

## Bergman kernel function and canonical slit-mapping.

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1. Let  $D$  be a finitely connected domain in the  $z$ -plane which contains the points  $z=0$  and  $z=\infty$ , and bounded by  $n$  proper continua. According to the well-known Grunsky's theorem<sup>1)</sup> in the theory of conformal mapping of multiply-connected domains there exists one and only one function which, in the neighborhood of  $z=\infty$ , has a Laurent expansion of the form

$$w = s_0(z) = z + \frac{c}{z} + \dots, \quad (1)$$

and at the origin  $s_0(0)=0$  and  $s'_0(0)=a_0$ , and which maps  $D$  conformally onto a whole plane slit along  $n$  arcs on a finite number of logarithmic spirals having the same angle of inclination  $\theta/2$  and the same asymptotic point  $z=0$ .

In the present paper we shall derive an inequality involving the coefficient  $a_0$  appearing in (1) and the outer logarithmic area  $L$  of the complement (with respect to the whole plane) of the domain  $D$ , namely:

$$\operatorname{Re}(-e^{-i\theta} \log a_0) - \frac{|\log a_0|^2}{\log(A/B)} \geq \frac{L}{2\pi}, \quad (2)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants which will be explained in the section 3.

It suffices to prove the inequality (2) in the case when the boundary continua of  $D$  are closed analytic curves  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ , for it is known that  $D$  can be approximated by an increasing sequence of domains having such boundaries for which the mapping functions corresponding to (1) will converge to  $s_0(z)$ , so that (2) will continue to hold in the limit, when  $L$  is interpreted in the manner explained above.