

INTEGRAL MEANS, UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS AND CIRCULAR SYMMETRIZATION

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1. Introduction

We begin by considering the class S of all functions $f(z)$ holomorphic and univalent in the unit disk $|z| < 1$ with $f(0) = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$, and denote by $k(z)$ the Koebe function,

$$k(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2},$$

which maps the unit disk conformally onto the complex plane slit along the negative real axis from $-\frac{1}{4}$ to $-\infty$. The Koebe function is known to be extremal for many problems involving S . The first result in this paper asserts this is the case for a large class of problems about integral means. Specifically, I will prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let Φ be a convex non-decreasing function on $(-\infty, \infty)$. Then for $f \in S$ and $0 < r < 1$,*

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Phi(\log |f(re^{i\theta})|) d\theta \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Phi(\log |k(re^{i\theta})|) d\theta. \quad (1)$$

If equality holds for some $r \in (0, 1)$ and some strictly convex Φ , then $f(z) = e^{-i\alpha} k(ze^{i\alpha})$ for some real α .

In particular, we have for $0 < r < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |k(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \quad (0 < p < \infty), \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |k(re^{i\theta})| d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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