$$

$$A^+(w_0, a) = \left\{ w : \frac{\pi}{2}(1-a) \leq \arg(w-w_0) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}(1+a) \right\}.$$

where  $w_0 \in C$ . A simply connected domain  $D \neq C$  is called  $a$ -angularly accessible in the direction of the imaginary axis, if for every fixed point  $w_0 \in C \setminus D$ , either  $A^+(w_0, a) \subset C \setminus D$ , or  $A^-(w_0, a) \subset C \setminus D$ . The family of all such domains different from the whole plane  $C$  is denoted by  $T_a$ , while by  $T_a(0)$  we denote the subfamily of  $T_a$  which consists of all domains containing the origin.

Let  $S_0$  be the class of functions  $f$  analytic and univalent in the disc  $E = E_1$ , where  $E_r = \{z : |z| < r\}$ . The class of all functions  $f \in S_0$  such that  $f(E) \in T_a$  is denoted by  $I_a$ .  $T_0$  is the family of domains convex in the direction of the imaginary axis, while  $I_0$  is the well-known class of functions convex in the direction of the imaginary axis.

In this paper we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a function of  $S_0$  to belong to  $I_a$  (Theorem 2). In the case  $a = 0$  with an additional restriction such a theorem appears in a paper by M. S. Robertson [6], while without any restriction in a paper by W. Royster and M. Ziegler [7]. A different proof of results stated in the paper by W. Royster and M. Ziegler [7] is given in a paper by Cz. Burniak, Z. Lewandowski and J. Pituch [1].

**Main results.** We start with a density theorem for  $T_a$ . Our reasoning is a modification of that given in a paper by K. Ciozda [2] for the limit case  $a = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** Each domain  $D$ ,  $D \in T_\alpha$  is a kernel in the sense of Carathéodory, of a decreasing sequence of domains obtained from the plane by removing a finite number of angles of the form  $A^+(w, \alpha)$  or  $A^-(w, \alpha)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  be a number such that  $F_{n_0} = (C \setminus D) \cap \bar{E}_{n_0} \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\bar{E}_n = \{z: |z| \leq n\}$ ,  $n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}$  and  $D \in T_\alpha$ .  
 Since  $F_{n_0}$  is a compact set and  $F_{n_0} \subset \bar{E}_{n_0}$ , therefore there exists an  $\epsilon$ -net,  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{n}$ , i.e.

a set of such points  $\{w_1, \dots, w_s, v_1, \dots, v_r\} \subset F_{n_0}$  that for each  $w \in F_{n_0}$  there exists a number  $l' \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  such that  $|w - w_{l'}| < \frac{1}{n}$  or a number  $l'' \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$  such that  $|w - v_{l''}| < \frac{1}{n}$ . After a suitable change of order of points  $w_i, v_j$  we may choose positive integers  $k, l$ ,  $k \leq s, l \leq r$ , so as to obtain the inclusion

$$\{w_1, \dots, w_s, v_1, \dots, v_r\} \subset \bigcup_{m=1}^k A^+(w_m, \alpha) \cup \bigcup_{p=1}^l A^-(v_p, \alpha).$$

Let  $G_n = \bigcup_{m=1}^k A^+(w_m, \alpha) \cup \bigcup_{p=1}^l A^-(v_p, \alpha)$ . It follows from the above construction that the distance of each point of the set  $F_{n_0}$  from the set  $G_n$  is less than  $\frac{1}{n}$ . In an analogous manner we form a set  $G_{n+1}$  such that  $G_n \subset G_{n+1}$  and the distance of each point of the set  $F_{n_0}$  from the set  $G_{n+1}$  is less than  $\frac{1}{n+1}$ . In this way we define a decreasing sequence of domains  $D_n = C \setminus G_n$ . Since  $D \subset D_n$  for  $n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}$ ,  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , therefore  $D \subset \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ .

So,  $D = \text{Int } D \subset \text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ . We will show that  $D = \text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ . Suppose that  $D \neq \text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ . Then there exists point  $w_0 \in (\text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n) \setminus D$  and a number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $E(w_0, \delta) \subset \text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ , where  $E(w_0, \delta) = \{w: |w - w_0| < \delta\}$ . Thus  $E(w_0, \delta) \subset \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ , i.e.  $\text{dist}(w_0, C \setminus D_n) \equiv \text{dist}(w_0, G_n) \geq \delta$ ,  $n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}$ . But  $w_0 \in C \setminus D$ , and consequently, for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $w_0 \in F_n$  and  $\text{dist}(w_0, G_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ . We may choose the number  $n$  in such a way that  $\frac{1}{n} < \delta$  which leads to a contradiction because  $\text{dist}(w_0, G_n) \geq \delta$  for  $n \in \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}$ . So  $D = \text{Int } \bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$ . Since

Int  $\bigcap_{n=n_0}^{\infty} D_n$  is a kernel of sequence  $(D_n)$ ; our theorem follows.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be a function non-constant and analytic in  $E$ . Then  $f \in I_\alpha$  if and only if there exist numbers  $\mu, \nu, 0 \leq \mu \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \nu \leq \pi$ , such that

$$|\arg \{-ie^{i\mu} (1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu}) f'(z)\}| < (1 - \alpha) \frac{\pi}{2}, z \in E, \quad (1)$$

where  $\arg(-i) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**Proof. 1.** Let  $f \in I_\alpha$ . We assume  $f(0) = 0$  i.e.  $f(E) \in T_\alpha(0)$ . From Theorem 1 it follows that there is a sequence of domains containing the origin each of which is obtained from the plane by deleting a finite number of angles with measure  $\alpha\pi, \alpha \in (0, 1)$  whose bisectors are parallel to the imaginary axis. This sequence converges to the kernel  $D = f(E)$ . Let us first suppose that  $D = f(E)$  is a domain which is obtained from the complex plane  $C$  by eliminating a finite numbers of angles of the form  $A^+(w, \alpha)$  or  $A^-(w, \alpha)$ . We will approximate the domain  $D$  with an increasing sequence of polygons whose sides form

with the real axis angles of absolute measure less than  $(1 - \alpha) \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Suppose first that the

boundary of  $D$  is the sum of segments of half-lines which form sides of angles:

$A^+(w_1, \alpha) = A_1^+, \dots, A^+(w_k, \alpha) = A_k^+$  or  $A^-(v_1, \alpha) = A_1^-, \dots, A^-(v_l, \alpha) = A_l^-$ , where

$\text{Re } w_1 < \dots < \text{Re } w_k, \text{Re } v_1 < \dots < \text{Re } v_l, k, l, \in N$ . There exists a number  $M_1 > 0$  such that all the vertices of the polygon  $\partial D$  are contained in the strip  $|\text{Im } w| < M_1$ . Let  $w_0', w_k'$  be common points of the line  $\text{Im } w = M_1$ , and the left side of the angle  $A_1^+$  and the right side of the angle  $A_k^+$ , respectively. The right side of the angle is a side in the right half-plane determined by the bisector of the angle. Analogously, let  $v_0', v_l'$  be common points of the line  $\text{Im } w = -M_1$  and the left side of the angle  $A_1^-$  and the right side of the angle  $A_l^-$ , respectively. Next, let  $w_j', j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$  be common points of the right side of the angle  $A_j^+$  and the left side of the angle  $A_{j+1}^+$ . Let  $v_i', i = 1, 2, \dots, l-1$  be common points of the right side of the angle  $A_i^-$  and the left side of the angle  $A_{i+1}^-$ . Moreover, let  $P_1$  be the common point of the straight line  $\text{Im } w = -M_1$  and a straight line containing the point  $w_0'$  and subtending with the positive direction of the real axis an angle of measure

$(1 - \alpha) \frac{\pi}{2}$ ; let  $P_2$  be the common point of the line  $\text{Im } w = -M_1$  and a straight line containing the point  $w_k'$  which subtends an angle of measure  $(1 + \alpha) \frac{\pi}{2}$  with the positive

direction of the real axis. If  $C \setminus D$  does not contain angles  $A^+(w, \alpha)$  then we denote by  $P_1, P_2$  common points of  $\text{Im } w = M_1$  and the straight line containing the point  $v_0'$  which

forms with the positive direction of the real axis an angle of measure  $(1 + \alpha) \frac{\pi}{2}$  and the

straight line containing the point  $v_l'$  which forms with the positive direction of the real axis an angle of measure  $(1 - a) \frac{\pi}{2}$ , respectively. Let us form a polygonal line  $\Gamma_1$  with

vertices:

- (i)  $w_1 = v_1, v_1', v_2, v_2', \dots, v_{l-1}', v_l = w_k, w_k', w_{k-1}', \dots, w_1', w_1$ , when  $D$  is bounded
- (ii)  $P_1, v_0', v_1, v_1', \dots, w_1, w_0', P_1$ , when  $D$  is unbounded from the left
- (iii)  $v_1, v_1', \dots, v_l, v_l', P_2, w_k', w_k, \dots, v_1$ , when  $D$  is unbounded from the right
- (iv)  $P_1, v_0', v_1, v_1', \dots, v_l, v_l', P_2, w_k', w_k, \dots, w_1, w_0', P_1$ , when  $D$  is unbounded from both sides
- (v)  $P_1, P_2, w_k', w_k, \dots, w_1, w_0', P_1$ , when none of the angles  $A^-(w, a)$  is contained in  $C \setminus D$
- (vi)  $P_1, v_0', v_1, v_1', \dots, v_l, v_l', P_2, P_1$ , when none of the angle  $A^+(w, a)$  is contained in  $C \setminus D$ .

It follows from the above construction that  $M_1 > 0$  may be chosen in such a way that the polygonal line  $\Gamma_1$  is the boundary of a Jordan domain  $D_1$ ,  $D_1 \in T_a(0)$ . We form a sequence  $(D_n)$ ,  $D_n \in T_a(0)$ , of domains constructed in the previously described manner while replacing  $M_1$  by a sequence  $(M_n)$ ,  $M_n \rightarrow +\infty$  for  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  which is an increasing

sequence of domains such that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n = D = f(E)$ . Hence  $D$  is a kernel of  $(D_n)$  in the sense of Carathéodory.

Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions  $f_n \in S_0$  such that  $\arg f_n'(0) = \arg f'(0)$ ,  $f_n(E) = D_n$ . It follows from the theorem of Carathéodory that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  locally uniformly in  $E$ . There are real numbers  $\psi_n, \theta_n, \psi_n \in (0, 2\pi)$ ,  $\theta_n \in (0, 2\pi)$ ,  $\psi_n - \theta_n > 0$  such that  $f_n(e^{i\theta_n}) \in \Gamma_n$  and  $\operatorname{Re} f_n(e^{i\theta_n})$  is the greatest, and  $f_n(e^{i\psi_n}) \in \Gamma_n$  and  $\operatorname{Re} f_n(e^{i\psi_n})$  is the least among the numbers in question. Assume that  $\theta_n = \mu_n - \nu_n$ ,  $\psi_n = \mu_n + \nu_n$ , where  $\nu_n \in (0, \pi)$ ,  $\mu_n \in (0, 2\pi)$ . At any point of  $\Gamma_n = \partial f_n(E)$  (except for the vertices) we consider the normal vector. From the construction it follows that this vector forms with the positive

direction of the real axis an angle of measure  $a \frac{\pi}{2}$ , or  $\pi - a \frac{\pi}{2}$ , or  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  in the case 'upper part of  $\Gamma_n$ ', and  $\pi + \frac{a\pi}{2}$ , or  $2\pi - a \frac{\pi}{2}$ , or  $\frac{3}{2}\pi$  in the case 'lower part of  $\Gamma_n$ '. Points  $f_n(e^{i\theta_n})$

and  $f_n(e^{i\psi_n})$  uniquely determine the parts of  $\Gamma_n$ . Denote  $f_n(e^{i\omega_j}) = w_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k$ ;  $f_n(e^{i\omega'_j}) = w'_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ;  $f_n(e^{i\gamma_m}) = v_m$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, l$ ;  $f_n(e^{i\gamma'_m}) = v'_m$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots, l$  where  $\psi_n \leq \gamma'_0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma'_1 < \dots < \gamma_l < \gamma'_l < \theta_n \leq \omega'_k < \omega_k < \dots < \omega_1 < \omega'_0 \leq \psi_n + 2\pi$ .

At the points of  $\partial E$  where  $f_n$  admits analytic continuation (see G. M. Golusin [3]) we

may consider the normal vector  $\zeta f'_n(\zeta)$ . Moreover, at  $\zeta_0$  (which corresponds to a vertex of  $\Gamma_n$ ) the harmonic function  $\arg(\zeta - \zeta_0)$  has a jump. Hence

$$\arg [-ie^{i\phi} f'_n(e^{i\phi})] = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} (1-a) \text{ for } \phi \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k (\omega_j, \omega_j) \cup (\omega'_0, \psi_n + 2\pi) \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} (1-a) \text{ for } \phi \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k (\omega_j, \omega_{j-1}) \cup (\theta_n, \omega_k) \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\theta_n, \psi_n + 2\pi) \text{ when } k=0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

for 'upper part of  $\Gamma_n$ ' and

$$\arg [ie^{i\phi} f'_n(e^{i\phi})] = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} (1-a) \text{ for } \phi \in \bigcup_{i=1}^l (\gamma_{i-1}, \gamma_i) \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\psi_n, \gamma'_0) \cup (\gamma'_i, \theta_n) \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} (1-a) \text{ for } \phi \in \bigcup_{i=1}^l (\gamma_i, \gamma'_i) \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\psi_n, \theta_n) \text{ when } l=0 \end{cases}$$

for 'lower part of  $\Gamma_n$ '.

Let us consider the function

$$h(z; \mu, \nu) = \frac{ie^{-l\mu z}}{[1 - ze^{-i(\mu-\nu)}][1 - ze^{-i(\mu+\nu)}]}, \quad z \in \overline{E}. \quad (3)$$

The boundary of the domain  $h(E; \mu, \nu)$  is the sum of two half-lines contained in the imaginary axis which omit the origin. We easily examine that

$$\operatorname{Im} h(e^{i\phi}; \mu, \nu) > 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\mu - \nu, \mu + \nu)$$

$$\operatorname{Im} h(e^{i\phi}; \mu, \nu) < 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\mu + \nu, \mu - \nu + 2\pi)$$

where  $\mu \in (0, 2\pi)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, \pi)$ . Thus

$$\arg [h(e^{i\phi}; \mu, \nu)] = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} = \arg i \text{ for } \phi \in (\mu - \nu, \mu + \nu) \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} = \arg (-i) \text{ for } \phi \in (\mu + \nu, \mu - \nu + 2\pi). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

From (2) and (4) it follows

$$\arg \frac{e^{i\phi} f'_n(e^{i\phi})}{h(e^{i\phi}; \mu_n, \nu_n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}(1-a) \text{ for} \\ \phi \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k (\omega_j, \omega_j) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^l (\gamma_{i-1}, \gamma_i) \cup (\omega_0, \psi_n + 2\pi) \\ \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\psi_n, \gamma_0') \cup (\gamma_l', \theta_n) \\ \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\psi_n, \theta_n) \text{ when } l = 0 \\ \\ 0 \text{ for } \phi \in (\theta_n, \psi_n + 2\pi) \text{ when } k = 0 \\ \\ -\frac{\pi}{2}(1-a) \text{ for} \\ \phi \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k (\omega_j, \omega_{j-1}) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^l (\gamma_i, \gamma_i') \cup (\theta_n, \omega_k) \end{cases}$$

Considering (3) we have:

$$|\arg \{-ie^{i\mu_n} (1 - 2e^{i\phi} e^{-i\mu_n} \cos \nu_n + e^{2i\phi} e^{-2i\mu_n}) f'_n(e^{i\phi})\}| \leq (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (5)$$

for  $\phi \in (\psi_n, \psi_n + 2\pi) \setminus \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k, \omega_0', \dots, \omega_k', \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_l, \gamma_0', \dots, \gamma_l', \theta_n, \psi_n\}$ . By Theorem 5 of the paper [5], p. 188, we have

$$|\arg \{-ie^{i\mu_n} (1 - 2ze^{-i\mu_n} \cos \nu_n + z^2 e^{-2i\mu_n}) f'_n(z)\}| \leq (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}, z \in E. \quad (6)$$

Since  $f_n \rightarrow f$  locally uniformly in  $E$  and the sequences  $(\mu_n), (\nu_n)$  are bounded, there exists a subsequence  $(n_k)$  such that  $\mu_{n_k} \rightarrow \mu, \nu_{n_k} \rightarrow \nu, (k \rightarrow +\infty)$ . From (6) with  $n = n_k$  for  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we obtain

$$|\arg \{-ie^{i\mu} (1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu}) f'(z)\}| \leq (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}, z \in E. \quad (7)$$

We know that any domain of  $T_a(0)$  can be approximated in the sense of Carathéodory by canonical domains (Theorem 1). Passing to the limit again we conclude that for  $f \in S_0$ ,  $f(0) = 0$  such that  $f(E) \in T_a(0)$  there exist numbers  $\mu \in (0, 2\pi), \nu \in (0, \pi)$  which satisfy (7) and the first part of Theorem 2 follows.

2. Conversely, let  $f(z), f(0) = 0$  be an analytic and non-constant function in  $E$  for which (7) holds.

a) If the sign of equality appears for some point  $z \in E$ , then by the maximum principle for harmonic functions we obtain

$$-ie^{i\mu}(1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu})f'(z) = ce^{i(1-a)\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

Thus

$$f(z) = e^{\pm i(1-a)\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{c}{2 \sin \nu} \ln \left[ e^{-2i\nu} \frac{z - e^{-i(\mu+\nu)}}{z - e^{i(\mu-\nu)}} \right], f(0) = 0. \quad (8)$$

For  $\nu = 0, \nu = \pi$  we must take the limit function of the form

$$f(z) = ie^{\pm i(1-a)\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{cze^{-i\mu}}{1 - ze^{-i\mu}}$$

Therefore  $f(E)$  for  $\nu \in (0, \pi)$ , is a strip whose edges form with the imaginary axis an angle of measure  $a\frac{\pi}{2}$ . For  $\nu = 0$  or  $\nu = \pi$ ,  $f(E)$  is a half-plane whose boundary forms an angle of measure  $a\frac{\pi}{2}$  with the imaginary axis; i.e.  $f(E) \in T_a(0)$  and the mapping is univalent.

b) Let us now assume that equality in (1) does not take place at any point in  $E$ . Thus

$$|\arg \{ -ie^{i\mu}(1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu})f'(z) \}| < (1-a)\frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (9)$$

It follows from the definition  $h(\cdot; \mu, \nu)$  that the function  $H$  given by

$$H(z) = \int_0^z \frac{h(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi = \frac{1}{2 \sin \nu} \ln \left[ e^{-2i\nu} \frac{z - e^{i(\mu+\nu)}}{z - e^{i(\mu-\nu)}} \right]$$

maps the disc  $E$  on the strip  $\{w : A < \text{Im } w < B\}$ , where  $-\infty < A < B < +\infty$ . For every fixed  $t \in (A, B)$  let us consider a straight line  $L_t : w \equiv w(s) = s + ti, s \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ .  $H^{-1}(L_t)$  is a Jordan arc :  $z_t = z_t(s) = H^{-1}(s + ti)$  contained in  $E$  with end-points at  $e^{i(\mu-\nu)}$  and  $e^{i(\mu+\nu)}$ , respectively. Hence  $H(z_t(s)) = s + ti$  and

$$H'(z_t(s)) = \frac{1}{\frac{d}{ds} z_t(s)}. \quad (10)$$

The condition (9) is equivalent to

$$\left| \arg \frac{f'(z)}{H'(z)} \right| < (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad z \in E. \quad (11)$$

From (10) and (11) we obtain

$$\left| \arg \frac{d}{ds} f(z_t(s)) \right| < (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad s \in (-\infty, +\infty). \quad (12)$$

Hence a tangent vector to the curve  $z_t(s)$  forms with the positive direction of the real axis an angle larger than  $-(1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}$  and simultaneously smaller than  $+(1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}$ . From

convexity of  $H$  and from (11) it follows that  $f$  is a close-to-convex function, hence univalent (see W. Kaplan [4]). Therefore, if  $t$  varies from  $A$  to  $B$ , then the curves  $z = z_t(s)$  have end-points  $e^{i(\mu+\nu)}$ ,  $e^{i(\mu-\nu)}$  in common only and they sweep out the disc  $E$ . Hence  $f(D(t_1, t_2)) \in T_a$ , where  $t_1 \neq t_2$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in (A, B)$ ;  $D(t_1, t_2)$ ,  $D(t_1, t_2) \subset E$ , denotes a domain bounded by the arcs  $z = z_{t_1}(s)$ ,  $z = z_{t_2}(s)$ ,  $s \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ . Hence  $f(E) \in T_a$ , i.e.  $f \in I_a$ .

In the second part of our proof we have exploited some ideas from the paper by Cz. Burniak, Z. Lewandowski and J. Pituch [1]. The proof is completed.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f \in I_a$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ , and  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ , there exist numbers*

*$\mu, \nu$ :  $a \frac{\pi}{2} < \mu < (2-a) \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 < \nu < \pi$  such that*

$$\left| a_2 - e^{-i\mu} \cos \nu \right| < (1-a) \left| \cos \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} \right|. \quad (13)$$

**Proof.** By Theorem 2 there exist numbers  $\mu, \nu$ ;  $a \frac{\pi}{2} < \mu < (2-a) \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 < \nu < \pi$  such that

$$\left| \arg \left\{ -ie^{i\mu} (1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu}) f'(z) \right\} \right| < (1-a) \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad z \in E.$$

Put  $F(z) = -ie^{i\mu} (1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu}) f'(z)$ . Thus the condition (1) has the form

$$\left| \arg [F(z)]^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

which implies  $\operatorname{Re} [F(z)]^{\frac{1}{1-a}} > 0$ . Therefore, there is a function  $p$  ( $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ,  $p(0) = 1$ ), such that

$$F(z) = \left[ \cos \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} p(z) + i \sin \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} \right]^{1-a}$$



and consequently

$$f'(z) = \frac{\left[ \cos \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} p(z) + i \sin \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} \right]^{1-a}}{-ie^{i\mu}(1 - 2ze^{-i\mu} \cos \nu + z^2 e^{-2i\mu})} \quad (14)$$

which gives

$$p'(0) = \frac{2(a_2 - e^{-i\mu} \cos \nu)}{(1-a) \cos \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} \exp \left[ \frac{-ia(2\mu - \pi)}{2(1-a)} \right]}$$

Since  $|p'(0)| \leq 2$ , we get  $|a_2 - e^{-i\mu} \cos \nu| \leq (1-a) \left| \cos \frac{2\mu - \pi}{2(1-a)} \right|$ . This proves our statement.

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#### STRESZCZENIE

W pracy tej rozważa się klasę funkcji kątowno osiągalnych w kierunku osi urojonej. Podane są warunki konieczne i dostateczne na to, by funkcja należała do tej klasy.

#### РЕЗЮМЕ

В этой работе рассуждается класс углово-достижимых функций в направлении мнимой оси. Даны необходимые и достаточные условия для принадлежности функции к этому классу.

