

87. On the Function whose Imaginary Part on the Unit Circle Changes its Sign only Twice.

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I. We are going to consider the function

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n = c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots \tag{1}$$

which is regular within the unit circle and is continuous, for simplicity, to the boundary. Putting

$$z = re^{i\theta}, \quad f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta) \tag{2}$$

we confine ourselves to the function which satisfies one of the following two conditions :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v(1, \theta) = v(\theta) \geq 0 & \text{ for } \sigma_1 \leq \theta \leq \sigma_2 \\ & \leq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \sigma_1 \text{ and } \sigma_2 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3}$$

or

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v(\theta) \leq 0 & \text{ for } \sigma_1 \leq \theta \leq \sigma_2 \\ & \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \sigma_1 \text{ and } \sigma_2 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{4}$$

namely the imaginary part of $f(z)$ on the unit circle $|z|=1$ may change its sign only at two points $e^{i\sigma_1}$ and $e^{i\sigma_2}$. ($0 \leq \sigma_1 < \sigma_2 \leq 2\pi$).

It is easily to be seen that the function

$$g(z) = e^{-i\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2}} \times \frac{(e^{i\sigma_1} - z)(e^{i\sigma_2} - z)}{z} \tag{5}$$

becomes positive on the unit circle for $\sigma_1 < \theta < \sigma_2$ and negative for the remaining arc. Hence the function

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \epsilon f(z)g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n z^n = C_0 + C_1 z + C_2 z^2 + \dots \\ &= U(r, \theta) + iV(r, \theta) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

which is evidently continuous in the closed unit circle, must have the property

$$V(1, \theta) = V(\theta) \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \tag{7}$$

if ϵ denotes $+1$ or -1 according as $f(z)$ satisfies the condition (3) or (4).

By the actual multiplication of $F(z)$ and

$$\frac{1}{g(z)} = e^{i\frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2}} \times \frac{z}{(e^{i\sigma_1} - z)(e^{i\sigma_2} - z)} = \frac{1}{2i \sin \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{-in\sigma_1} - e^{-in\sigma_2}) z^n \tag{8}$$