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DISTANCE BETWEEN A MAXIMUM MODULUS POINT AND THE ZERO SET OF AN ANALYTIC FUNCTION

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Let f be an analytic function in the disk $\mathbb{D}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < R\}$, $R \in (0, +\infty]$. A point $w \in \mathbb{D}_R$ is called a maximum modulus point of f if $|f(w)| = M(|w|, f)$, where $M(r, f) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}$. Denote by $d(w, f)$ the distance between a maximum modulus point w and the zero set of f , i.e., $d(w, f) = \inf\{|w - z|: f(z) = 0\}$. Let Φ be a continuous function on $[a, \ln R)$ such that $x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma) \rightarrow -\infty$, $\sigma \uparrow \ln R$, for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let also $\tilde{\Phi}$ be the Young-conjugate function of Φ and $\bar{\Phi}(x) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)/x$ for all sufficiently large x . We prove that if

$$\ln M(r, f) \leq (1 + o(1))\Phi(\ln r), \quad r \uparrow R,$$

then

$$\liminf_{|w| \uparrow R} d(w, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)}{|w|} \geq C_0,$$

where $C_0 = 0,5416\dots$. When the Taylor coefficients of f are nonnegative, the constant C_0 can be replaced by π , and the inequality obtained in this case is sharp.

1. Introduction. Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$ and $\mathbb{D}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < R\}$. By \mathcal{A}_R denote the class of analytic functions in \mathbb{D}_R of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \tag{1}$$

such that $f(z) \not\equiv 0$. For every function f analytic in \mathbb{D}_R put

$$M(r, f) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}, \quad r \in [0, R).$$

We call a point $w \in \mathbb{D}_R$ a maximum modulus point of f if $|f(w)| = M(|w|, f)$.

Let $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ and $\Phi: D_\Phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real function. We say that $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ if the domain D_Φ of Φ is an infinite interval of the form $[a, A)$, Φ is continuous on D_Φ , and the following condition

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: \quad \lim_{\sigma \uparrow A} (x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma)) = -\infty \tag{2}$$

holds. It is easy to see that in the case $A < +\infty$ condition (2) is equivalent to the condition $\Phi(\sigma) \rightarrow +\infty$, $\sigma \rightarrow A - 0$, and in the case $A = +\infty$ this condition is equivalent to the

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condition $\Phi(\sigma)/\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$, $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$. For $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ by $\tilde{\Phi}$ we denote the Young-conjugate function of Φ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{\Phi}(x) = \max\{x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma) : \sigma \in D_\Phi\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note (see Lemma 2 below), that the function $\bar{\Phi}(x) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)/x$ is continuous and increasing to A on some interval of the form $(x_0, +\infty)$. Hence the inverse function $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$ is defined on some interval of the form (A_0, A) and $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$ is continuous and increasing to $+\infty$ on (A_0, A) .

For $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ and $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ the quantity

$$T_\Phi(f) = \varliminf_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln M(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)}$$

is called Φ -type of the function f . The notion of Φ -type for a function analytic in \mathbb{D}_R generalizes the classical notion of the type for an entire function of finite positive order.

Let \mathcal{Z}_R be the class of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ that have infinitely many zeros in \mathbb{D}_R , and let \mathcal{Z}_R^+ be the subclass of functions $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R$ of the form (1) such that $a_n \geq 0$ for all integers $n \geq 0$. Denote by $d(w, f)$ the distance between a maximum modulus point w and the zero set of a function $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R$, that is

$$d(w, f) = \inf\{|w - z| : f(z) = 0\}.$$

The problem of finding asymptotic estimates from below for the quantity $d(w, f)$ as $|w| \rightarrow +\infty$ in the case where f is entire was considered in the works of I. Ostrovskii [1], I. Ostrovskii and A.E. Üreyen [2, 3, 4], A.E. Üreyen [5], and S.I. Fedynyak [6]. In particular, by certain conditions on a function $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$, the authors of these works have specified a function $h : [r_0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ dependent only on Φ such that the following statements are true.

(O₁) If $f \in \mathcal{Z}_{+\infty}$ and $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$, then

$$\varliminf_{|w| \rightarrow +\infty} d(w, f)h(|w|) \geq \frac{1}{e}. \quad (3)$$

(O₂) If $f \in \mathcal{Z}_{+\infty}^+$ and $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$, then

$$\varliminf_{|w| \rightarrow +\infty} d(w, f)h(|w|) \geq 1. \quad (4)$$

(O₃) There exists a function $f \in \mathcal{Z}_{+\infty}^+$ such that $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ and

$$\varliminf_{|w| \rightarrow +\infty} d(w, f)h(|w|) \leq \pi. \quad (5)$$

Next, we present an overview of relevant results. The first results in this direction, summarized in the following theorem, were obtained in [1].

Theorem A ([1]). *Let ρ and T be positive numbers, $\Phi(\ln r) = Tr^\rho$ and $h(r) = eT\rho r^{\rho-1}$ for all $r \geq r_0$. Then the statements (O₁), (O₂), and (O₃) are true.*

A function $\rho(r)$, continuously differentiable on $[r_0, +\infty)$, is called a *proximate order* if $\rho(r) \rightarrow \rho$ and $\rho'(r)r \ln r \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ for some $\rho \in (0, +\infty)$.

Theorem B ([2]). Let ρ and T be positive numbers, $\rho(r)$ be a proximate order such that $\rho(r) \rightarrow \rho$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$, $\Phi(\ln r) = Tr^{\rho(r)}$ and $h(r) = eTr^{\rho(r)-1}$ for all $r \geq r_0$. Then the statements (O_1) , (O_2) , and (O_3) are true.

As in [5], a function $\rho(r)$, continuously differentiable on $[r_0, +\infty)$, is called a *zero proximate order* if $\rho(r) = \psi(\ln r)/\ln r$ for all $r \geq r_0$, where ψ is a function, positive concave on $[\ln r_0, +\infty)$, and also $\rho(r) \rightarrow 0$ and $r^{\rho(r)}/\ln r \rightarrow +\infty$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$.

Theorem C ([5]). Let T be a positive number, $\rho(r)$ be a zero proximate order, $\Phi(\ln r) = Tr^{\rho(r)}$ and $h(r) = eTr^{\rho(r)-1}(\rho(r) + \rho'(r)r \ln r)$ for all $r \geq r_0$. Then the statements (O_1) and (O_3) are true.

As in [5], a function $\rho(r)$, continuously differentiable on $[r_0, +\infty)$, is called an *infinite proximate order* if $\rho(r) = \psi(\ln r)/\ln r$ for all $r \geq r_0$, where ψ is a function, positive increasing convex on $[\ln r_0, +\infty)$, such that $\psi'(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\psi''(x)/\psi'^2(x) \rightarrow 0$ (along the set of x for which $\psi''(x)$ exists), as $x \rightarrow +\infty$.

Theorem D ([5]). Let T be a positive number, $\rho(r)$ be a infinite proximate order, $\Phi(\ln r) = Tr^{\rho(r)}$ and $h(r) = eTr^{\rho(r)-1}(\rho(r) + \rho'(r)r \ln r)$ for all $r \geq r_0$. Then the statements (O_1) and (O_3) are true.

Finally, the following theorem is proved in [6].

Theorem E ([6]). Let $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$ be a function, continuously differentiable on D_Φ , such that Φ' is increasing on D_Φ , and

$$h(r) = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \bar{\Phi}^{-1} \left(\ln r + \frac{1}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)} \right)$$

for all $r \geq r_0$. Then the statement (O_1) is true.

Remark 1. It follows from Lemma 4 (see below) that for the function h in Theorem E we have $h(r) \sim \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)/r$, $r \rightarrow +\infty$.

Remark 2. For the function h in Theorems A, B, C, and D, we have $h(r) \sim e\Phi'(\ln r)/r$, $r \rightarrow +\infty$. Using this relation, we can prove that in each of the cases, considered in these theorems, the following inequality

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{rh(r)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)} \geq 1$$

is true (we will not dwell on proving this fact).

Below we prove that the statements (O_1) , (O_2) , and (O_3) are true for an arbitrary function $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$ with $h(r) = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)/r$, $r \geq 0$. Moreover, the constant $\frac{1}{e}$ in (3) can be replaced by the larger constant

$$C_0 := \max_{x>1} \frac{\ln(2\sqrt{x(x-1)})}{x} = 0,5416\dots, \quad (6)$$

and the constant 1 in (4) can be replaced by the sharp constant π .

At the same time, we prove similar results for functions analytic in a disk.

2. Main results.

Theorem 1. *Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$ and $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$. If $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R$ and $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$, then*

$$\underline{\lim}_{|w| \uparrow R} d(w, f) \frac{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)}{|w|} \geq C_0. \quad (7)$$

Theorem 2. *Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$ and $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$. If $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R^+$ and $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$, then*

$$\underline{\lim}_{|w| \uparrow R} d(w, f) \frac{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)}{|w|} \geq \pi. \quad (8)$$

If $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ is a function of the form (1), $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$, and $r \in [0, R)$, then let

$$\mu(r, f) = \max\{|a_n|r^n : n \geq 0\}, \quad t_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln \mu(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)}.$$

Theorem 3. *Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$ and $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$. Then there exists a function $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R^+$ such that $T_\Phi(f) = t_\Phi(f) = 1$ and*

$$\underline{\lim}_{|w| \uparrow R} d(w, f) \frac{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)}{|w|} = \pi. \quad (9)$$

We need the following theorem to prove Theorem 2.

Theorem 4. *Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$, $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R^+$ be a function of the form (1), and $(r_j e^{i\varphi_j})$ be the sequence of all zeros of the function f . If $N : [0, R) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ is a function such that*

$$\sum_{n > N(r)} a_n r^n = o(M(r, f)), \quad r \uparrow R, \quad (10)$$

then

$$\underline{\lim}_{j \rightarrow \infty} |\varphi_j| N(r_j) \geq \pi. \quad (11)$$

3. Auxiliary results.

Lemma 1. *Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$, $\rho \in (0, R)$, and $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$. Then for every $w, z \in \mathbb{D}_\rho$ we have*

$$|f(w) - f(z)| \leq |w - z| \frac{\rho M(\rho, f)}{\sqrt{(\rho^2 - |w|^2)(\rho^2 - |z|^2)}}.$$

Proof. We note that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dx}{a - b \cos x} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$$

whenever $a > b > 0$. Hence, using Cauchy's integral formula and Cauchy–Bunyakovsky inequality, we obtain

$$|f(w) - f(z)| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\tau|=\rho} \left(\frac{f(\tau)}{\tau - w} - \frac{f(\tau)}{\tau - z} \right) d\tau \right| = \frac{|w - z|}{2\pi} \left| \int_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{f(\tau)}{(\tau - w)(\tau - z)} d\tau \right| =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{|w-z|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(\rho e^{i\theta})}{(\rho e^{i\theta} - w)(\rho e^{i\theta} - z)} \rho e^{i\theta} i d\theta \right| \leq \\
&\leq \frac{|w-z|}{2\pi} \rho M(\rho, f) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|\rho e^{i\theta} - w| |\rho e^{i\theta} - z|} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{|w-z|}{2\pi} \rho M(\rho, f) \sqrt{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|\rho e^{i\theta} - w|^2}} \sqrt{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|\rho e^{i\theta} - z|^2}} = \\
&= \frac{|w-z|}{2\pi} \rho M(\rho, f) \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\rho^2 - |w|^2}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\rho^2 - |z|^2}} = |w-z| \frac{\rho M(\rho, f)}{\sqrt{(\rho^2 - |w|^2)(\rho^2 - |z|^2)}}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

The following lemma is well known (see, for example, [7, § 3.2], [8]).

Lemma 2. *Let $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$, $\Phi \in \Omega_A$, and $\varphi(x) = \max\{\sigma \in D_\Phi : x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)\}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, the following statements are true:*

- (i) *the function φ is nondecreasing on \mathbb{R} ;*
- (ii) *the function φ is continuous from the right on \mathbb{R} ;*
- (iii) *$\varphi(x) \rightarrow A$, $x \rightarrow +\infty$;*
- (iv) *the right-hand derivative of $\tilde{\Phi}(x)$ is equal to $\varphi(x)$ at every point $x \in \mathbb{R}$;*
- (v) *if $x_0 = \inf\{x > 0 : \Phi(\varphi(x)) > 0\}$, then the function $\bar{\Phi}(x) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)/x$ increases to A on $(x_0, +\infty)$;*
- (vi) *the function $\alpha(x) = \Phi(\varphi(x))$ is nondecreasing on $[0, +\infty)$.*

In the following two lemmas, φ and x_0 are defined by Φ in the same way as in Lemma 2.

Lemma 3. *Let $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$, $\Phi \in \Omega_A$, $\sigma_0 = \bar{\Phi}(x_0 + 0)$, and $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$. Then the minimum value of the function*

$$h(y) = \frac{\Phi(y)}{y - \sigma}, \quad y \in (\sigma, A),$$

is $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$, which is achieved when $y = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))$.

Proof. Let $x = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$, $y \in (\sigma, A)$. For $x > x_0 \geq 0$ from the definition of function $\tilde{\Phi}$ we obtain

$$\sigma = \bar{\Phi}(x) \geq y - \frac{\Phi(y)}{x} = y - \frac{\Phi(y)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)},$$

so that $\frac{\Phi(y)}{y - \sigma} \geq \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$. Thus $h(y) \geq \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$ for all $y \in (\sigma, A)$.

We note that by Lemma 2

$$x\varphi(x) - \Phi(\varphi(x)) = \tilde{\Phi}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (12)$$

If $x > x_0$, then $\Phi(\varphi(x)) > 0$, thus from (12) we obtain $\bar{\Phi}(x) < \varphi(x) < A$. For $x = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$ and $y = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)) = \varphi(x)$ we have $y \in (\sigma, A)$. Then, by (12),

$$h(y) = \frac{\Phi(\varphi(x))}{\varphi(x) - \bar{\Phi}(x)} = x = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma).$$

□

Lemma 4. Let $\delta \in (0, 1)$, $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$, $\Phi \in \Omega_A$, $\sigma_0 = \bar{\Phi}(x_0 + 0)$, and $y(\sigma) = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))$ for all $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$. Then

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1} \left(\sigma + \frac{\delta \Phi(y(\sigma))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} \right) \leq \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{1 - \delta}, \quad \sigma \in (\sigma_0, A).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3 for all $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$ we have

$$\frac{\Phi(y(\sigma))}{y(\sigma) - \sigma} = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma).$$

Hence we get

$$y(\sigma) = \sigma + \frac{\Phi(y(\sigma))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}.$$

Put

$$v(\sigma) = \sigma + \frac{\delta \Phi(y(\sigma))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}.$$

Clearly, if $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$, then $\sigma < v(\sigma) < y(\sigma)$ and also $y(\sigma) - v(\sigma) = (1 - \delta)(y(\sigma) - \sigma)$. Therefore, using Lemma 3 again, for every $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$ we obtain

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(v(\sigma)) \leq \frac{\Phi(y(\sigma))}{y(\sigma) - v(\sigma)} = \frac{\Phi(y(\sigma))}{(1 - \delta)(y(\sigma) - \sigma)} = \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{1 - \delta}.$$

This proves Lemma 4. □

Lemma 5. Let $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$, $\Phi \in \Omega_A$, and Ψ be a convex function on $[\sigma_1, A)$ such that $\Psi(\sigma) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_1, A)$. Then $\Psi'_+(\sigma) \leq \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$ for every $\sigma \in [\sigma_2, A)$.

Proof. Since $\Phi(\sigma) \rightarrow +\infty$, $\sigma \uparrow A$, from the conditions imposed on the function Ψ we get $\Psi(y) - \Psi(\sigma) \leq \Phi(y)$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_2, A)$ and $y \in (\sigma, A)$. We can assume that $\sigma_2 \geq \sigma_1$ and $\sigma_2 \in (\sigma_0, A)$, where σ_0 is the constant from Lemma 3. Set $y = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))$. Since Ψ is a convex function on $[\sigma_1, A)$, for every $\sigma \in [\sigma_2, A)$ we get, using Lemma 3,

$$\Psi'_+(\sigma) \leq \frac{\Psi(y) - \Psi(\sigma)}{y - \sigma} \leq \frac{\Phi(y)}{y - \sigma} = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma).$$

Lemma 5 is proved. □

For a function $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ of the form (1) let $\nu(r, f) = \max\{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : |a_n|r^n = \mu(r, f)\}$ be its central index. It is well known that $\nu(r, f) = r(\ln \mu(r, f))'_+$ for all $r \in (0, R)$. In addition, we have following result ([9]).

Lemma 6. Let $R \in (0, +\infty]$, (n_k) be an increasing sequence of nonnegative integers, and (c_k) be a sequence, increasing to R . If (a_n) is a complex sequence such that $a_{n_0} \neq 0$, $a_n = 0$ for each $n < n_0$ and

$$|a_{n_{k+1}}| = |a_{n_0}| \prod_{j=0}^k c_j^{n_j - n_{j+1}}, \quad |a_n| \leq |a_{n_k}| c_k^{n_k - n}, \quad n \in (n_k, n_{k+1})$$

for all $k \geq 0$, then the power series (1) defines a function f , analytic in the disk \mathbb{D}_R and such that for which:

- (i) $\nu(r, f) = n_0$ for all $r \in (0, c_0)$;
- (ii) $\nu(r, f) = n_{k+1}$ for all $r \in [c_k, c_{k+1})$ and $k \geq 0$.

Lemma 7. *Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists a number $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that*

$$\left| 1 - \left(1 + \frac{z}{n}\right)^n \right| \geq (1 - \varepsilon)|z|$$

for any $z \in \mathbb{D}_\delta$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$|1 - (1 + z)^n| \geq 1 + 2n|z| - (1 + |z|)^n. \quad (13)$$

Indeed, if $n \geq 2$, then, using the Newton binomial formula, we obtain

$$|1 - (1 + z)^n| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n C_n^k z^k \right| \geq n|z| - \sum_{k=2}^n C_n^k |z|^k = 1 + 2n|z| - (1 + |z|)^n.$$

If $n = 1$, then inequality (13) turns to equality.

Further, since $e^r - 1 \sim r$, $r \rightarrow 0$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $e^r - 1 \leq (1 + \varepsilon)r$, $r \in [0, \delta)$. Thus, if $z \in \mathbb{D}_\delta$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\left(1 + \frac{|z|}{n}\right)^n \leq e^{|z|} \leq 1 + (1 + \varepsilon)|z|,$$

so, using inequality (13) with z/n instead of z , we have

$$\left| 1 - \left(1 + \frac{z}{n}\right)^n \right| \geq 1 + 2|z| - \left(1 + \frac{|z|}{n}\right)^n \geq 1 + 2|z| - (1 + (1 + \varepsilon)|z|) = (1 - \varepsilon)|z|.$$

Lemma 7 is proved. □

4. Proofs of theorems.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R$ be a function such that $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$, and C_0 be the constant, defined by (6). Let us prove that for the function f relation (7) holds.

We set $\Psi(\sigma) = \ln M(e^\sigma, f)$ for each $\sigma < \ln R$. Then the condition $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ can be rewritten as $\Psi(\sigma) \leq (1 + o(1))\Phi(\sigma)$, $\sigma \uparrow \ln R$. Since the function Ψ is convex on the interval $(-\infty, \ln R)$, by Lemma 5 we obtain

$$\Psi'_+(\ln r) \leq (1 + o(1))\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r), \quad r \uparrow R. \quad (14)$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that inequality (7) does not hold, that is, there exists a positive number $\lambda < C_0$ such that for the set E of maximum modulus points w , satisfying the inequality

$$d(w, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)}{|w|} \leq \lambda,$$

we have $\sup E = R$.

For each maximum modulus point w of the function f we fix the nearest zero of f and denote this zero by $z(w)$. Note that by Lemma 1 for arbitrary $\rho \in (\max\{|w|, |z(w)|\}, R)$ the inequality

$$M(|w|, f) \leq d(w, f) \frac{\rho M(\rho, f)}{\sqrt{(\rho^2 - |w|^2)(\rho^2 - |z(w)|^2)}} \quad (15)$$

holds.

Since $\lambda < C_0$, for some $\mu > 1$, according to (6), we have

$$\lambda < \frac{\ln(2\sqrt{\mu(\mu-1)})}{\mu}. \quad (16)$$

Let $w \in E$. Put

$$\rho(w) = |w| + \frac{\mu\lambda|w|}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)}.$$

Then $|w| < \rho(w)$. In addition, since

$$|w - z(w)| = d(|w|, f) \leq \frac{\lambda|w|}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)},$$

we have also $|z(w)| < \rho(w)$. It is also clear that $\rho(w) \sim |z(w)| \sim |w|$ as $|w| \uparrow R$.

Since

$$\ln \rho(w) = \ln |w| + \ln \left(1 + \frac{\mu\lambda}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)} \right) \leq \ln |w| + \frac{\mu\lambda}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)}, \quad (17)$$

by Lemma 4 we obtain $\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln \rho(w)) \sim \overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|)$ as $|w| \uparrow R$. Then, according to (14),

$$\Psi'_+(\ln \rho(w)) \leq (1 + o(1))\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln |w|), \quad |w| \uparrow R. \quad (18)$$

Using (17) and (18), we get

$$\ln \frac{M(\rho(w), f)}{M(|w|, f)} = \int_{\ln|w|}^{\ln \rho(w)} \Psi'_+(x) dx \leq \Psi'_+(\ln \rho(w))(\ln \rho(w) - \ln |w|) \leq (1 + o(1))\mu\lambda$$

as $|w| \uparrow R$. Therefore,

$$\liminf_{|w| \uparrow R} \frac{M(|w|, f)}{M(\rho(w), f)} \geq \frac{1}{e^{\mu\lambda}}. \quad (19)$$

Noting that the relations

$$\rho^2(w) - |w|^2 \sim \frac{2\mu\lambda|w|^2}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)}, \quad \rho^2(w) - |z(w)|^2 \geq (1 + o(1))\frac{2(\mu-1)\lambda|w|^2}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)},$$

hold as $|w| \uparrow R$, and using inequality (15) with $\rho = \rho(w)$ and also (19), for $w \in E$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\geq \overline{\lim}_{|w| \uparrow R} d(w, f) \frac{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)}{|w|} \geq \\ &\geq \overline{\lim}_{|w| \uparrow R} \frac{M(|w|, f)}{M(\rho(w), f)} \frac{\sqrt{(\rho^2(w) - |w|^2)(\rho^2(w) - |z(w)|^2)} \overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln|w|)}{\rho(w)|w|} \geq \frac{2\lambda\sqrt{\mu(\mu-1)}}{e^{\mu\lambda}}, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (16). □

Proof of Theorem 4. Let $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R^+$ be a function of the form (1), $(r_j e^{i\varphi_j})$ be the sequence of all zeros of the function f , and $N: [0, R) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ be a function such that (10) holds. We prove that then the inequality (11) holds.

First of all, note that each of the numbers $r_j e^{-i\varphi_j}$ is also a zero of the function f in view of the fact that its Taylor coefficients are nonnegative.

Suppose, on the contrary, that inequality (11) does not hold. Then, as stated above, there exists a number $\varepsilon \in (0, \pi)$ such that the set

$$E = \left\{ j \geq 0: 0 \leq \varphi_j \leq \frac{\pi - \varepsilon}{N(r_j)} \right\}$$

is infinite.

Let $j \in E$. Then for every integer $k \in [0, N(r_j)]$ we have $0 \leq k\varphi_j \leq \pi - \varepsilon$, which implies that

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq k\varphi_j - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Taking

$$\eta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \delta = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right),$$

we see that $\cos(k\varphi_j - \eta) \geq \delta > 0$ for all integers $k \in [0, N(r_j)]$. Therefore, in view of (10),

$$\begin{aligned} |\operatorname{Re}(e^{in} f(r_j e^{i\varphi_j}))| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k r_j^k \cos(k\varphi_j - \eta) \right| \geq \sum_{k \leq N(r_j)} a_k r_j^k \delta - \sum_{k > N(r_j)} a_k r_j^k = \\ &= \delta M(r_j, f) - (1 + \delta) \sum_{k > N(r_j)} a_k r_j^k = (\delta - o(1))M(r_j, f), \quad j \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So, for all sufficiently large $j \in E$ we have $f(r_j e^{i\varphi_j}) \neq 0$. This contradicts the fact that the numbers $r_j e^{i\varphi_j}$ are zeros of the function f . \square

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $f \in \mathcal{Z}_R^+$ be a function of the form (1) such that $T_{\Phi}(f) \leq 1$. We prove that then inequality (8) holds.

Fix an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ and select $\delta > 0$ so that the inequality

$$\delta < 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon}}$$

holds. Taking

$$\eta = (1 + \varepsilon)(1 - \delta)^2 - 1,$$

we see that $\eta > 0$. Put $\Psi(\sigma) = \ln M(e^\sigma, f)$ for each $\sigma < \ln R$. From the condition $T_{\Phi}(f) \leq 1$ we have $\Psi(\sigma) \leq (1 + \eta)\Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_1, \ln R)$. Since the function Ψ is convex on the interval $(-\infty, \ln R)$, by Lemma 5 we obtain

$$\Psi'_+(\ln r) \leq (1 + \eta)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r), \quad r \in [R_1, R). \quad (20)$$

Further, if $N > 0$, $r \in (0, R)$, and $\rho \in (r, R)$, then

$$\sum_{k > N} a_k r^k < \frac{M(r, f)}{e^{(\ln \rho - \ln r)(N - \Psi'_+(\ln \rho))}}. \quad (21)$$

Indeed, since the coefficients a_n are nonnegative, $M(r, f) = f(r)$ for all $r \in [0, R)$, and therefore

$$\sum_{k>N} a_n r^n < \left(\frac{r}{\rho}\right)^N \sum_{k>N} a_n \rho^n \leq \left(\frac{r}{\rho}\right)^N M(\rho, f) = M(r, f) \left(\frac{r}{\rho}\right)^N e^{\Psi(\ln \rho) - \Psi(\ln r)}.$$

It remains to take into account that

$$\Psi(\ln \rho) - \Psi(\ln r) = \int_{\ln r}^{\ln \rho} \Psi'_+(x) dx \leq (\ln \rho - \ln r) \Psi'_+(\ln \rho).$$

As in Lemma 4, let $\sigma_0 = \bar{\Phi}(x_0 + 0)$ and $y(\sigma) = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))$ for all $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, \ln R)$. Applying inequality (21) with $N = (1 + \varepsilon)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)$ and $\rho > r$ such that

$$\ln \rho = \ln r + \frac{\delta \Phi(y(\ln r))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)},$$

and using inequality (20) and Lemma 4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k>(1+\varepsilon)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)} a_n r^n &< M(r, f) \exp\left(-\frac{\delta \Phi(y(\ln r))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)} \left((1 + \varepsilon)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r) - \frac{1 + \eta}{1 - \delta} \Psi'_+(\ln r)\right)\right) = \\ &= \frac{M(r, f)}{e^{\delta^2(1+\varepsilon)\Phi(y(\ln r))}} = o(M(r, f)), \quad r \uparrow R. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, hence by Theorem 4 we have

$$\underline{\lim}_{j \rightarrow \infty} |\varphi_j| \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_j) \geq \pi, \quad (22)$$

where $(r_j e^{i\varphi_j})$ is the sequence of all zeros of the function f .

Further, since the coefficients a_n of the function f are nonnegative, it is easy to prove (see, for example, [1]), that $d(w, f) = d(|w|, f)$ for an arbitrary maximum modulus point w of this function. Therefore, if inequality (8) is not satisfied, then there exists a number $\lambda < \pi$ such that for the set

$$E = \left\{ r \in (e^{\sigma_0}, R) : d(r, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)}{r} \leq \lambda \right\}$$

we have $\sup E = R$.

For each point $r \in [0, R)$ we fix the number of the nearest zero of f and denote this number by $j(r)$.

Let $r \in E$ and $r \uparrow R$. Then $d(r, f) = o(r)$, so it is clear from geometric considerations that $\varphi_{j(r)} \rightarrow 0$. Further, since $|r_{j(r)} - r| \leq d(r, f)$, we obtain $r_{j(r)} \sim r$. In addition,

$$\ln r_{j(r)} \leq \ln(r + d(r, f)) \leq \ln\left(r + \frac{\lambda r}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)}\right) \leq \ln r + \frac{\lambda}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)},$$

and therefore, by Lemma 4, $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_{j(r)}) \leq (1 + o(1))\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)$.

Using the above relations and the obvious inequality $r_{j(r)} \sin |\varphi_{j(r)}| \leq d(r, f)$ and assuming that $r \in E$, we get

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} |\varphi_{j(r)}| \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_{j(r)}) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \sin |\varphi_{j(r)}| \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_{j(r)}) \leq \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} d(r, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)}{r} \leq \lambda,$$

which contradicts the inequality (22). \square

Proof of Theorem 3. Let $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$. Suppose, as above, $x_0 = \inf\{x > 0: \Phi(\varphi(x)) > 0\}$. From condition (2) and the properties of the function $\tilde{\Phi}$ given in Lemma 2 it follows that there exists an increasing sequence (n_k) of nonnegative integers such that for it and for the sequences (c_k) and (r_k) , where $c_k = \exp\{\bar{\Phi}(n_{k+1})\}$ and $r_k = \exp\{\varphi(n_{k+1})\}$ for all integers $k \geq 0$, we have $n_0 = 0$, $n_1 > x_0$, and also

$$kn_k \ln r - \Phi(\ln r) \leq kn_k \ln c_0, \quad r \in [c_k, R), \quad k \geq 0; \quad (23)$$

$$n_k = o(n_{k+1}), \quad k \rightarrow \infty; \quad (24)$$

$$\min\{(n_{k+1} - n_k)(\ln c_{k+1} - \ln c_k), (n_{k+2} - n_{k+1})(\ln c_{k+1} - \ln r_k)\} \geq 2 \ln(k+1), \quad k \geq 0. \quad (25)$$

Put $a_0 = 1$,

$$a_{n_{k+1}} = \prod_{j=0}^k c_j^{n_j - n_{j+1}}, \quad k \geq 0,$$

and $a_n = 0$ if $n \in (n_k, n_{k+1})$ for some $k \geq 0$. By Lemma 6 the power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{n_k} z^{n_k}$$

defines a function f , analytic in the disk \mathbb{D}_R , such that $\nu(r, f) = 0$ for all $r \in (0, c_0)$ and $\nu(r, f) = n_{k+1}$ for all $r \in [c_k, c_{k+1})$ and $k \geq 0$.

Let $r \in [c_k, c_{k+1})$ and $k \geq 0$. Then

$$\ln c_k = \bar{\Phi}(n_{k+1}) = \sup \left\{ \sigma - \frac{\Phi(\sigma)}{n_{k+1}} : \sigma \in D_{\Phi} \right\} \geq \ln r - \frac{\Phi(\ln r)}{n_{k+1}}. \quad (26)$$

From inequalities (26) and (23) we obtain, respectively,

$$n_{k+1} \ln \frac{r}{c_k} \leq \Phi(\ln r), \quad n_k \ln \frac{c_k}{c_0} \leq n_k \ln \frac{r}{c_0} \leq \frac{\Phi(\ln r)}{k},$$

so for every $k \geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mu(r, f) &= \ln \mu(c_k, f) + \int_{c_k}^r \frac{\nu(t, f)}{t} dt \leq n_k \ln \frac{c_k}{c_0} + n_{k+1} \ln \frac{r}{c_k} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\Phi(\ln r)}{k} + \Phi(\ln r) = \frac{k+1}{k} \Phi(\ln r). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $t_{\Phi}(f) \leq 1$.

We further note that equality (12), which follows from Lemma 2, can be rewritten as

$$\bar{\Phi}(x) = \varphi(x) - \frac{\Phi(\varphi(x))}{x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Putting $x = n_{k+1}$, we get

$$\ln c_k = \ln r_k - \frac{\Phi(\ln r_k)}{n_{k+1}}. \quad (27)$$

Since $\mu(r, f) \geq \mu(0, f) = 1$, $r \in (0, R)$, we obtain, using (27),

$$\ln \mu(r_k, f) \geq \int_{c_k}^{r_k} \frac{\nu(t, f)}{t} dt \geq n_{k+1} \ln \frac{r_k}{c_k} = \Phi(\ln r_k).$$

This and the inequality $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ imply that $t_\Phi(f) = 1$.

Put

$$\delta_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}, \quad m_k = n_{k+1} - n_k, \quad h_k = \frac{c_k \delta_k}{m_k}$$

for all $k \geq 0$. Then, according to (24) and (27), for $k \geq k_0$ we obtain

$$c_k + h_k = c_k \left(1 + \frac{\delta_k}{m_k}\right) \leq c_k \left(1 + \frac{\Phi(\ln r_k)}{n_{k+1}}\right) \leq c_k \exp\left\{\frac{\Phi(\ln r_k)}{n_{k+1}}\right\} = r_k. \quad (28)$$

Note that

$$(c_k - h_k)^{n_{k+1}} \sim c_k^{n_{k+1}} \sim (c_k + h_k)^{n_{k+1}}, \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we have, uniformly for $r \in [c_k - h_k, c_k + h_k]$,

$$a_{n_k} r^{n_k} \sim a_{n_k} c_k^{n_k} = \mu(c_k, f), \quad a_{n_{k+1}} r^{n_{k+1}} \sim a_{n_{k+1}} c_k^{n_{k+1}} = \mu(c_k, f). \quad (29)$$

For each integer $p \geq 0$ we set

$$b_p = c_p e^{i\pi/m_p}, \quad C_p = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - b_p| = h_p\}$$

and consider the functions

$$P_p(z) = a_{n_p} z^{n_p} + a_{n_{p+1}} z^{n_{p+1}}, \quad g_p(z) = f(z) - P_p(z).$$

Let δ be a number whose existence follows from Lemma 7 for $\varepsilon = 1/2$, and let $z \in C_p$. Then $z = b_p + h_p e^{i\theta}$ for some $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. For all $p \geq p_0$ we have $\delta_p < \delta$. Putting $|z| = r$ and using Lemmas 7 and (29), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |P_p(z)| &= |a_{n_p} z^{n_p} + a_{n_{p+1}} z^{n_{p+1}}| = a_{n_p} r^{n_p} \left|1 + \left(\frac{z}{c_p}\right)^{m_p}\right| = a_{n_p} r^{n_p} \left|1 + \left(e^{i\pi/m_p} + \frac{\delta_p}{m_p} e^{i\theta}\right)^{m_p}\right| = \\ &= a_{n_p} r^{n_p} \left|1 - \left(1 + \frac{\delta_p}{m_p} e^{i(-\pi/m_p + \theta)}\right)^{m_p}\right| \geq a_{n_p} r^{n_p} \frac{\delta_p}{2} \geq \frac{\delta_p}{3} \mu(c_p, f), \quad p \geq p_1. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, using (28) and (25), for every $p \geq p_2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\sum_{k \leq p-1} a_{n_k} z^{n_k}\right| &\leq \sum_{k \leq p-1} a_{n_k} (c_p + h_p)^{n_k} = a_{n_p} (c_p + h_p)^{n_p} \sum_{k \leq p-1} \frac{a_{n_k}}{a_{n_p}} (c_p + h_p)^{n_k - n_p} \leq \\ &\leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \leq p-1} \frac{a_{n_k}}{a_{n_p}} c_p^{n_k - n_p} = 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \leq p-1} \prod_{j=k}^{p-1} \left(\frac{c_j}{c_p}\right)^{n_{j+1} - n_j} \leq \\ &\leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \leq p-1} \left(\frac{c_{p-1}}{c_p}\right)^{n_p - n_{p-1}} = 2\mu(c_p, f) p \left(\frac{c_{p-1}}{c_p}\right)^{n_p - n_{p-1}} \leq \frac{2}{p} \mu(c_p, f); \\ \left|\sum_{k \geq p+2} a_{n_k} z^{n_k}\right| &\leq \sum_{k \geq p+2} a_{n_k} (c_p + h_p)^{n_k} = a_{n_{p+1}} (c_p + h_p)^{n_{p+1}} \sum_{k \geq p+2} \frac{a_{n_k}}{a_{n_{p+1}}} (c_p + h_p)^{n_k - n_{p+1}} \leq \\ &\leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \geq p+2} \frac{a_{n_k}}{a_{n_{p+1}}} r^{n_k - n_{p+1}} = 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \geq p+2} \prod_{j=p+1}^{k-1} \left(\frac{r_p}{c_j}\right)^{n_{j+1} - n_j} \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \geq p+2} \left(\frac{r_p}{c_{k-1}} \right)^{n_k - n_{k-1}} \leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \geq p+2} \left(\frac{r_{k-2}}{c_{k-1}} \right)^{n_k - n_{k-1}} \leq \\ &\leq 2\mu(c_p, f) \sum_{k \geq p+2} \frac{1}{(k-1)^2} \leq \frac{2}{p} \mu(c_p, f). \end{aligned}$$

So for all $p \geq p_3$ and $z \in C_p$ we get

$$|g_p(z)| \leq \frac{4}{p} \mu(c_p, f) < \frac{\delta_p}{3} \mu(c_p, f) \leq |P_p(z)|.$$

Thus, according to Rouché's theorem, the function f has in the disk $\{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z - b_p| < h_p\}$ the same number of zeros as the binomial P_p . Since b_p is a zero of P_p , in this disk the function f has a zero, which we denote by z_p . If $p \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$|b_p - z_p| < h_p = \delta_p c_p / m_p = o(c_p / n_{p+1}), \quad |c_p - b_p| = |c_p - c_p e^{i\pi/m_p}| \sim c_p \pi / n_{p+1}.$$

This implies, by the triangle inequality, that

$$|c_p - z_p| \sim c_p \pi / n_{p+1} = c_p \pi / \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln c_p), \quad p \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{r \uparrow R} d(r, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)}{r} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} d(c_p, f) \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln c_p)}{c_p} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} |c_p - z_p| \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln c_p)}{c_p} = \pi.$$

This and Theorem 2 imply equality (9).

Next, we note that the above estimates imply the relation $M(c_k, f) \sim 2\mu(c_k, f)$, $k \rightarrow \infty$. Since the functions $\ln M(r, f)$ and $\ln \mu(r, f)$ are convex and linear with respect to $\ln r$ on $[c_k, c_{k+1}]$, respectively, and $\mu(r, f) \leq M(r, f)$ by the Cauchy inequality, we have

$$0 \leq \ln M(r, f) - \ln \mu(r, f) \leq \ln 3$$

for all $r < R$ sufficiently close to R . This and the equality $t_\Phi(f) = 1$ imply that $T_\Phi(f) = 1$. \square

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