

On meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions

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Introduction.

It is well known that the so-called one-quarter theorem plays an important role in the theory of regular and univalent functions in $|z| < 1$. This theorem was extended to the case of circumferentially mean univalence (defined in §1) by Hayman [6] and moreover to the case of areally mean univalence by Garabedian and Royden [5]. Their method was based on the fact that inner radius does not decrease by circular symmetrization (cf. [7]). On the other hand, corresponding to the one-quarter theorem, the following Montel-Bieberbach's theorem ([2], [3], [13], [14]) is well known in the case of meromorphic and univalent functions.

If $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ is meromorphic and univalent in $|z| < 1$, then at least one of the circles $|w| < \delta$ or $|w| > \delta^{-1}$ ($\delta = \sqrt{5} - 2$) is wholly covered by the image-domain under $w = f(z)$.

In this paper we shall first prove a fundamental theorem on meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions in $|z| < 1$, by means of the fact that transfinite diameter does not increase by circular symmetrization and then generalized Montel-Bieberbach's theorem to the case of circumferentially mean univalence or p -valence.

Secondly we shall deal with values omitted by meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions in $|z| < 1$ also by means of the above mentioned property of transfinite diameter.

Thirdly we consider meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions in $|z| < 1$, whose Taylor expansions about the origin are given by $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ and whose poles are explicitly denoted by $z = z_\infty$, (as will be remarked in §1, $f(z)$ has only one simple pole in $|z| < 1$). By means of the pole $z = z_\infty$ we shall evaluate the values taken by $w = f(z)$ and its second Taylor coefficient a_2 . Moreover a type of distortion theorem based on the pole $z = z_\infty$ will be derived.

§ 1. Preliminary.

Let $w = Re^{i\theta} = f(z)$ be regular or meromorphic in $|z| < 1$, and let $n(R, \Phi)$ denote the number of the roots of the equation $Re^{i\theta} = f(z)$ in $|z| < 1$.

If for a positive number p

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} n(R, \Phi) d\Phi \leq p \quad (R > 0),$$

then $f(z)$ is called “circumferentially mean p -valent in $|z| < 1$ ”. (Biernacki [4])

If $p = 1$, $f(z)$ is also called “circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$ ”.

Let $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ be meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$. These functions will be denoted by \mathfrak{F}_1 . It is easily seen by the definition that any $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ has at most only one simple pole in $|z| < 1$.

Let $f(z) = z^p + a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + \dots$ be circumferentially mean p -valent and regular except for a pole of order p in $|z| < 1$. These functions will be denoted by \mathfrak{F}_p , which is a natural generalization of \mathfrak{F}_1 .

Now we shall state the following lemma showing a closed relation between \mathfrak{F}_1 and \mathfrak{F}_p .

LEMMA 1. Let $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_p$. Then

$$(f(z))^{1/p} = z + \frac{a_{p+1}}{p} z^2 + \dots$$

belongs to \mathfrak{F}_1 .

PROOF. It is clear by the definition that $(f(z))^{1/p} = z + \dots$ is regular except for a simple pole in $|z| < 1$. By means of the same method as in the case of regular functions by Hayman ([6] or [7]), we can prove

$$\int_0^{2\pi} n(R, \Phi) d\Phi = p \int_0^{2\pi} n(\rho, \varphi) d\varphi$$

and therefore

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} n(\rho, \varphi) d\varphi \leq 1,$$

where $(f(z))^{1/p} = \rho e^{i\varphi}$. Therefore we see $(f(z))^{1/p} \in \mathfrak{F}_1$.

§ 2. Values taken by \mathfrak{F}_1 or \mathfrak{F}_p .

We shall first quote the following Hayman’s result [8].

LEMMA 2. Let $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ be meromorphic in $|z| < 1$, and let τ_f denote the transfinite diameter of the complement E_f of the image-domain under $w = f(z)$. Then

$$\tau_f \leq 1.$$

Equality holds only when $f(z)$ is univalent.

Next we shall state the following lemma which is nothing but an application of Pólya-Szegő's result [15]. The proof can be easily given by means of Pólya-Szegő's idea (cf. [7], 81-83).

LEMMA 3. Let E_f and τ_f be defined in Lemma 2. Moreover let E_f^* be the circular symmetrization of E_f with respect to the positive real axis and τ_f^* be the transfinite diameter of E_f^* . Then we have

$$\tau_f \geq \tau_f^*.$$

Here we shall state Darboux's theorem in a slightly generalized form.

LEMMA 4. Let D be a simply connected domain enclosed by a rectifiable Jordan curve C . Let $f(z)$ be regular in the closed domain $\bar{D} = D + C$, or $f(z)$ be regular there except for a simple pole in D . Moreover if C is mapped univalently on a Jordan curve Γ by $w = f(z)$, then D is also univalently mapped into the interior or exterior domain with respect to Γ respectively.

Now we shall prove the following fundamental theorem useful for the generalization of Montel-Bieberbach's theorem.

THEOREM 1. Let $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ be meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$. If we put $M = \max |w_c|$, $m = \min |w_c|$, where w_c denotes any point belonging to the complement E_f of the image-domain D_f under $w = f(z)$. Then

$$M - m \leq 4.$$

Equality holds only when $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + e^{i\epsilon}z$ ($\epsilon = 2 \arg a_0$, $|a_0| \geq 2$).

PROOF. We make the circular symmetrization of the complement E_f of the image-domain D_f , with respect to the positive real axis. The intersection of the symmetrized set E_f^* and the positive real axis is denoted by S . Then S is contained in the closed interval $[m, M]$. Now we prove that S is truly the interval $[m, M]$. Suppose that $m \leq r \leq M$ and $r \notin S$. Then the circle $|w| = r$ must be wholly contained in D_f . Since $f(z)$ is circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$, the circle $|w| = r$ is univalently covered by D_f , that is, a Jordan curve C in the z -plane is univalently mapped onto the circle $|w| = r$. On the other hand by the reason of circumferentially mean univalence in $|z| < 1$, $f(z)$ has only one simple pole at $z = 0$. Now we denote by D the domain enclosed by C and consider the following two cases:

(i) if D contains the simple pole $z = 0$, then by means of Lemma 4 D is univalently mapped to the circle $|w| > r$. If it is so, the closed annulus $r \leq |w| \leq M$ is wholly contained in D_f . This is incompatible with the definition of M .

(ii) if D does not contain the pole $z = 0$, then we see similarly by means of Lemma 4 that the closed annulus, $m \leq |w| \leq r$ is wholly contained in D_f . This is also absurd.

Therefore we see that $S = [m, M]$. Hence we have by the well known result on transfinite diameter (cf. Tsuji [17, p. 84]), $\tau(S) = (M - m)/4$ where $\tau(S)$ denotes the transfinite diameter of S .

On the other hand by Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 we have

$$1 \geq \tau(E_f) \geq \tau(E_f^*)$$

where $\tau(E_f)$ and $\tau(E_f^*)$ respectively denote the transfinite diameters of E_f and E_f^* . Since $E_f^* \supseteq S$, we have also $\tau(E_f^*) \geq \tau(S)$. Therefore we see the following inequality.

$$M - m \leq 4.$$

According to Lemma 2, equality holds only when $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ is univalent in $|z| < 1$. $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + e^{i\epsilon}z$ ($\epsilon = 2 \arg a_0, |a_0| \geq 2$) maps the unit circle $|z| < 1$ univalently onto the w -plane cut by a segment of length 4. On the other hand, the equality sign in the one-quarter theorem is attained only by the Koebe function $f(z) = z/(1 - e^{i\epsilon}z)^2$ (ϵ real). Therefore we see that the equality sign in Theorem 1 is attained only by the function $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + e^{i\epsilon}z$ ($\epsilon = 2 \arg a_0, |a_0| \geq 2$). This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1. *Let $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ be meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$. Then the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ covers wholly and univalently at least one of the circles $|w| < \delta$ or $|w| > \delta^{-1}$ ($\delta = \sqrt{5} - 2$). This result is best possible as is shown by*

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sqrt{5} e^{i\epsilon} + e^{i2\epsilon}z \quad (\epsilon \text{ real}).$$

PROOF. Considering the relation $\delta^{-1} - \delta = 4$ ($\delta = \sqrt{5} - 2$) it is easily seen by means of Theorem 1 that the circles $|w| < \delta$ or $|w| > \delta^{-1}$ are wholly covered by the image-domain. The univalence of the covering of these circles by the image-domain is seen similarly as in the proof of Theorem 1. Here the proof is completed.

From Corollary 1 we can extend Montel-Bieberbach's theorem to the case of circumferentially mean univalence as follows.

THEOREM 2. *Let $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_1$. Then the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ covers wholly and univalently at least one of the circles, $|w| < \delta$ or $|w| > \delta^{-1}$ ($\delta = \sqrt{5} - 2$). This result is best possible as is shown by*

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \sqrt{5} e^{i\epsilon}z + e^{i2\epsilon}z^2} \quad (\epsilon \text{ real}).$$

PROOF. Since $g(z) = 1/f(z)$ satisfies the same conditions as in Corollary 1, we can apply Theorem 1 for $g(z)$. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 3. *Let $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_p$. Then the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ covers exactly p times at least one of the circles $|w| < \delta^p$ or $|w| > \delta^{-p}$ ($\delta = \sqrt{5} - 2$).*

This result is best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1 + \sqrt{5} e^{i\epsilon} z + e^{i2\epsilon} z^2)^p} \quad (\epsilon \text{ real}).$$

PROOF. We put

$$g(z) = (f(z))^{1/p} = z + \frac{a_{p+1}}{p} z^2 + \dots.$$

Then since $g(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ by means of Lemma 1, we see that Theorem 2 holds for $g(z)$. Therefore we have Theorem 3.

REMARK. Generalization of Montel-Bieberbach's theorem to the case of p -valent functions was done by the author [1].

§ 3. Values omitted by \mathfrak{F}_1 or the related functions.

By means of symmetrization and inner radius Jenkins [9] has dealt with values omitted by regular and univalent functions in $|z| < 1$. Here we shall first study the related problem on meromorphic functions in $|z| < 1$, by means of transfinite diameter and symmetrization similarly as in § 2. Next we shall remark that we can deal more precisely with the same problem on meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions in $|z| < 1$.

We consider a family of meromorphic functions $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1 z + \dots$ in $|z| < 1$. Let E_f be the complement of the image-domain under each of these functions. Among these functions there exists such a function that the circle $|w| = R$ ($R \leq 1$) is wholly contained in E_f . For example $f(z) = 1/z$. Now, considering this fact, we shall state the following theorem.

THEOREM. 4. Let $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1 z + \dots$ be meromorphic in $|z| < 1$. Let the intersection of the complement E_f of the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ and the circle $|w| = R$ be denoted by S_R whose angular measure with respect to the origin is denoted by $\theta(S_R)$. Then

$$\theta(S_R) \leq 4 \sin^{-1}(R^{-1}) \quad (R > 1).$$

This result is best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{R(1-Rz)}{z(R-z)} \quad (R > 1).$$

PROOF. Let E_f^* be denoted by the circular symmetrization of E_f with respect to the positive real axis. Moreover let S_R^* be the intersection of E_f^* and the circle $|w| = R$. Then we see

$$\theta(S_R) = \theta(S_R^*)$$

where $\theta(S_R^*)$ denotes the angular measure of the single arc S_R^* with respect to the origin.

Quite similarly as in the proof of Theorem 1, we have by Lemma 2 and Lemma 3

$$1 \geq \tau(E_f) \geq \tau(E_f^*).$$

Since $\tau(E_f^*) \geq \tau(S_R^*)$, we have

$$\tau(S_R^*) \leq 1.$$

On the other hand it is easily verified (cf. Komatu [12]) that

$$f(z) = \frac{R(1-Rz)}{z(R-z)} \quad (R > 1)$$

maps the unit circle $|z| < 1$ univalently onto the w -plane cut by a single arc A_R on the circle $|w| = R$ whose angular measure is equal to

$$4 \sin^{-1}(R^{-1}).$$

Now, considering that $\tau(A_R) = 1$ (cf. Tsuji [16, p. 84]) and $\tau(S_R^*) \leq 1$, we have

$$\theta(S_R^*) \leq 4 \sin^{-1}(R^{-1}).$$

Since $\theta(S_R) = \theta(S_R^*)$, the proof is completed.

From Theorem 4 we can directly prove the following.

COROLLARY 2. *Let $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ be meromorphic in $|z| < 1$. Let the intersection of the complement E_f of the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ and the circle $|w| = R$ be denoted by S_R whose angular measure with respect to the origin is denoted by $\theta(S_R)$. Then*

$$\theta(S_R) \leq 4 \sin^{-1}(R) \quad (R < 1).$$

This result is best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{Rz(1-Rz)}{R-z} \quad (R < 1).$$

PROOF. Applying Theorem 4 for $g(z) = 1/f(z)$, Corollary 2 is easily derived. The condition $R < 1$ means that the circle $|w| \geq 1$ is not covered by the function $f(z) = z$ which is also one of meromorphic functions $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ in $|z| < 1$.

Adding the condition of circumferentially mean univalence to Theorem 4, we can prove the following, since we have by Theorem 1 bounds on values omitted by meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ in $|z| < 1$.

THEOREM 5. *Let $f(z) = 1/z + a_0 + a_1z + \dots$ be meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$. Let the intersection of the complement of the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ and the circle $|w| = R$ be denoted by S_R whose angular measure with respect to the origin is denoted by $\theta(S_R)$. Suppose that $m > 1$, where $m = \min |w_c|$ ($w_c \in E_f$). Then*

- (i) $\theta(S_R) \leq 4 \sin^{-1}(R^{-1}) \quad ((1 <)m \leq R \leq m+4).$
- (ii) $\theta(S_R) = 0 \quad (m+4 < R).$

This result is best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{R(1-Rz)}{z(R-z)} \quad (R > 1).$$

PROOF. If the circle $|w| = R (\geq m)$ is not wholly contained in the image-domain under $|w| = f(z)$, then R is equal to $m+4$ at the largest. Therefore (ii) in Theorem 5 is clear. Moreover it is evident that (i) in Theorem 5 holds quite similarly as in Theorem 4. This completes the proof.

Here we can also deal by means of Corollary 2 with \mathfrak{F}_1 similarly as in Theorem 5. The details will be omitted.

§ 4. Some evaluations based on a pole.

As was remarked before, meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent functions $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$, in $|z| < 1$, have at most only one simple pole in $|z| < 1$. We shall derive some results by giving this simple pole explicitly.

We shall first state the following theorem closely related to Theorem 2.

THEOREM 6. *Let $f(z)$ be meromorphic and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$ and let $f(z)$ be expanded about its pole $z = z_\infty$ as follows.*

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z - z_\infty} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_\infty)^n.$$

The image-domain under $w = f(z)$ covers at least one of the circles $|w| < \delta$ or $|w| > \delta^{-1}$, where

$$\delta = \frac{-2}{1 - |z_\infty|^2} + \sqrt{\frac{4}{(1 - |z_\infty|^2)^2} + 1}.$$

This result is best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 - |z_\infty|^2} \left(\frac{1 - \bar{z}_\infty z}{z - z_\infty} + \frac{z - z_\infty}{1 - \bar{z}_\infty z} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{4}{(1 - |z_\infty|^2)^2} + 1}.$$

PROOF. By a linear transformation

$$\frac{z - z_\infty}{1 - \bar{z}_\infty z} = \zeta, \quad \text{that is, } z = \frac{z_\infty + \zeta}{1 + \bar{z}_\infty \zeta},$$

we have

$$f(z) = f\left(\frac{z_\infty + \zeta}{1 + \bar{z}_\infty \zeta}\right) = \frac{1}{1 - |z_\infty|^2} \frac{1}{\zeta} + \left(\frac{\bar{z}_\infty}{1 - |z_\infty|^2} + a_0\right) + \dots \quad (|\zeta| < 1).$$

Here $g(\zeta) = (1 - |z_\infty|^2)f(z) = 1/\zeta + \bar{z}_\infty + a_0(1 - |z_\infty|^2) + \dots$ satisfies the same conditions as in Corollary 1. Therefore if we put $M = \max |w_c|$, $m = \min |w_c|$ ($w_c \in E_f$), where E_f denotes the complement of the image-domain under $w = f(z)$, then

$$M - m \leq \frac{4}{1 - |z_\infty|^2}.$$

Since $\delta = -2/(1 - |z_\infty|^2) + (4/(1 - |z_\infty|^2)^2 + 1)^{1/2}$ satisfies the following relation

$$\delta^{-1} - \delta = \frac{4}{1 - |z_\infty|^2},$$

we see that Theorem 6 holds.

Now we shall quote Hayman's result [6].

LEMMA 4. Let $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ be regular and circumferentially mean univalent in $|z| < 1$. Then

- (i) the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ contains the circle $|w| < 1/4$.
- (ii) $|a_2| \leq 2$.

THEOREM 7. Let $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ belong to \mathfrak{F}_1 and its pole be denoted by $z = z_\infty$. Then

- (i) the image-domain under $w = f(z)$ wholly covers the circle $|w| < |z_\infty|/(1 + |z_\infty|)^2$.
- (ii) $|a_2| \leq |z_\infty| + \frac{1}{|z_\infty|}$.

These results are best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - (|z_\infty| + |z_\infty|^{-1})e^{i\epsilon}z + e^{i2\epsilon}z^2)} \quad (\epsilon = -\arg z_\infty).$$

PROOF. Without loss of generality we may suppose $z_\infty < 0$. Otherwise we may make a rotation $z' = ze^{i\alpha}$, ($\alpha = \pi - \arg z_\infty$). We consider the following Löwner mapping $z = z(\zeta)$ by which the unit circle $|\zeta| < 1$ is mapped univalently and conformally onto the circle $|z| < 1$ cut by a segment $[-1, z_\infty]$.

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^2} = q \frac{\zeta}{(1-\zeta)^2}, \quad q = \frac{4|z_\infty|}{(1+|z_\infty|)^2}.$$

Then

$$q^{-1}f(z(\zeta)) = g(\zeta) = \zeta + (2(1-q) + qa_2)\zeta^2 + \dots \quad (|\zeta| < 1).$$

Since $g(\zeta)$ satisfies the same conditions as in Lemma 4, the image-domain under $w = g(\zeta)$ covers the circle $|w| < 1/4$. Therefore (i) in Theorem 7 holds. Next by means of Lemma 4 we have also

$$|2(1-q) + qa_2| \leq 2.$$

From this inequality we have directly

$$|a_2| \leq |z_\infty| + \frac{1}{|z_\infty|}.$$

This completes the proof.

REMARK 1. (ii) in Theorem 7 was proved by Komatu [11] under the condition of univalence.

REMARK 2. We note that (i) and (ii) in Theorem 7 can be proved under a weak condition of areally mean univalence by means of Spencer's result [16], and Garabedian-Royden's one [5].

Now we can directly derive the following result from Theorem 7.

COROLLARY 3. *Let $f(z) = z^p + a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + \dots$ belong to \mathfrak{F}_p and let its pole be denoted by $z = z_\infty$.*

(i) *The image-domain under $w = f(z)$ covers exactly p times the circle*

$$|w| < \frac{|z_\infty|^p}{(1+|z_\infty|)^{2p}}.$$

(ii) $|a_{p+1}| \leq p \left(|z_\infty| + \frac{1}{|z_\infty|} \right).$

These results are best possible as is shown by

$$f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-(|z_\infty| + |z_\infty|^{-1})e^{i\varepsilon}z + e^{i2\varepsilon}z^2)^p} \quad (\varepsilon = -\arg z_\infty).$$

PROOF. Since $g(z) = (f(z))^{1/p} = z + \frac{a_{p+1}}{p}z^2 + \dots$ satisfies the same conditions as in Theorem 7 and has only one simple pole at $z = z_\infty$, we see that Corollary 3 holds.

Here we shall derive a type of distortion theorems on \mathfrak{F}_1 or \mathfrak{F}_p , as an application of Theorem 7. But these estimates are not sharp.

THEOREM 8. *Let $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ and let its pole be denoted by $z = z_\infty$. Then*

$$|f(z)| \geq \frac{4r}{(1+r)^2} \frac{|\zeta_\infty|}{(1+|\zeta_\infty|)^2} \quad (|z| = r < 1),$$

where ζ_∞ is such the root of the following equation as satisfies the condition $|\zeta_\infty| < 1$.

$$\frac{z_\infty e^{i\varepsilon}}{(1-z_\infty e^{i\varepsilon})^2} = \frac{4r}{(1+r)^2} \frac{\zeta_\infty}{(1-\zeta_\infty)^2} \quad (\varepsilon = \pi - \arg z).$$

PROOF. We suppose $z = -|z| = -r < 0$. Otherwise we may consider $z' = ze^{i\varepsilon}$ ($\varepsilon = \pi - \arg z$). Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 7, we consider the following Löwner mapping

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^2} = q \frac{\zeta}{(1-\zeta)^2}, \quad q = \frac{4r}{(1+r)^2},$$

where $z = z_\infty$ is mapped to $\zeta = \zeta_\infty$.

$g(\zeta) = f(z(\zeta))/q = \zeta + \dots$ satisfies the same conditions as in Theorem 7 and has only one simple pole at $\zeta = \zeta_\infty$. Therefore the image-domain under $w = g(\zeta)$ contains the circle $|w| < |\zeta_\infty|/(1+|\zeta_\infty|)^2$. Hence $f(-r) = qg(-1)$ is not covered by $w = f(z)$, that is,

$$f(-r) \geq q \frac{|\zeta_\infty|}{(1+|\zeta_\infty|)^2}.$$

This completes the proof.

Now from Theorem 8 we can directly derive the following.

COROLLARY 4. Let $f(z) \in \mathfrak{F}_p$ and let its pole be denoted by $z = z_\infty$. Then

$$|f(z)| \geq \frac{(4r)^p}{(1+r)^{2p}} \frac{|\zeta_\infty|^p}{(1+|\zeta_\infty|)^{2p}} \quad (|z| = r < 1),$$

where ζ_∞ satisfies the same conditions as in Theorem 8.

REMARK. Under the condition of p -valence some distortion theorems on \mathfrak{F}_p were derived from another point of view by Kobori [10] and the author [1].

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