

12. On a Theorem of K. Löwner on Univalent Functions.

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1. We denote by (S) the family of normalized univalent functions

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots,$$

regular for $|z| < 1$, and by (S_k) , $k=2, 3, \dots$, the family of normalized univalent functions given by

$$(2) \quad f_k(z) = f^{\frac{1}{k}}(z^k) = z + a_{k+1}^{(k)} z^{k+1} + a_{2k+1}^{(k)} z^{2k+1} + \dots.$$

Löwner¹⁾ succeeded to prove that, for any function of (S) ,

$$(3) \quad |a_3| \leq 3,$$

which relates to the Bieberbach's conjecture, using his own essential theorem of expressing all coefficients of any function $f(z)$ of (S) by parametric function corresponding to $f(z)$ itself.

On the other hand, Fekete and Szegö²⁾ have recently proved that, for $k=2, 3, \dots$,

$$(4) \quad |a_{2k+1}^{(k)}| \leq \frac{2}{k} e^{-2[(k-1)/(k+1)]} + \frac{1}{k}.$$

It is remarkable for us that the inequality (4) becomes for $k=2$,

$$(5) \quad |a_6^{(2)}| \leq e^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{2} > 1,$$

and the extremal case of (4) and (5) are attained by a function which is different from the well known extremal function

$$\frac{z}{(1-z^k)^{2/k}}, \quad (k=2, 3, \dots),$$

by which the Bieberbach's conjecture for the class of functions (S) is realized for $k=1$.

In the present note, a coefficient problem closely related to the above mentioned theorems of Löwner, Fekete and Szegö is investigated.

2. Instead of the class (S) , Löwner considered the class (S') of univalent functions of the form

$$(6) \quad s(z, t) = e^{-t} (z + b_1(t)z^3 + b_2(t)z^5 + \dots), \quad t \geq 0,$$

1) Math. Annalen, **89** (1923), 103-121.

2) Jour. London Math. Soc., **8** (1933), 85-89.

regular for $|z| \leq 1$ under the condition that $|s(z, t)| \leq 1$, $s(z, 0) = z$ and coefficients $b_1(t)$, $b_2(t)$, are functions of t .

By the theory of Löwner, it is true that from any function $s(z, t)$ of (S') we get in the limiting case of $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$(7) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s(z, t)}{e^{-t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (z + b_1(t)z^2 + b_2(t)z^3 + \dots) \\ = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots,$$

which is a function of (S) .

Let

$$s(z, t_0) = e^{-t_0} (z + b_1(t_0)z^2 + b_2(t_0)z^3 + \dots)$$

be any function of (S') , then Löwner's expression for $b_1(t_0)$, $b_2(t_0)$ are given by

$$(8) \quad \begin{cases} b_1(t_0) = -2 \int_0^{t_0} \kappa(\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau, \\ b_2(t_0) = 4 \left[\int_0^{t_0} \kappa(\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau \right]^2 - 2 \int_0^{t_0} \kappa^2(\tau) e^{-2\tau} d\tau, \end{cases}$$

where $\kappa(t)$ is the parametric function of the function $s(z, t_0)$ such that $|\kappa(t)| = 1$ and is continuous but discontinuous at at most finite points in the interval $0 \leq t \leq t_0$.

Löwner's results obtained from (8) are

$$(9) \quad |b_1(t_0)| \leq 2(1 - e^{-t_0}),$$

$$(10) \quad |b_2(t_0)| < 3 - 4e^{-t_0} + e^{-2t_0}.$$

The inequality (9) is the best and identical with that of Pick¹⁾ and its extremal case is attained by the function $s(z)$ given by the equation

$$(11) \quad \frac{s(z)}{(1 + \varepsilon s(z))^2} = e^{-t_0} \frac{z}{(1 + \varepsilon z)^2}, \quad |\varepsilon| = 1.$$

And the inequality (10) is not the best, but for the limit $t_0 \rightarrow \infty$ it becomes to the best inequality $|a_3| \leq 3$ for the class (S) .

3. In the following we get the best inequality for $|b_2(t_0)|$ instead of (10) and prove that the exact maximum of $|b_2(t_0)|$ for any fixed t_0 ($t_0 \geq 1$) is not attained by the corresponding coefficient of the extremal function given by (11), in which we can see in the class of functions (S) , (S') , there exists the close relation to the theorem of Fekete-Szegö for (S_k) , $k=2, 3, \dots$.

Theorem 1. For the functions of the class (S') for $t=t_0$,

$$(12) \quad \text{Max}_{(S')} |b_2(t_0)| \leq 4 \left\{ (\nu_0 e^{-\nu_0} + e^{-\nu_0} - e^{-t_0})^2 \right. \\ \left. - \left(\nu_0 e^{-2\nu_0} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\nu_0} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t_0} \right) \right\} + 1 - e^{-2t_0},$$

1) Wien. Ber. **126**, Abtlg. (2) a (1917), 247-263.

where $\nu_0 = \nu_0(t_0)$, ($0 \leq \nu_0 \leq t_0$), is given by the root of the equation

$$(13) \quad \nu_0 e^{-\nu_0} = e^{-t_0}.$$

We see that

$$\lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \nu_0(t_0) = 0,$$

and for $t_0 \rightarrow \infty$ (12) becomes

$$\underset{(S)}{\text{Max}} |a_3| \leq 3,$$

which is consistent with the Löwner's theorem and inequality (12) is the best for $t_0 \geq 1$.

To prove the theorem 1, we must use the following

Theorem 2. Let $\lambda(\tau)$ be a function, real and continuous except at most one point in the interval $0 \leq \tau \leq t_0$, and be

$$|\lambda(\tau)| \leq e^{-\tau},$$

and also for N such that

$$0 < N \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2t_0}),$$

$$\int_0^{t_0} \lambda^2(\tau) d\tau \leq N.$$

Then

$$(14) \quad \left| \int_0^{t_0} \lambda(\tau) d\tau \right| \leq V(N),$$

where $V(N) = (\nu + 1)e^{-\nu} - e^{-t_0}$ and $\nu = \nu(N)$, ($0 \leq \nu \leq t_0$), is the root of the equation

$$\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)e^{-2\nu} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t_0} = N \quad \text{when } t_0 e^{-2t_0} \leq N \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2t_0}),$$

$$\text{and } \nu(N) = t_0 \quad \text{when } 0 < N \leq t_0 e^{-2t_0}.$$

Applying theorem 2 we arrive at the following Valiron-Landau's theorem¹⁾ in a generalized form.

Theorem 3. Let $\kappa(\tau) = e^{i\vartheta(\tau)}$ be a function, continuous except at most one point in the interval $0 \leq \tau \leq t_0$, and be

$$|\kappa(\tau)| = 1,$$

and also for M such that

$$0 < M \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2t_0}),$$

$$\left| \int_0^{t_0} \kappa^2(\tau) e^{-2\tau} d\tau \right| \leq M.$$

Then

$$(15) \quad \left| \int_0^{t_0} \kappa(\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau \right| \leq V\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{M}{2} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t_0}\right),$$

1) Math. Zeitschr., 30 (1929), 608-634.

and we can see that for $t_0 \geq 1$, there exists in fact a function $\kappa(\tau) = e^{i\vartheta(\tau)}$ which realize the equality in (15).

4. Now using theorem 3, the proof of our theorem 1 is immediately given.

$$b_2(t_0) = 4 \left[\int_0^{t_0} \kappa(\tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau \right]^2 - 2 \int_0^{t_0} \kappa^2(\tau) e^{-2\tau} d\tau,$$

and here, without loss of generality, we can assume that $|b_2(t_0)| = \Re b_2(t_0)$, because in the other case we replace $\kappa(\tau)$ by $\varepsilon \kappa(\tau)$, $|\varepsilon| = 1$, and using theorem 3,

$$\begin{aligned} |b_2(t_0)| &= \Re b_2(t_0) = 4 \left\{ \left(\int_0^{t_0} \cos \vartheta(\tau) \cdot e^{-\tau} d\tau \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^{t_0} \sin \vartheta(\tau) \cdot e^{-\tau} d\tau \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^{t_0} \cos^2 \vartheta(\tau) \cdot e^{-2\tau} d\tau \right\} + 1 - e^{-2t_0} \\ &\leq 4 \left\{ \left(\int_0^{t_0} \cos \vartheta(\tau) \cdot e^{-\tau} d\tau \right)^2 - \int_0^{t_0} \cos^2 \vartheta(\tau) \cdot e^{-2\tau} d\tau \right\} + 1 - e^{-2t_0} \\ &\leq 4 \left\{ \left(\nu e^{-\nu} + e^{-\nu} - e^{-t_0} \right)^2 - \left(\nu e^{-2\nu} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\nu} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t_0} \right) \right\} \\ &\quad + 1 - e^{-2t_0} \equiv F(\nu, t_0), \quad \text{put.} \end{aligned}$$

The maximum of $F(\nu, t_0)$ is given when $\nu = \nu_0$ ($0 \leq \nu_0 \leq t_0$) which is given by the root of the equation

$$(16) \quad \nu e^{-\nu} = e^{-t_0},$$

and we see that

$$F(\nu_0, t_0) > 3 - 8e^{-t_0} + 5e^{-2t_0} = F(0, t_0) \quad \text{for } t_0 \geq 1.$$

Thus we get the proof of our theorem 1. The details of this and other relating problems shall be published soon in the another place.