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ON A CLASS OF FUNCTIONS WITH STARSHAPED IMAGES

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1. Introduction. Let S be the class of functions

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_2^{\infty} b_k z^k$$

regular in $|z| < 1$ and satisfying the condition

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right] > \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.$$

In [1] WU ZWAO-JEN proved the following theorem.

Theorem A. *If $f(z) \in S$, then any section*

$$f_n(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_n z^n \quad (n \geq 2)$$

of $f(z)$ is starshaped in $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$ for $n \neq 3, 4, 5$.

Later in [2] it was shown that the above theorem holds for $n = 3$.

Thus it has yet to be proved that Theorem A holds for $n = 4, 5$.

The purpose of this paper is to show that the statement is true for $n = 4, 5$. We shall need the following Lemma

2. Lemma. *Let $f(z) = z + \sum_2^{\infty} b_k z^k \in S$, then the coefficients satisfy the following equalities*

$$(3) \quad b_2 = b,$$

$$(4) \quad 2b_3 = 2b^2 + e_1(1 - |b|^2),$$

$$(5) \quad 6b_4 = 4b^3 + 3e_1 b(1 - |b|^2) + 2e_2,$$

$$(6) \quad 24b_5 = 10b^4 + 12b^2(1 - |b|^2)e_1 + 3(1 - |b|^2)^2 e_1^2 + 8be_2 + 6e_3,$$

$$|b| \leq 1, \quad |e_n| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3.$$

Proof. Let

$$G(z) = \frac{2z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1,$$

then $G(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} [G(z)] > 0$ for $|z| < 1$. Hence, by Caratheodory – Toeplitz's theorem we can put

$$(7) \quad \frac{2z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 = \frac{2(1 + 2b_2z + 3b_3z^2 + 4b_4z^3 + 5b_5z^4 + \dots)}{(1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3 + b_5z^4 + \dots)} - 1 = \\ = 1 + \delta_1z + \delta_2z^2 + \delta_3z^3 + \delta_4z^4 + \dots,$$

$$(8) \quad |\delta_1| \leq 2, \quad |2\delta_2 - \delta_1| \leq 4 - |\delta_1|^2, \quad |\delta_3| \leq 2, \quad |\delta_4| \leq 2.$$

Equating coefficients of z, z^2, z^3, z^4 on both sides of (7) we get

$$(9) \quad 2b_2 = \delta_1,$$

$$(10) \quad 4b_3 = b_2\delta_1 + \delta_2,$$

$$(11) \quad 6b_4 = b_3\delta_1 + b_2\delta_2 + \delta_3,$$

$$(12) \quad 8b_5 = b_4\delta_1 + b_3\delta_2 + b_2\delta_3 + \delta_4.$$

By the second inequality of (8) we can put

$$(13) \quad 2\delta_2 - \delta_1^2 = e_1(4 - |\delta_1|^2) \quad (|e_1| \leq 1).$$

Putting $\delta_1 = 2b(|b| \leq 1)$, $\delta_2 = \frac{1}{2}\delta_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}e_1(4 - |\delta_1|^2)$, $\delta_3 = 2e_2(|e_2| \leq 1)$ and $\delta_4 = 2e_3(|e_3| \leq 1)$ in (9), (10), (11) and (12) we get (3), (4), (5) and (6).

3. Proof of theorem a for $n = 4$.

We shall show that $\operatorname{Re} [z f'_4(z)/f_4(z)] > 0$ for $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{z f'_4(z)}{f_4(z)} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{1 + 2b_2z + 3b_3z^2 + 4b_4z^3}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3} \right] = \\ = 2 - \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{1 - b_3z^2 - 2b_4z^3}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3} \right] \geq \\ \geq 2 - \left| \frac{1 - b_3z^2 - 2b_4z^3}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3} \right|.$$

It is easy to see that the denominator never vanishes. Hence, by the principle of minimum for harmonic functions, we have only to prove that $\operatorname{Re} [z f'_4(z)/f_4(z)] > 0$ for $|z| = \frac{1}{2}$. By considering $\bar{\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon z)$ in place of $f(z)$ with a suitable ε ($|\varepsilon| = 1$), the proof is

reduced to the case $z = \frac{1}{2}$. Thus it is sufficient to show

$$(14) \quad \left| \frac{4 - b_3 - b_4}{8 + 4b_2 + 2b_3 + b_4} \right| < 1.$$

By (3), (4) and (5)

$$\left| \frac{4 - b_3 - b_4}{8 + 4b_2 + 2b_3 + b_4} \right| = \left| \frac{4 - b^2 - \frac{2}{3}b^3 - \frac{1}{2}e_1(1+b)(1-|b|^2) - \frac{1}{3}e_2}{8 + 4b + 2b^2 + \frac{2}{3}b^3 + e_1(1+\frac{1}{2}b)(1-|b|^2) + \frac{1}{3}e_2} \right|.$$

Again, by the principle of minimum it is sufficient to prove (14) with $|b| = 1$, $|e_1| = 1$, $|e_2| = 1$. Thus we see that the inequality (14) is satisfied if

$$2|12 + 6b + 3b^2 + b^3| - |12 - 3b^2 - 2b^3| - 2 > 0, \quad (|b| = 1).$$

On putting $\operatorname{Re} b = x$, we have

$$(15) \quad P(x) = 2(106 + 114x + 168x^2 + 96x^3)^{1/2} - (229 + 156x - 144x^2 - 192x^3)^{1/2} - 2 > 0, \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1).$$

Differentiating (15), we obtain

$$(16) \quad P'(x) = \frac{6(19 + 56x + 48x^2)}{(106 + 114x + 168x^2 + 96x^3)^{1/2}} - \frac{6(13 - 24x - 48x^2)}{(229 + 156x - 144x^2 - 192x^3)^{1/2}},$$

and

$$(17) \quad P''(x) = \frac{6(4853 + 10176x + 5472x^2 + 5376x^3 + 2304x^4)}{(106 + 114x + 168x^2 + 96x^3)^{3/2}} + \frac{6(6510 + 21984x + 7488x^2 - 4608x^3 - 4608x^4)}{(229 + 156x - 144x^2 - 192x^3)^{3/2}}.$$

It is easy to see that $P'(x) > 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $P'(x) < 0$ for $-1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{4}$. Consequently, the minimum value of $P(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ is attained in the interval $-\frac{1}{4} < x < 0$. Moreover, from (17) we find by an easy calculation that $P''(x) > 0$ for $-\frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq 0$. From (15) we have

$$P(-\frac{1}{4}) = 2\sqrt{(86.5)} - \sqrt{(184)} - 2 = 3.04,$$

and from (16)

$$P'(-\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{48}{\sqrt{86.5}} - \frac{96}{\sqrt{184}} = -1.91.$$

For $-\frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq 0$, noticing $P''(x) > 0$, we have by Taylor's theorem

$$(18) \quad P(x) > P(-\frac{1}{4}) - (-\frac{1}{4} - x) P'(-\frac{1}{4}).$$

Putting $x = 0$ in (18) we get

$$\text{Min}_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} P(x) > P(-\frac{1}{4}) + \frac{1}{4} P'(-\frac{1}{4}) = 3 \cdot 04 - \frac{1 \cdot 91}{4} > 0.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem when $n = 4$.

4. Proof of the theorem a for $n = 5$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \left[\frac{z f'_5(z)}{f_5(z)} \right] &= \text{Re} \left[\frac{1 + 2b_2z + 3b_3z^2 + 4b_4z^3 + 5b_5z^4}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3 + b_5z^4} \right] = \\ &= 2 - \left[\frac{1 - b_3z^2 - 2b_4z^3 - 3b_5z^4}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3 + b_5z^4} \right] = \\ &= 2 - \left| \frac{1 - b_3z^2 - 2b_4z^3 - 3b_5z^4}{1 + b_2z + b_3z^2 + b_4z^3 + b_5z^4} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

As in the case $n = 4$, we may prove reducing the case to that with $z = \frac{1}{2}$. Thus it is sufficient to prove

$$\left| \frac{16 - 4b_3 - 4b_4 - 3b_5}{16 + 8b_2 + 4b_3 + 2b_4 + b_5} \right| < 2.$$

On using (3), (4), (5) and (6) the above inequality reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} &2|192 + 96b + 48b^2 + 16b^3 + 5b^4| - \\ &- |192 - 48b^2 - 32b^3 - 15b^4| - 67 > 0, \quad (|b| = 1). \end{aligned}$$

On putting $\text{Re } b = x$, we have

$$(19) \quad Q(x) = 2(28601 + 26464x + 28608x^2 + 28416x^3 + 15360x^4)^{1/2} - (51649 + 40896x + 12096x^2 - 49152x^3 - 46080x^4)^{1/2} - 67 > 0, \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1).$$

Differentiating (19) we obtain

$$(20) \quad Q'(x) = \frac{32(827 + 1788x + 2664x^2 + 1920x^3)}{(28601 + 26464x + 28608x^2 + 28416x^3 + 15360x^4)^{1/2}} - \frac{288(71 + 42x - 256x^2 - 320x^3)}{(51649 + 40896x + 12096x^2 - 49152x^3 - 46080x^4)^{1/2}}$$

and

$$(21) \quad Q''(x) = 1536 \left(\frac{10048931}{12} + 3174711x + 4900872x^2 + 3175616x^3 + \right. \\ \left. + 2505024x^4 + 1704960x^5 + 614400x^6 \right) (28601 + 26464x + \\ + 28608x^2 + 28416x^3 + 15360x^4)^{-3/2} - 18432 \left(\frac{358725}{32} - \right. \\ \left. - 413192x - 938319x^2 - 441216x^3 + 7584x^4 + 368640x^5 + \right. \\ \left. + 230400x^6 \right) (51649 + 40896x + 12096x^2 - 49152x^3 - 46080x^4)^{-3/2}.$$

It is easy to see that $Q'(x) > 0$ for $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1$ and $Q'(x) < 0$ for $-1 \leq x \leq -\frac{3}{4}$. Consequently, the minimum value of $Q(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ is attained in the interval $-\frac{3}{4} < x < -\frac{1}{2}$. Moreover from (21) we find by an easy calculation that $Q''(x) > 0$ for $-\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}$.

From (19) we have

$$Q(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2\sqrt{(19929)} - \sqrt{(37449)} - 67 = 21.83,$$

and from (20)

$$Q'(-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{11488}{\sqrt{(19929)}} - \frac{7488}{\sqrt{(37449)}} = 42.68.$$

For $-\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}$, noticing $Q''(x) > 0$, we have by Taylor's theorem

$$(22) \quad Q(x) > Q(-\frac{1}{2}) - (-\frac{1}{2} - x) Q'(-\frac{1}{2}).$$

Taking $x = -\frac{3}{4}$ in (22), we get

$$\text{Min}_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} Q(x) > Q(-\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{4} Q'(-\frac{1}{2}) = 21.83 - \frac{42.68}{4} > 0.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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