

ON TWO POINT DISTORTION THEOREMS FOR BOUNDED UNIVALENT REGULAR FUNCTIONS

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1. Let $f(z)$ be a bounded univalent regular function mapping the unit disc D into the unit disc E . We define

$$\Delta_1 f(z) = \frac{(1 - |z|^2)}{(1 - |f(z)|^2)} f'(z).$$

The expression $|\Delta_1 f(z)|$ is invariant under linear transformations of D and of E . For $z_1, z_2 \in D$ distinct let ρ be the hyperbolic distance between z_1 and z_2 and σ the hyperbolic distance between $f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$. These are of course invariant under linear transformations of D and E . A two point distortion theorem for f is an inequality between $|\Delta_1 f(z_1)|$, $|\Delta_1 f(z_2)|$, ρ and σ . To prove such a result it is then sufficient to prove it for a suitable normalization for $z_1, z_2, f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$.

Many years ago Blatter [1] gave a similar result for univalent functions in D (not satisfying a boundedness condition) namely

$$(1) \quad |f(z_1) - f(z_2)|^2 \geq \frac{\sinh 2\rho}{8 \cosh 4\rho} \sum_{j=1}^2 (1 - |z_j|^2)^2 |f'(z_j)|^2.$$

Kim and Minda [5] pointed out that the first factor on the right is incorrect and extended the result to obtain

$$(2) \quad |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \geq \frac{\sinh 2\rho}{2(2 \cosh 2\rho\rho)^{1/p}} (|D_1 f(z_1)|^p + |D_1 f(z_2)|^p)^{1/p}$$

where $D_1 f(z) = (1 - |z|^2)f'(z)$ valid for $p \geq P$ with some $P, 1 < P \leq 3/2$. In each case there was an appropriate equality statement.

Recently the author [4] has proved that [2] is valid for all $p \geq 1$ and also has given an inequality in the opposite direction.

Ma and Minda [6] have given for bounded univalent regular functions upper and lower bounds for σ in terms of $|\Delta_1 f(z_1)|$, $|\Delta_1 f(z_2)|$ and ρ depending on a

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parameter p conditioned by $p \geq 3/2$. Their proof is based on estimates for length in the hyperbolic metric and results in extremely complicated expressions in $|\Delta_1 f(z_1)|$, $|\Delta_1 f(z_2)|$ and ρ .

In this paper we will obtain two point distortion theorems for bounded univalent regular functions more analogous to those in [4] which are more truly distortion theorems.

2. The proof in [4] was carried out by studying the family \mathcal{F} of functions f regular and univalent in D satisfying, for $0 < r < 1$, $f(-r) = -1$, $f(r) = 1$. Of course \mathcal{F} depends on r but this is kept fixed. The treatment consists of proving two theorems stated here as Theorem T and Theorem F.

THEOREM T. *If $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $p \geq 1$*

$$(|f'(-r)|^p + |f'(r)|^p)^{1/p} \leq \frac{4(\cosh 2pp)^{1/p}}{(1-r^2) \sinh 2p}.$$

Equality occurs only for functions mapping D on the plane slit along a ray on the positive or negative real axis.

THEOREM F. *If $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $p > 0$*

$$(|f'(-r)|^p + |f'(r)|^p)^{1/p} \geq \frac{2^{1/p} \cosh(\rho/2)}{\cosh \rho}.$$

Equality occurs only for a function l_0 mapping D onto the plane slit along the real axis symmetrically through the point at infinity.

In the proof of Theorem T there is constructed a one-parameter family of functions $f_b \in \mathcal{F}$ which map D onto an admissible domain [2] with respect to the quadratic differential

$$\kappa_1 \frac{(w-b)}{(w+1)^2(w-1)^2} dw^2$$

where κ_1 real has the same sign as b or exceptionally for $b = \infty$

$$\kappa_2 \frac{dw^2}{(w+1)^2(w-1)^2}$$

with $\kappa_2 < 0$. The functions are determined explicitly and the proof is carried out by direct calculation. Incidentally the formula on p. 156 l.4 in [4] should read

$$\frac{d}{db} \log|f'_b(r)| = -\frac{1}{b-1} \frac{1}{(b^2-1)^{1/2}} \log\left(\frac{1+r^2}{2r} \frac{(b+1)^{1/2} - (b-1)^{1/2}}{(b+1)^{1/2} + (b-1)^{1/2}}\right)$$

but the correct formula is used in the remainder of the proof.

To treat the case of bounded univalent regular functions we construct functions analogous to the f_b . We fix r , $0 < r < 1$, and a , $0 < a < r$, and denote by \mathcal{G} the family of functions regular and univalent in D with values in E such that $g(-r) = -a$, $g(r) = a$.

There are three types of special functions in \mathcal{G} . In the first instance for ψ , $0 < \psi < \pi$ the quadratic differential

$$(3) \quad Q^*(w, \psi) dw^2 = -\frac{(w - e^{-i\psi})^2(w - e^{i\psi})^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2} dw^2$$

is positive in E and has the following trajectory structure. The open arcs on $|w| = 1$ joining $e^{i\psi}$ and $e^{-i\psi}$ are trajectories and there is a further trajectory γ in E joining $e^{i\psi}$ and $e^{-i\psi}$ which divides E into two circle domains for $Q^*(w, \psi) dw^2$ containing respectively the double poles $-a, a$. If we make two appropriate symmetric incisions from $e^{-i\psi}, e^{i\psi}$ along γ into E we obtain a domain E_ψ which can be mapped conformally onto D so that $-a, a$ go to $-r, r$. This induces on D a quadratic differential

$$(4) \quad Q(z, \phi) dz^2 = -K^{-1} \frac{(z - e^{-i\phi})^2(z - e^{i\phi})^2}{(z - r)^2(z + r)^2(z - r^{-1})^2(z + r^{-1})^2} dz^2$$

with a positive constant K . We denote the corresponding mapping from D to E_ψ by h_0 . The values of ϕ fill an open arc $0 < \phi_0 < \phi < \pi - \phi_0$, $0 < \phi_0 < \pi$.

A second type of special function is obtained by mapping E into the ζ -plane by the function

$$(5) \quad l(w) = \frac{(1 - a^2)^2}{a(1 + a^2)} \frac{w}{(1 + w)^2} + \frac{2a}{1 + a^2}$$

$l(E)$ is the plane slit on the positive real axis from $(1 + 6a + 4a^4)/(4a(1 + a^2))$ to ∞ and $l(-a) = -1$, $l(a) = 1$. Thus for $g \in \mathcal{G}$, $lg \in \mathcal{F}$. For

$$b_+ = \frac{1 + 6r^2 + r^4}{4r(1 + r^2)} \leq b \leq \frac{1 + 6a^2 + a^4}{4a(1 + a^2)} = \hat{b}$$

the function $l^{-1}f_b$ is in \mathcal{G} and the quadratic differential

$$\lambda \frac{(\zeta - b)}{(\zeta + 1)^2(\zeta - 1)^2} d\zeta^2$$

for a suitable $\lambda > 0$ induces on E a quadratic differential

$$(6) \quad -\frac{(w - c)(w - c^{-1})(w - 1)^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2} dw^2$$

where $c = l^{-1}(b)$.

The third type of special function can be obtained by a similar construction

with the function

$$\tilde{l}(w) = \frac{(1 - a^2)^2}{a(1 + a^2)} \frac{w}{(1 - w)^2} - \frac{2a}{1 + a^2}$$

to obtain a function $\tilde{l}^{-1}f_b$ and a quadratic differential

$$(7) \quad - \frac{(w - \hat{c})(w - \hat{c}^{-1})(w + 1)^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2} dw^2$$

with $\hat{c} = \tilde{l}^{-1}b$.

Combining these we have quadratic differentials $\hat{Q}(w, t) dw^2$ where

$$\hat{Q}(w, t) = - \frac{(w^2 - 2tw + 1)(w - 1)^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2}, \quad t^* \geq t \geq 1,$$

$$\hat{Q}(w, t) = - \frac{(w - 2tw + 1)^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2}, \quad 1 \geq t \geq -1,$$

$$\hat{Q}(w, t) = - \frac{(w^2 - 2tw + 1)^2}{(w - a)^2(w + a)^2(w - a^{-1})^2(w + a^{-1})^2}, \quad -1 \geq t \geq -t^*$$

with $t^* = (1/2)(l^{-1}b_+ + (l^{-1}b_+)^{-1})$. Note that the definitions agree at $t = 1, -1$. We denote the corresponding functions in \mathcal{G} by $g_t, t^* \geq t \geq -t^*$.

LEMMA 1. For $g \in \mathcal{G}$, $|g'(-r)|$ is maximized uniquely for g_{t^*} , minimized uniquely for g_{-t^*} , $|g'(r)|$ is maximized uniquely for g_{-t^*} , minimized uniquely for g_{t^*} .

$g_{t^*}(D)$ is an admissible domain for the quadratic differential

$$- \frac{(w - 1)^2 dw^2}{(w + a)^2(w + a^{-1})^2(w - a)(w - a^{-1})}$$

$gg_{t^*}^{-1}$ is an admissible function for it. Applying the General Coefficient Theorem [2, 3] with $-a$ as P_1 , we have the coefficients

$$\alpha^{(1)} = - \frac{a^2}{2(1 - a)^2(1 + a^2)}, \quad a^{(1)} = (g'(-r))^{-1}g'_{t^*}(-r).$$

The fundamental inequality gives

$$- \frac{a^2}{2(1 - a)^2(1 + a^2)} \log \left| \frac{g'_{t^*}(-r)}{g'(-r)} \right| \leq 0$$

or

$$|g'(-r)| \leq |g'_{t^*}(-r)|.$$

The equality statement follows from that in the General Coefficient Theorem.

$g_{-t^*}(D)$ is an admissible domain for the quadratic differential

$$\frac{(w + 1)^2 dw^2}{(w + a)^2(w + a^{-1})^2(w - a)(w - a^{-1})},$$

$gg_{-t^*}^{-1}$ is an admissible function for it. Applying the General Coefficient Theorem with $-a$ as P_1 we have the coefficients

$$\alpha^{(1)} = \frac{a^2}{2(1 + a)^2(1 + a^2)}, \quad a^{(1)} = (g'(-r))^{-1}g'_{-t^*}(-r).$$

The fundamental inequality gives

$$\frac{a^2}{2(1 + a)^2(1 + a^2)} \log \left| \frac{g'_{-t^*}(-r)}{g'(-r)} \right| \leq 0$$

or

$$g'(-r) \geq |g'_{-t^*}(-r)|.$$

The equality statement follows from that in the General Coefficient Theorem.

The remaining statements follow by symmetry.

LEMMA 2. *The quantity $|g'(-r)|^p + |g'(r)|^p$, $p > 0$, is maximized for a function g_t , uniquely up to translation along trajectories.*

It is readily seen that $|g'_t(-r)|$, $|g'_t(r)|$ vary continuously with t on $[-t^*, t^*]$ either by domain convergence or by the explicit expressions given below. For any $g \in \mathcal{G}$ there exists a $t \in [-t^*, t^*]$ with $|g'(-r)| = |g'_{t^*}(-r)|$. We apply the General Coefficient Theorem with the quadratic differential $\hat{Q}(w, t) dw^2$ for this value of t , the admissible domain $g_t(D)$ and the admissible function gg_t^{-1} . Taking $-r$ as P_1 , r as P_2 for $t \in [1, t^*]$ the corresponding coefficients are

$$\alpha^{(1)} = -\frac{a^2(a^2 + 2ta + 1)}{4(1 - a)^2(1 + a^2)^2}, \quad a^{(1)} = (g'(-r^{-1}))^{-1}g'_t(-r),$$

$$\alpha^{(2)} = -\frac{a^2(a^2 - 2ta + 1)}{4(1 + a)^2(1 + a^2)^2}, \quad a^{(2)} = (g'(r))^{-1}g'_t(r).$$

The fundamental inequality gives

$$-\frac{a^2(a^2 + 2ta + 1)}{4(1 - a)^2(1 + a^2)^2} \log \left| \frac{g'_t(-r)}{g'(-r)} \right| - \frac{a^2(a^2 - 2ta + 1)}{4(1 + a)^2(1 + a^2)^2} \log \left| \frac{g'_t(r)}{g'(r)} \right| \leq 0$$

thus $|g'(r)| \leq |g'_t(r)|$. Equality can occur only if g is obtained from g_t by translation along trajectories.

The other cases for t are treated similarly.

LEMMA 3. $|g'_t(-r)|$ decreases strictly monotonically as t goes from t^* to $-t^*$.
 $|g'_t(r)|$ increases strictly monotonically as t goes from t^* to $-t^*$.

This follows at once by applying the preceding argument for two values of t and Lemma 1.

3. In order to find the maximum of $|g'_t(-r)|^p + |g'_t(r)|^p$ for reasons of symmetry it is sufficient to consider t in the interval $[0, t^*]$.

LEMMA 4. For t in the range of values $[0, 1]$, $p > 0$, $|g'_t(-r)|^p + |g'_t(r)|^p$ decreases strictly monotonically as t goes from 1 to 0.

From (3) and (4) we have for corresponding values z, w, t, ψ, ϕ and $K > 0$

$$\frac{(z - e^{i\phi})^2(z - e^{-i\phi})^2}{(z + r)^2(z - r)^2(z + r^{-1})^2(z - r^{-1})^2} = K \frac{(w - e^{i\psi})^2(w - e^{-i\psi})^2}{(w + a)^2(w - a)^2(w + a^{-1})^2(w - a^{-1})^2} \left(\frac{dw}{dz}\right)^2.$$

Letting $z \rightarrow -r, w \rightarrow -a; z \rightarrow r, w \rightarrow a$ respectively we have

$$\frac{r^2(r^2 + 2r \cos \phi + 1)^2}{4(1 - r^2)^2(1 + r^2)^2} = K \frac{a^2(a^2 + 2a \cos \psi + 1)^2}{4(1 - a^2)^2(1 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{r^2(r^2 - 2r \cos \phi + 1)^2}{4(1 - r^2)^2(1 + r^2)^2} = K \frac{a^2(a^2 - 2a \cos \psi + 1)^2}{4(1 - a^2)^2(1 + a^2)^2}$$

and dividing

$$\frac{(r^2 + 2r \cos \phi + 1)}{(r^2 - 2r \cos \phi + 1)} = \frac{(a^2 + 2a \cos \psi + 1)}{(a^2 - 2a \cos \psi + 1)}.$$

Integrating explicitly $\int(-Q(z, \phi))^{1/2} dz$ and $\int(-Q^*(w, \psi))^2 dw$ with suitable normalizations we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{r(1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2)}{(1 - r^2)(1 + r^2)} \log \frac{z + r}{1 + rz} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r(1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2)}{(1 - r^2)(1 + r^2)} \log \frac{r - z}{1 - rz},$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{a(1 + 2a \cos \psi + a^2)}{(1 - a^2)(1 + a^2)} \log \frac{w + a}{1 + aw} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a(1 - 2a \cos \psi + a^2)}{(1 - a^2)(1 + a^2)} \log \frac{a - w}{1 - aw}.$$

Comparing expansions about $-r, -a$ we find

$$\begin{aligned} \log(w + a) &= \log(z + r) - \log(1 + rz) + \log(1 + aw) \\ &\quad - \frac{(1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2)}{(1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2)} \log \frac{r - z}{1 - rz} + \frac{(1 - 2a \cos \psi + a^2)}{(1 + 2a \cos \psi + a^2)} \log \frac{a - w}{1 - aw} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \log g'_t(-r) &= \frac{(1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2)}{(1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2)} \left(-\log \frac{2r}{1 + r^2} + \log \frac{2a}{1 + a^2} \right) \\ &\quad - \log(1 - r^2) + \log(1 - a^2). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \log g'_t(r) &= \frac{(1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2)}{(1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2)} \left(-\log \frac{2r}{1 + r} + \log \frac{2a}{1 + a^2} \right) \\ &\quad - \log(1 - r^2) + \log(1 - a^2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (g'_t(-r))^p + (g'_t(r))^p &= \left(\frac{1 - a^2}{1 - r^2} \right)^p \left(\frac{2a}{1 + a^2} \frac{1 + r^2}{2r} \right)^{p \frac{1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2}{1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2}} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1 - a^2}{1 - r^2} \right)^p \left(\frac{2a}{1 + a^2} \frac{1 + r^2}{2r} \right)^{p \frac{1 + 2r \cos \phi + r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

A straightforward calculation shows that this decreases strictly monotonically as t goes from 1 to 0.

COROLLARY 1. *To find the maximum of $|g'_t(-r)|^p + |g'_t(r)|^p$, $p > 0$, it is enough to consider the values $t \in [1, t^*]$.*

For $t \in [1, t^*]$ the function $g'_t(z)$ is given by $g'_t(z) = (d/dz)(t^{-1}f_b(z))$ where t, b are corresponding values. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} g'_t(r) &= \frac{a(1 + a)(1 + a^2)}{(1 - a)^3} f'_b(r) \\ g'_t(-r) &= \frac{a(1 - a)(1 + a^2)}{(1 + a)^3} f'_b(-r) \end{aligned}$$

and to find the maximum of $|g'_t(-r)|^p + |g'_t(r)|^p$ we find the maximum of

$$(8) \quad \left(\frac{a(1 - a)(1 + a^2)}{(1 + a)^3} \right)^p (f'_b(-r))^p + \left(\frac{a(1 + a)(1 + a^2)}{(1 - a)^3} \right)^p (f'_b(r))^p$$

on the appropriate interval for b . We consider its derivative

$$(9) \quad p \left(\frac{a(1-a)(1+a^2)}{(1+a)^3} \right)^p (f'_b(-r))^{p-1} \frac{df'_b(-r)}{db} + p \left(\frac{a(1+a)(1+a^2)}{(1-a)^3} \right) (f'_b(r))^{p-1} \frac{df'_b(r)}{db}.$$

The first term is negative the second positive.

LEMMA 5. *The ratio of the terms in (9) decreases as b increases. Thus (8) has a unique maximum on $[b_+, \hat{b}]$. If*

$$(10) \quad p \geq \log \frac{1+r}{1-r} \left(\log \left(\frac{1-a}{1+a} \frac{1+r}{1-r} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

the maximum occurs for b_+ . Otherwise it occurs for $b \in (b_+, \hat{b}]$. Thus if (10) holds the maximum of $|g'_i(-r)|^p + |g'_i(r)|^p$ occurs for $t = t^$.*

A direct calculation shows that

$$\frac{d}{db} \frac{(f'_b(-r))^p (d/db) f'_b(-r)}{(f'_b(r))^{p-1} (d/db) f'_b(r)} = \left(\frac{f'_b(-r)}{f'_b(r)} \right) \left(\frac{2}{(b+1)^2} \right) \left(\frac{p}{(b^2-1)^{1/2}} \right) \log \left(\frac{1+r^2}{2r} \frac{(b+1)^{1/2} - (b-1)^{1/2}}{(b+1)^{1/2} + (b-1)^{1/2}} \right) - 1$$

which is negative (see [4], p. 156).

Therefore if (8) is decreasing at b_+ the maximal value occurs there. This requires the condition

$$p > \log \frac{1+r}{1-r} \left(\log \left(\frac{1-a}{1+a} \frac{1+r}{1-r} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

and the equality follows by a passage to the limit.

Using the invariance properties $|\Delta_1 f(z)|$, ρ and σ and the expression for ρ and σ in terms of r and a

$$\rho = \log \frac{1+r}{1-r}, \quad \sigma = \log \frac{1+a}{1-a}$$

we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *If f is regular and univalent in D and maps D into E and if z_1, z_2 are distinct points in D and*

$$p \geq \frac{\rho}{\rho - \sigma}$$

where ρ, σ are the hyperbolic distances between z_1 and z_2 , $f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$ respectively then

$$|\Delta_1 f(z_1)|^p + |\Delta_1 f(z_2)|^p \leq \left[\tanh \frac{\sigma}{2} \frac{e^{2\sigma+1}}{(e^\sigma+1)^2} \left(\tanh \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{e^{2\rho} + 1}{(e^\rho + 1)^2} \right)^{-1} \right]^p \times \left[\left(\frac{e^\rho(e^\sigma + 1)}{e^\sigma(e^\rho + 1)} \right)^{4p} + \left(\frac{e^\sigma + 1}{e^\rho + 1} \right)^{4p} \right]$$

Equality occurs if and only if f maps D onto E slit along a ray on the hyperbolic line determined by $f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$.

If $p < \rho/(\rho - \sigma)$ this result does not obtain.

4. A bound in the opposite sense can be obtained immediately from Theorem F. Let m_0 be the function in \mathcal{G} mapping D onto E with equal rectilinear slits proceeding from ± 1 . l_0 is the function $((1+r^2)/r)(z/(1+z^2))$ and if $\tau(w) = ((1+a^2)/a)(w/(1+w^2))$ m_0 is $\tau^{-1}l_0$. For any $g \in \mathcal{G}$, $\tau g \in \mathcal{F}$. Thus by Theorem F for $p > 0$

$$|(\tau g)'(-r)|^p + |(\tau g)'(r)|^p \geq (l_0'(-r))^p + (l_0'(r))^p = 2 \left(\frac{1-r^2}{r(1+r^2)} \right)^p$$

and

$$|g'(-r)|^p + |g'(r)|^p \geq 2 \left(\frac{a(1+a^2)}{1-a^2} \cdot \frac{1-r^2}{r(1+r^2)} \right)^p.$$

Moreover

$$|\Delta_1 g(-r)|^p + |\Delta_1 g(r)|^p \geq 2 \left(\frac{a(1+a^2)}{(1-a^2)^2} \frac{(1-r^2)^2}{r(1+r^2)} \right)^p.$$

Equality occurs only for m_0 .

Using the invariance properties we have proved the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. *If f is regular and univalent in D mapping D into E and z_1, z_2 are distinct points of D , we have for $p > 0$*

$$(|\Delta_1 f(z_1)|^p + |\Delta_1 f(z_2)|^p)^{1/p} \geq \frac{e^{2\sigma} + 1}{e^{2\rho} + 1} \left(\frac{e^\rho + 1}{e^\sigma + 1} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\cosh(\sigma/2)}{\cosh(\rho/2)} \right)^4$$

where ρ is the hyperbolic distance between z_1 and z_2 , σ is the hyperbolic distance between $f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$. Equality occurs only for the function mapping D onto E slit along symmetric rays on the hyperbolic line determined by $f(z_1)$ and $f(z_2)$.

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