

**TYPICALLY-REAL FUNCTIONS WITH
 $a_n = 0$ FOR $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ¹**

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1. Introduction. Let

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_2^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

be typically-real for $|z| < 1$; that is, $f(z)$ within this circle is regular and takes on real values when and only when z is real. In particular, if $f(z)$ is univalent for $|z| < 1$ and has real coefficients, it is also typically-real. We suppose in addition that

$$(1.2) \quad a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

In this paper we obtain sharp inequalities for the coefficients a_n .

Sharp inequalities for a_n are already well known² with the more restrictive condition

$$(1.3) \quad a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

holding. In this case $|a_n| \leq n$ with equality occurring for the odd function $(z+z^3)(1-z^2)^{-2}$. If besides, $f(z)$ is univalent and real on the real axis, the coefficients are bounded and satisfy³ the inequalities

$$(1.4) \quad |a_{2n-1}| + |a_{2n+1}| \leq 2, \quad |a_3| \leq 1.$$

With the less restrictive condition (1.2) replacing (1.3) the author obtains the following new and sharp inequalities:

$$(1.5) \quad |a_n| + 2^{-3/2}[(n-2)|a_{2m}| + n|a_2|] \leq n, \quad m, n \text{ odd}, n > 1;$$

$$(1.6) \quad |a_n| + 2^{-1/2}(n-1)|a_2| \leq n, \quad n \text{ odd};$$

$$(1.7) \quad |a_n| + |a_2| \leq 2^{3/2}, \quad |a_2| \leq 2^{1/2}, \quad n \text{ even}.$$

In each case the equality sign holds for the typically-real function

$$z(1 - 2^{1/2}z + z^2)^{-1} = 2^{1/2} \sum_1^{\infty} \sin n\pi/4 \cdot z^n.$$

Since this function is also univalent for $|z| < 1$, the inequalities above

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² See W. Rogosinski, *Über positive harmonische Entwicklungen und typisch-reelle Potenzreihen*, Mathematische Zeitschrift, vol. 35 (1932), pp. 93-121.

³ See J. Dieudonné, *Polynomes et fonctions bornées d'une variable complexe*, Annales de l'École Normale Supérieure, vol. 48 (1931), pp. 247-358.