

## Non-normal functions $f(z)$ with $\iint_{|z|<1} |f'(z)| dx dy < \infty$

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1. Let  $f(z)$  be a function holomorphic in the open unit disk  $D$ . The spherical derivative of  $f(z)$  is given by

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

The function  $f(z)$  is said to be *normal* in  $D$  (see [5]) if there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$\rho(f(z)) \leq \frac{K}{1 - |z|^2}$$

for each  $z \in D$ ; and  $f(z)$  is said to be *uniformly normal* in  $D$  (see [2]) if there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{K}{1 - |z|^2}$$

for each  $z \in D$ .

Using the notations

$$\mathcal{D}(f) = \iint_D |f'(z)|^2 dx dy$$

and

$$\mathcal{S}(f) = \iint_D |f'(z)| dx dy,$$

we state the following questions:

- (1) Does  $\mathcal{D}(f) < \infty$  imply  $f(z)$  is uniformly normal?
- (2) Does  $f(z)$  uniformly normal imply  $\mathcal{D}(f) < \infty$ ?
- (3) Does  $\mathcal{S}(f) < \infty$  imply  $f(z)$  is uniformly normal?
- (4) Does  $f(z)$  uniformly normal imply  $\mathcal{S}(f) < \infty$ ?

Mathews [6] has answered question (1) in the affirmative; and questions (2) and (4) have been answered in the negative by Mergeljan [7] who has proved the existence of a bounded holomorphic function  $g(z)$  for which

$$\iint_D |g'(z)| dx dy = \infty.$$