

153. Note on a Certain Multivalent Function.

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In this note we prove a theorem on a certain multivalent function.

Theorem. Let

$$w=f(z)=\frac{1}{z^k}+a_k z^k+a_{k+1} z^{k+1}+a_{k+2} z^{k+2}+\dots\dots+a_n z^n+\dots\dots \quad (a_k \neq 0)$$

be regular and k -valent in $0 < |z| < 1$, then

$$k|a_k|^2+(k+1)|a_{k+1}|^2+(k+2)|a_{k+2}|^2+\dots\dots+n|a_n|^2+\dots\dots \leq k.$$

Proof. We consider at first a circle $|z|=r$ ($0 < r < 1$), then we may write

$$\left| \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} a_n z^{n-k} \right| < \delta,$$

where δ denotes a certain positive constant. Therefore, if we write

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{z^k} + a_k z^k$$

$$|w - \zeta| < \delta |z|^k = \delta r^k$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} |w - 2\sqrt{a_k}| + |w + 2\sqrt{a_k}| &\leq 2|w - \zeta| + |\zeta - 2\sqrt{a_k}| + |\zeta + 2\sqrt{a_k}| \\ &< 2\delta r^k + |\zeta - 2\sqrt{a_k}| + |\zeta + 2\sqrt{a_k}|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since

$$\begin{aligned} |\zeta - 2\sqrt{a_k}| + |\zeta + 2\sqrt{a_k}| &= \left| z^{\frac{k}{2}} - a_k^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{k}{2}} \right|^2 + \left| z^{-\frac{k}{2}} + a_k^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{k}{2}} \right|^2 \\ &= 2\left\{ \left| z^{-\frac{k}{2}} \right|^2 + \left| a_k^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{k}{2}} \right|^2 \right\} \\ &= 2\left\{ \frac{1}{r^k} + |a_k| r^k \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$|w - 2\sqrt{a_k}| + |w + 2\sqrt{a_k}| < 2\left\{ \frac{1}{r^k} + (|a_k| + \delta)r^k \right\}. \quad (1)$$

Thus the image of $|z|=r$ by $w=f(z)$ lies in the elliptic domain (1) on the w -plane. Let A denote its area, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \pi \left\{ \frac{1}{r^{2k}} + (|a_k| + \delta)r^k \right\} \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{r^{2k}} + (|a_k| + \delta)r^k \right\}^2 - 4|a_k|} \\
 &= \pi \left\{ \frac{1}{r^{2k}} - (|a_k| + \delta)^2 r^{2k} \right\} \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\delta}{Q^2}},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q = \frac{1}{r^k} - (|a_k| + \delta)r^k.$$

It is easy to see that $Q > \frac{1}{2r^k}$ by taking $|a_k| > \delta$ and

$$0 < r < \sqrt[2k]{\frac{1}{4|a_k|}},$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &< \pi \left\{ \frac{1}{r^{2k}} - (|a_k| + \delta)^2 r^{2k} \right\} \sqrt{1 + 16\delta r^{2k}} \\
 &< \pi \left\{ \frac{1}{r^{2k}} - (|a_k| + \delta)^2 r^{2k} \right\} (1 + 8\delta r^{2k}) \\
 &< \frac{\pi}{r^{2k}} (1 + 8\delta r^{2k}) = \pi \left(\frac{1}{r^{2k}} + 8\delta \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We shall now assume that $0 < r < R < 1$, then the image of $|z|=R$ by $f(z)$ on the w -plane lies within the elliptic domain (1), since semiaxis of (1) increases without limit as $r \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, the image of $r \leq |z| \leq R$ lies also within (1), and has the area

$$\pi \left\{ k \left(\frac{1}{r^{2k}} - \frac{1}{R^{2k}} \right) + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 (R^{2n} - r^{2n}) \right\}.$$

It follows from the k -valency of $f(z)$ in $0 < |z| < 1$,

$$\pi \left\{ k \left(\frac{1}{r^{2k}} - \frac{1}{R^{2k}} \right) + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 (R^{2n} - r^{2n}) \right\} < kA < k\pi \left(\frac{1}{r^{2k}} + 8\delta \right),$$

$$\therefore -\frac{k}{R^{2k}} + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 (R^{2n} - r^{2n}) < 8k\delta.$$

Finally, by $r \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 R^{2n} \leq \frac{k}{R^{2n}} + 8k\delta,$$

and by $R \rightarrow 1, \delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 \leq k.$$

This proves the theorem.