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**Applications of the Domain of Variability of Some Functionals  
 within the Class of Carathéodory Functions**

Zastosowania obszaru zmienności pewnych funkcjonałów  
 w klasie funkcji Caratheodory'ego

Применение области изменения некоторых функционалов  
 в классе функции Каратеодоры.

**1. Preliminaries**

Let  $P_\beta$  denote the class of Carathéodory functions of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ; that is, functions  $p(z)$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  regular in the unit disc  $E$  and for which  $\text{Re} p(z) > \beta$ ;  $P_0 = P$ .

In a recent paper, Zmorovič [7] has obtained the exact lower bound of  $\text{Re} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}$ ,  $p(z) \in P_\beta$ . Before stating Zmorovič's theorem we list in the following some of the symbols that shall be used throughout.

**Remark 1.**  $|z| = r$ ;  $h = \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}$ ;  $a = \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2}$ ;  $b = \frac{2r}{1-r^2}$   
 $R(\beta) = \frac{1+(2\beta-1)r}{1+r}$ ,  $R(0) = R$ ;  $\bar{R}(\beta) = \frac{1-(2\beta-1)r}{1-r}$ ,  $\bar{R}(0) = \bar{R}$ .

**Theorem A** (V. A. Zmorovič). *By  $r(h)$  we denote the root, unique in  $(2 - \sqrt{3}, 1]$  of the equation*

$$h(1+r)(4r-1-r^2) = (1-r)^3 \tag{1}$$

*Then on every circle  $|z| = r < 1$ , for every function  $p(z) \in P_\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , the estimate*

$$\text{Re} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \geq \sigma(z)$$

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is valid, where

$$\sigma(r) = -\frac{2r}{(1+r)(1-r+h(1+r))} \quad (2)$$

when  $0 \leq r \leq r(h)$  and

$$\sigma(r) = -((a+h)^{1/2} - h^{1/2})^2 \quad (3)$$

when  $r(h) \leq r < 1$ . These estimates are exact.

Let  $f(z)$  be regular in  $E$  with  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(z)f'(z)/z \neq 0$  in  $E$  and satisfy there the conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1-\alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] > 0 \quad (4)$$

for some real number  $\alpha$ . Let us denote the class of such functions by  $S_\alpha$ .  $S_\alpha$  is called the class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions, see e.g., [4], [5], [6].

Al-Amiri [1] has obtained the exact radius of  $\alpha$ -convexity  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$ , for the class of the normalized starlike functions of order  $\beta$  which is denoted by  $S_\beta^*$ ; that is

$$r_{\alpha,\beta} = \max \{R \mid f \in S_\beta^* \text{ implies } f \in S_\alpha, \text{ for } |z| < R \text{ and } \alpha \geq 0, 0 \leq \beta < 1\}$$

**Theorem B (Al-Amiri).** *The radius of  $\alpha$ -convexity  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  or the class  $S_\beta^*$  is given by*

$$r_1 = r_{\alpha,\beta} = \left( \frac{2\beta - \alpha + 2(\beta^3 + h\alpha\beta)^{1/2}}{2\beta + \alpha + 2(\beta^2 + h\alpha\beta)^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

for  $\beta_0 \leq \beta < 1$  and

$$r_2 = r_{\alpha,\beta} = \left[ [1 - 2\beta + \alpha(1 - \beta) + ((1 - 2\beta + \alpha(1 - \beta))^2 - (1 - 2\beta)^2)^{1/2}]^{-1} \right] \quad (6)$$

for  $0 \leq \beta \leq \beta_0$ , where  $\beta_0$  is the smallest positive root of

$$r_1 = r_2. \quad (7)$$

$\beta_0$  lies in the interval  $\left( \frac{\alpha}{4+\alpha}, \frac{-\alpha + (\alpha^2 + 8\alpha)^{1/2}}{4} \right)$ . The results are sharp.

Let  $H(\alpha)$  denote the class of regular functions  $f(z)$  normalized so that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  and satisfying in the unit disc  $E$  the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1-\alpha)f'(z) + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] > 0 \quad (8)$$

for some real number  $\alpha$ .

Recently, Al-Amiri and Reade [2] have shown the following result.

**Theorem C** (Al-Amiri and Reade). *Let  $f(z)$  be in the class of normalized univalent functions with  $\text{Re}f'(z) > 0$  for  $z \in E$ . Then  $f \in H(\alpha)$  for  $r < r_\alpha$  where*

- i)  $r_\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{2\alpha})^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$
- ii)  $r_\alpha = \left( \frac{1 - \alpha - (\alpha(\alpha - 1))^{1/2}}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{1/2}$ ,  $\alpha \leq 0$ .

All results are sharp.

Now the purpose of this note is to reproduce the above three theorems through an appropriate application of a result concerning the domain of variability. This result, Theorem D below, is capable of further applications of old and new results. For instance, Theorem B and Theorem C can be extended to the case  $\alpha < 0$  and to the class where  $\text{Re}f'(z) > \beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , respectively. However, these extensions would involve a rather long and complicated formulas.

Using the methods of Gutlijsanski [3] we are able to obtain, after long and rather tedious but simple analysis, the following generalization of Theorem 1 in [3] as follows:

**Theorem D.** *Let  $z \in E$  be fixed. Then the domain of variability  $D$  of the functional*

$$I(p) = \text{Re}p(z) + i\text{Re} \left( p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right) \tag{9}$$

within the class  $P_\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  is bounded by a closed Jordan curve.

**Case 1.** If  $h \leq \frac{r - 1 + (1 + 6r + r_0)^{1/2}}{2(1 + r)}$ , the upper boundary curve of  $D$ ,  $\Gamma^+$ , consists of three connected arcs  $\Gamma_k^+$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ), and the lower curve  $\Gamma^-$  is connected with  $\Gamma^+$  at the end points over the interval  $\underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta)$ , where  $\text{Re}p(z) = x$ . These curves are described below:

$$\Gamma_1^+ : y = \Phi_1(x) = \frac{3+h}{2}x - h - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-h^2)(1+h)x}{[2(a+h)(1+h)x - 1 - 2ah - h^2]}, \tag{10}$$

for  $\underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \xi_1$ , and

$$\Gamma_2^+ : y = \Phi_2(x) = \frac{3+h}{2}x - h - \frac{y_0^3 + (1 + 2ah + h^2 - 2(1+h)(a+h)x)y_0 + (1-h^2)(1+h)x}{2y_0^2} \tag{11}$$

for  $\xi_1 \leq x \leq \xi_2$ , and

$$\Gamma_3^+: y = \Phi_3(x) = x + a - \frac{1 + ah}{(1+h)x}, \quad (12)$$

for  $\xi_2 \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta)$ .

The lower curve is

$$\Gamma^-: y = \psi(x) = (2+h)x - a - 2h + \frac{\beta(a+h)}{x} \quad (13)$$

for  $\underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta)$ .

**Case 2.** If  $h \geq \frac{r-1+(1+6r+r^2)^{1/2}}{2(1+r)}$ , then the boundary curves are  $\gamma^+$  and  $\Gamma^-$  which are joined at the end points over the interval  $\underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta)$  and are described as follows:

$$\gamma^+: y = \Phi_2(x) = x + a - \frac{1 + ah}{(1+h)x}, \quad (12)'$$

$$\Gamma^-: y = \psi(x) = (2+h)x - a - 2h + \frac{\beta(a+h)}{x}, \quad (13)'$$

for  $\underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta)$ .

**Remark 2.** The arcs  $\Gamma_1^+$ ,  $\Gamma_3^+$ ,  $\gamma^+$  are increasing and convex while  $\Gamma_2^+$  is increasing and concave.  $\xi_1$ ,  $\xi_2$  and  $y_0$  appearing in Theorem D are solutions to certain equations which we shall not need.

In the second section we will prove these theorems using Theorem D

## 2. Proofs

**Theorem A.** It is clear from (9) that to minimize  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}$ ,  $p \in P_\beta$ , we need to minimize  $K(x)$  where

$$K(x) = \psi(x) - x, \operatorname{Re} p(z) = x, \underline{R}(\beta) \leq x \leq \bar{R}(\beta),$$

where  $\psi(x)$  is given by (13), (13)'. Consequently,

$$K(x) = (1+h)x - a - 2h + \frac{\beta(a+h)}{x}. \quad (14)$$

since

$$K'(x) = 1+h - \frac{\beta(a+h)}{x^2} = 0$$

is satisfied for

$$x_0 = \left( \frac{\beta(a+h)}{1+h} \right)^{1/2}, \tag{15}$$

and  $K''(x_0) > 0$ , it follows that

$$\min K(x) = K(x_0),$$

with  $\underline{R}(\beta) < x < \bar{R}(\beta)$ . We note that

$$x_0 \leq \left( \frac{a+h}{1+h} \right)^{1/2} = ((1-\beta)(a+h))^{1/2} < (1-\beta)(a+b+h) = \bar{R}(\beta),$$

but  $x_0$  may not be greater than  $\underline{R}(\beta)$ . From (14) we get

$$\min_{p \in P_\beta} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = K(x_0) = (1+h)x_0 - a - 2h + \frac{\beta(a+h)}{x_0} \tag{16}$$

provided  $x_0 \geq \underline{R}(\beta)$ . Substitution of (15) in (16) yields

$$\min_{p \in P_\beta} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \sigma(r) = -((a+h)^{1/2} - h^{1/2})^2$$

which is (3). Otherwise

$$\min_{p \in P_\beta} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \sigma(r) = K(\underline{R}(\beta)),$$

if  $x_0 \leq \underline{R}(\beta)$ . Again from (14) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(r) &= (1+h)(1-\beta)(a-b+h) - a - 2h + \frac{\beta(a+h)}{(1-\beta)(a-b+h)} \\ &= -b - h + \frac{h(a+h)}{a-b+h} \\ &= -\frac{2r}{(1+r)(1-r+h(1+r))} \end{aligned}$$

which is (2). See Remark 1 for the symbols. One can directly verify that  $x_0 = \underline{R}(\beta)$  is (1) of the theorem, while  $x_0 \leq \underline{R}(\beta)$  and  $x_0 \geq \bar{R}(\beta)$  are equivalent to  $0 \leq r \leq h(r)$  and  $r(h) \leq r < 1$ , respectively. Thus Theorem A is completed. Exactness has already been established in [7].

**Theorem B.** Let  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = p(z)$  and

$$y = \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right), \quad f \in S_\beta^*.$$

Then, for  $\alpha \geq 0$ , it follows from (4) that the radius of  $\alpha$ -convexity  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$  for the class  $S_\beta^*$  may be obtained through minimizing

$$(1 - \alpha)x + \alpha y.$$

Now we consider the family of parallel lines  $L_\alpha$ , where

$$L_\alpha: (1 - \alpha)x + \alpha y = \lambda.$$

From (9) and the above,  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$  can be obtained by determining the support line (extremal) of the domain of variability  $D$  (Theorem D) within the family  $L_\alpha$ .

For  $\alpha > 0$

$$\min_{(x,y) \in D} ((1 - \alpha)x + \alpha y) = \min_{(x,y) \in D} \lambda = \alpha \min y(0), \tag{17}$$

where  $y(0)$  is the  $y$ -intercept of the parallel line  $L_\alpha$  of slope  $\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} < 1$ .

From the nature of the boundary of  $D$ , the support line in the family  $L_\alpha$  is either tangent to the lower curve  $\Gamma^-$  as given by (13), (13)', provided the point of tangency  $x_1$ , with  $\underline{R}(\beta) < x_1 < \bar{R}(\beta)$ , or the support line is on the point  $(\underline{R}(\beta), \psi \underline{R}(\beta))$ , where  $\psi(x)$  is given by (13), (13)'. For

$$\psi'(x) = 2 + h - \frac{\beta(\alpha + h)}{x^2} = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}$$

is satisfied for

$$x_1 = (1 - \beta) \left( \frac{\alpha(h\alpha + h^2)}{\alpha - \beta + 1} \right)^{1/2}, \tag{18}$$

and  $x_1 < \bar{R}(\beta)$ . However,  $x_1$  may not be greater than  $\underline{R}(\beta)$ . Therefore if  $\underline{R}(\beta) < x_1 < \bar{R}(\beta)$ , then from (13), (13)' and (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(x,y) \in D} \lambda &= (1 - \alpha)x_1 + \alpha\psi(x_1) \\ &= 2(\alpha(\alpha - \beta + 1)(h\alpha + h^2))^{1/2} - \alpha(2h + \alpha) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

yields

$$r_1 = r_{\alpha,\beta} = \left( \frac{2\beta - \alpha + 2(\beta^2 + h\alpha\beta)^{1/2}}{2\beta + \alpha + 2(\beta^2 + h\alpha\beta)^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2} \tag{19}$$

which is (5). Otherwise  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$  is the smallest positive root satisfying

$$(1 - \alpha)\underline{R}(\beta) + \alpha\psi(\underline{R}(\beta)) = 0$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 = r_{\alpha,\beta} &= [(1 - 2\beta + \alpha(1 - \beta) + \\ &\quad + ((1 - 2\beta + \alpha(1 - \beta))^2 - (1 - 2\beta)^2)^{1/2}]^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

which is (6).

However, (20) can't be used to determine  $r_{\alpha/\beta}$  if

$$\beta \geq \frac{-\alpha + (\alpha^2 + 8\alpha)^{1/2}}{4}$$

since  $r_2$  would be greater than 1. Also (19) can't be used to determine  $r_{\alpha,\beta}$  if  $\beta \leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 4}$ , since  $r_1$  would be a nonreal number.

To find  $\beta_0$  that makes the transition from (19) to (20) we set

$$r_1 = r_2, \tag{21}$$

and solve for  $\beta$ . The smallest positive root of (21) would consequently lie in the interval

$$\left( \frac{\alpha}{4 + \alpha}, \frac{-\alpha + (\alpha^2 + 8\alpha)^{1/2}}{4} \right).$$

This completes Theorem B. Exactness has already been established in [1].

**Theorem C.** Let  $f'(z) = p(z)$  with  $x = \text{Re}p(z)$ . Then the domain of variability  $D'$  of the functional

$$J(p) = \text{Re}p(z) + i \text{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right)$$

for all  $p \in P$  can be established from the domain  $D$  of Theorem D by letting  $\beta = 0$  and replacing the boundary arcs  $\Gamma_k^+$  and  $\Gamma^-$  in case 1 by  $\gamma_k^+$  and  $\gamma^-$ , when  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , respectively, where

$$\gamma_1^+ : y = \varphi_1(x) = \Phi_1(x) - x + 1 = 1 + \frac{x}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2ax - 1} \right], \tag{22}$$

for  $\underline{R} \leq x \leq \xi_1$ ,

$$\gamma_2^+ : y = \varphi_2(x) = \Phi_2(x) - x + 1 = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{y_0^3 - (2ax - 1)y_0 + x}{2y_0^2}, \tag{23}$$

for  $\xi_1 \leq x \leq \xi_2$ ,

$$\gamma_3^+ : y = \varphi_3(x) = \Phi_2(x) - x + 1 = 1 + a - \frac{1}{x}, \tag{24}$$

for  $\xi_2 \leq x \leq \bar{R}$ , while the lower curve is

$$\gamma^- : y = \psi_1(x) = \psi(x) - x + 1 = 1 - a + x \tag{25}$$

As in [2] it can be shown that  $\gamma_1^+$  and  $\gamma_3^+$  are increasing and convex while  $\gamma_2^+$  is increasing and concave.

To find  $r_\alpha$  of Theorem C, we employ the method used in the proof of Theorem B. Namely, by determining the support line for the domain  $D'$  within the parallel lines  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$ , where

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha: (1-\alpha)x + \alpha y = \lambda$$

which have the slope  $\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ .

For  $\alpha > 0$

$$\min_{(x,y) \in D'} ((1-\alpha)x + \alpha y) = \min_{(x,y) \in D'} \lambda = \alpha \min y(0).$$

In this range of  $\alpha$ , the slope of  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  is  $\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} < 1$  and since the slope of the lower curve  $\gamma^-$  is 1, then the support line must be on  $(\underline{R}, \psi_1(\underline{R}))$ . Hence from (25) it follows that

$$\min \lambda = (1-\alpha)\underline{R} + \alpha\psi_1(\underline{R}) = (1-\alpha)\frac{1-r}{1+r} + \alpha\left(1 - \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2} + \frac{1-r}{1+r}\right) = 0$$

yields

$$r_\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{2\alpha})^{-1} \quad (26)$$

which is part (i) of Theorem C.

For  $\alpha < 0$ ,

$$\min_{(x,y) \in D'} ((1-\alpha)x + \alpha y) = \min_{(x,y) \in D'} \lambda = \alpha \max y(0).$$

In this case the support line is either tangent to the upper curve, on  $(\underline{R}, \psi_1(\underline{R}))$  or on  $(\bar{R}, \psi_1(\bar{R}))$ . If the support line is on  $(\underline{R}, \psi_1(\underline{R}))$  then  $r_\alpha$  would be given by (26) which is impossible. Also, if the support line is on  $(\bar{R}, \psi_1(\bar{R}))$  then

$$\min \lambda = (1-\alpha)\frac{1+r}{1-r} + \alpha\left(1 - \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2} + \frac{1+r}{1-r}\right) = 0$$

implies

$$(1-2\alpha)r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$$

which is impossible too. Since  $\gamma_2^+$  is concave, the support line is either tangent to  $\gamma_1^+$  or to  $\gamma_3^+$ . The formal case is impossible since the tangent line to  $\gamma_1^+$  would yield (following the procedure used so far)  $r_\alpha = \bar{r}_\alpha$  where

$$\bar{r}_\alpha = \left( \frac{1 + \alpha + (\alpha(\alpha-2))^{1/2}}{1 - 3\alpha + (\alpha(\alpha-2))^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (27)$$



We next show that the tangent line to  $\gamma_3^+$  with the same slope  $\frac{\alpha-1}{a}$  gives part (ii) of Theorem C. But from (ii) and (27) one can easily prove that  $\tilde{r}_\alpha < r_\alpha$  and thus the support line is not tangent to  $\gamma_1^+$  but is tangent to  $\gamma_3^+$ .

Now from (24)

$$\varphi_3'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{\alpha-1}{a}$$

is valid for

$$x^* = \sqrt{\frac{a}{\alpha-1}}$$

Let

$$y^* = \varphi_3(x^*) = 1 + a - \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{a}\right)^{1/2}.$$

Then

$$\min \lambda = (1-\alpha)x^* + \alpha y^* = 0$$

yields

$$\alpha + 2\sqrt{a(\alpha-1)} + a\alpha = 0.$$

From this we get

$$r_\alpha = \left( \frac{1-\alpha - (a(\alpha-1))^{1/2}}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1/2}$$

which is part (ii) of the theorem. The exactness has been shown in [3].

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## STRESZCZENIE

Niech  $P_\beta$  oznacza klasę funkcji regularnych w kole jednostkowym  $E$ , spełniających warunki  $p(0) = 1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$  dla  $z \in E$ .

W pracy podano obszar zmienności funkcjonału  $I(p) = \operatorname{Re} p(z) + i \operatorname{Re} \left( p(z) + z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right)$ . W oparciu o ten rezultat, podano inne dowody znanych już wcześniej trzech twierdzeń, dotyczących różnych klas funkcji jednolistnych zdefiniowanych poprzez związek z klasą  $P_\beta$ .

## РЕЗЮМЕ

Пусть  $P_\beta$  обозначает класс регулярных функций в круге  $E$ , выполняющих условия  $p(0) = 1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$ ,  $z \in E$ .

В работе представлено область изменения функционала  $I(p) = \operatorname{Re} p(z) + i \operatorname{Re} \left( p(z) + z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right)$ . На основе этих результатов, представлено другие доказательства уже раньше известных трех теорем, относящихся к разным классам однородных функций, определенных связью с классом  $P_\beta$ .