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**On a Generalized Problem of M. Biernacki
for Subordinate Functions**

Uogólniony problem M. Biernackiego dla funkcji podporządkowanych

Обобщенная проблема М. Биернацкого для подчиненных функций

1. Introduction and notations. Let f and F be functions analytic in the unit disk $K = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. The function f is said to be subordinate to the function F in the disk K (we write $f \prec F$) if there exists an analytic function ω such that $\omega(0) = 0$, $|\omega(z)| < 1$ for $z \in K$ and $f(z) = F(\omega(z))$.

For classes of functions and for sets we assume the following notations:

S is the class of functions f analytic and univalent in the disk K and such that $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$;

$S_0 \subset S$ is a fixed family of functions such that for any function $f \in S_0$ and for any s , $|s| < 1$, we have $f(sz)/s \in S_0$;

S^c and S_α^* are the well-known subclasses of S of functions convex and starlike of order α , $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, respectively;

A_n ($n=1,2,\dots$) is the class of functions analytic in the disk

K of the form $f(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, $a_n \geq 0$;

B_n ($n=1, 2, \dots$) is the class of functions ω analytic in K and such that $\omega(z) = c_n z^n + c_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, $c_n \geq 0$ and

$$|\omega(z)| < 1.$$

$$H_n(z) = \{\omega(z) : \omega \in B_n\}, \quad z \in K.$$

$H_n(z)$ is the generalized Rogosinski's set whose boundary is composed of three arcs [5]:

$$(1.1) \quad w = z_0(\theta) = |z|^{n+1} e^{i\theta}, \quad \arg z^n + \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \arg z^n + \frac{3}{2}\pi,$$

$$(1.2) \quad w = z_1(a) \text{ and } \overline{w} = \overline{z_1(a)}, \text{ where } z_1(a) = \frac{a+1}{1+a|z|} z^n,$$

$$0 \leq a \leq 1.$$

Properties of the set $H_n(z)$.

$$(1.3) \quad H_1(ze^{it}) = e^{it} H_1(z), \quad H_1(s_1 z) \subset H_1(s_2 z),$$

where t is an arbitrary real number and $0 < s_1 < s_2 \leq 1$.

$$Q_n(z, S_0) = \{u : u = F(b)/F(z), \quad F \in S_0\},$$

where $z \in K$ and the point b runs over the set $H_n(z)$.

The following relations hold [2]:

$$(1.4) \quad Q_1(z, S_0) = Q_1(|z|, S_0), \quad Q_1(r, S_0) \subset Q_1(R, S_0),$$

$$0 < r < R < 1,$$

$$D(a, S_0) = \bigcap_{f \in S_0} D_f(a), \quad D_f(a) = \{z \in K : |f(z)| < |f(a)|\}.$$

For any real t and $0 < r < R < 1$ we have [3]:

$$(1.5) \quad D(ae^{it}, S_0) = e^{it} D(a, S_0) \text{ and } D(r, S_0) \subset D(R, S_0).$$

In paper [3] the authors determined, among other facts the set $D(R, S^*)$, $0 < R < 1$, whose boundary has in polar coordinates the following equation

$$(1.6) \quad \rho(\theta) = \frac{1}{2R} \left[R^2 + 4R \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + 1 - \sqrt{(R^2 + 4R \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + 1)^2 - 4R^2} \right],$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

In 1935 M. Biernacki posed and partially solved the following problem: determine the number

$$(1.7) \quad r_0 = r(A, S_0) = \inf_{f, F} r(f, F),$$

where $f \in A$, $F \in S_0$, $f \not\sim F$ and

$$r(f, F) = \sup \{ r : [f \not\sim F \wedge (0 < |z| < r)] \Rightarrow |f(z)| < |F(z)| \}.$$

From (1.7) it follows that if $z \in K$ and $|z| = R > r_0$, then the inequality $|f(z)| < |F(z)|$ ceases to hold for all functions f and F . The aim of the present paper is to solve the following problem:

Let R , $0 < R \leq 1$, $f \in A_n$, $F \in S_0$, $f \not\sim F$ and $f \sim F$,

$$t(R, f, F) = \sup \{ t : (0 < |z| < R) \Rightarrow (|f(zt)| < |F(z)|) \}.$$

Find the number

$$t_0 = t(R, A_n, S_0) = \inf_{f, F} t(R, f, F).$$

If $0 < R \leq r_0$, then $t_0 = 1$, hence we may assume that $r_0 < R \leq 1$. In this paper we are going to determine the numbers $t(R, A_n, S_0)$ for $S_0 = S^*$, $S_{1/2}^*$, and S^c .

2. Main results.

Lemma. Let $p=r^2(1+R^2)$, $q=rR(1+r^2)$, $A=A(r,R,a)=pa^2-2qa+r^4R^2+1$, $B=B(r,R,a)=pa^2-2qa+r^4+R^2$, $G=G(r,R,a)=\frac{1+r}{1+R} \frac{\sqrt{A}+\sqrt{B}}{1-r^4} \sqrt{r^2+a^2}$, $G_1=G(r,r,a)$, $A_1=A(r,r,a)$, $B_1=B(r,r,a)$, $1/2 < r \leq R \leq 1$, $0 \leq a \leq 1$. Then $G \leq \frac{r}{1-r}$.

Proof. It is known [4] that $G_1 \leq r/(1-r)$. Therefore it is sufficient to establish the inequality $G \leq G_1$, that is

$$(1+r)^2 \sqrt{AB} \leq (1+R)^2 \sqrt{A_1B_1} + (R-r)(1-rR)W, \text{ where } W=2r^2a^2+2r(1+r^2)a$$

$$+1+r^4. \text{ Since } \sqrt{A_1B_1}=r(1+r^2)(1-a)\sqrt{H}, \quad H=r^2(a^2-2a)+1-r^2+r^4,$$

on taking the squares of both sides of the above inequality and dividing through by $2r(1+r^2)(R-r)(1-Rr)(1+R)^2(1-a)$ we get

$$(2.1) \quad 2r^2K \leq W\sqrt{H},$$

$$K = ra^3 + (1-r+r^2)a^2 + (r^{-1}-1-r-r^2+r^3)a + 0,5(r^{-2}-1-2r-r^2+r^4).$$

Since $0 \leq H \leq 1$, the inequality (2.1) is a fortiori satisfied when $2r^2K \leq WH$, and it takes, after some transformations, the form $P(a) \geq 0$, $P(a) = 2r[a^4 + (r-2)a^3 + (0,5r^{-2}-r^{-1}-2-2r+1,5r^3)a^2 + (r^{-1}+1-r-r^2+r^3)a + r^{-1}+1,5-r^2+0,5r^4]$.

We easily see that $P'(a) < 0$ and $\min_{[0,1]} P(a) = \min [P(0), P(1)] \geq 0$

which completes the proof the lemma.

Let $r_0 < r \leq R = |z|$, r_0 being defined by (1.7). Let us now set

$$(2.2) \quad L(R, r, n, S_0) = \sup \left\{ \left| f\left(\frac{F}{R}z\right) \right| / |F(z)| : f \in A_n, F \in S_0, f \not\equiv F \right\},$$

$$\text{and } l(r, n, S_0) = L(r, r, n, S_0).$$

Theorem 1.

$$(2.3) \quad L(R, r, n, S_{1/2}^*) = \begin{cases} \frac{r^2}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r} & \text{if } n=1, \\ \frac{r^n}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^n} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. It is known [7] that for fixed $a, b \in K$ the range of the functional

$$(2.4) \quad \left\{ \left[\frac{a}{b} \frac{F(b)}{F(a)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2(1-\alpha)}} ; F \in S_{\alpha}^* \right\}$$

is a closed disk whose boundary is given by the equation

$$z(\theta) = (1 - ae^{i\theta}) / (1 - be^{-i\theta}), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

Hence we obtain for $\alpha = 1/2$ that the boundary of the range of the functional $\{F(b)/F(a), F \in S_{1/2}^*\}$ is the circle

$$(2.5) \quad w(\theta) = \frac{b}{a} (1 - ae^{-i\theta}) / (1 - be^{-i\theta}), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

with center s and radius ρ , where

$$(2.6) \quad s = \frac{b/a - |b|^2}{1 - |b|^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{|b|}{|a|} \frac{|b - a|}{1 - |b|^2}.$$

From (2.2) and (2.5) it follows that (2.3) is equivalent to

$$\sup_{F \in S_{1/2}^*} \left| \frac{F(\omega(\frac{F}{R}z))}{F(z)} \right| = \sup_{\theta, \omega} \left| \frac{\omega(\frac{F}{R}z)}{z} \frac{1 - ze^{-i\theta}}{1 - \omega(\frac{F}{R}z)} \right|,$$

where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, $\omega \in B_n$.

It is therefore sufficient to find the maximum of the function

$$h(b, \theta) = \left| \frac{b}{z} \frac{1 - ze^{-i\theta}}{1 - be^{-i\theta}} \right|, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad b \in \partial H_n\left(\frac{r}{R}z\right),$$

The variable b is restricted to the boundary of $H_n\left(\frac{r}{R}z\right)$, since the right member of (2.5) is an analytic function of that variable.

Suppose first $n=1$. By (1.4) we may assume that $z = R$. The boundary $\partial H_1(r)$ takes on the form

$$(2.7) \quad w = r^2 e^{it}, \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

and

$$(2.8) \quad w = z_1(a) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{w} = \bar{z}_1(a), \quad z_1(a) = \frac{r(a-ri)}{1-ari}, \quad 0 \leq a \leq 1.$$

Hence if b belongs to the arc (2.7), then

$$h(b, \theta) = \frac{r^2}{R} \left| \frac{1 - Re^{-i\theta}}{1 - r^2 e^{-i(\theta-t)}} \right| \leq \frac{r^2}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^2}.$$

On the other hand, if b belongs to the arc (2.8), then, on account of (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$h(b, \theta) \leq |s| + g = J(R, b) \quad \text{and} \quad J(R, b) = J(R, \bar{b}).$$

Now

$$J(R, z_1(a)) = \frac{r}{R} \frac{1-R^2}{g(a)}, \quad 0 \leq a \leq 1,$$

$g(a)$ being defined in the lemma.

If $a=0$, the point $b=z_1(0)$ belongs to the arc (2.7) and we find, by virtue of the lemma, that

$$\max_{b \in H_1(r)} h(\theta, b) = \frac{r^2}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^2},$$

which proves (2.3) for $n=1$.

Let now $n \geq 2$. It is easy to show that if b belongs to the arc (1.1), then $h(b, \theta) = \frac{r^{n+1}}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^{n+1}}$.

If, on the other hand, b belongs to the arcs (1.2), that is, if

$$b = \left(\frac{r}{R}z\right)^n \frac{a + ir}{1 + ari}, \quad \text{then } |b| \leq r^n, \quad \text{whence}$$

$$h(b, \theta) \leq \frac{r^n}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^n}.$$

If now $a=1$, $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{1-n}$ and $z = \operatorname{Re}^{i\pi/(1-n)}$, then $h(b, \theta) =$

$$= \frac{r^n}{R} \frac{1+R}{1-r^n} \quad \text{and the proof of theorem 1 is thus completed.}$$

Theorem 2. $L(R, r, n, S^c) = L(R, r, n, S_{1/2}^*)$.

Proof. It is known [6] that $S^c \subset S_{1/2}^*$. From theorem 1 we get:

$$(2.9) \quad \left|f\left(\frac{r}{R}z\right)\right| / |F(z)| \leq L(R, r, n, S_{1/2}^*)$$

if $f \in A_n$, $F \in S^c$ and $f \prec F$.

Since for the pair of functions

$$F(z) = \frac{z}{1+z} \in S^c, \quad f\left(\frac{r}{R}z\right) = F\left(-\frac{r^2}{R^2}z^2\right) \quad \text{for } z=R \quad \text{and } n=1,$$

and

$$F_n(z) = \frac{z}{1 - ze^{in\pi/(n-1)}} \in S^c, \quad f_n\left(\frac{r}{R}z\right) = F_n\left(\frac{r^n}{R^n}z^n\right) \quad \text{for } z = \operatorname{Re}^{i\pi/(1-n)}$$

and $n \geq 2$, the formula (2.9) becomes an equality, the theorem 2 is thus established.

From theorems 1 and 2 we get for $r = R$ the results obtained

by Z. Bogucki and J. Waniurski.

Corollary 1. [4].

$$l(r, n, S^c) = l(r, n, S_{1/2}^*) = \begin{cases} r/(1-r) & \text{if } n=1, r \geq 1/2, \\ r^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1+r}{1-r^n} & \text{if } n \geq 2, 0 < r < 1. \end{cases}$$

3. The generalized problem of M. Biernacki.

From Corollary 1 we obtain

Corollary 2.

$$r_0 = r(A_n, S^c) = r(A_n, S_{1/2}^*) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{if } n=1, \\ r_n & \text{if } n \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

where r_n is the unique root of the equation $2r^n + r^{n-1} - 1 = 0$.

Theorem 3. If $r_0 \leq R \leq 1$, then

$$(3.1) \quad t(R, A_n, S^c) = t(R, A_n, S_{1/2}^*) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{R(1+2R)}} & \text{if } n=1, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{R^{n-1}(1+2R)}} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. It is sufficient to use Theorem 2 and determine the desired numbers (3.1) from the equation $L(R, r, n, S^c) = 1$, Q.E.D.

In the case where $k=1$, Theorem 3 implies:

Corollary 3. If $f \in A_n$, $f \in S^c$ or $f \in S_{1/2}^*$ and $f \prec F$,
then

$$|f(t_n z)| < |F(z)| \quad \text{for } 0 < |z| < 1,$$

where

$$t_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \text{if } n=1, \\ \frac{1}{n\sqrt{3}} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

The number t_n is best possible.

It is known [4] that

$$l(r, n, S^*) = \begin{cases} r/(1-r)^2 & \text{if } n=1, \\ r^{n-1} \cdot \left(\frac{1+r}{1-r^n} \right)^2 & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$r_0^* = r(A_n, S^*) = \begin{cases} \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} & \text{if } n=1, \\ r_n & \text{if } n \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

where r_n^* is the unique root of the equation $r^{n-1} \left(\frac{1+r}{1-r^n} \right)^2 = 1$.

Theorem 4. If $r_0 \leq R \leq 1$, then

$$(3.2) \quad t(R, A_n, S^*) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\sqrt{R} (1+R + \sqrt{1+6R+R^2})} & \text{if } n=1, \\ \frac{1}{R} \left[\frac{2\sqrt{R}}{1+R + \sqrt{1+6R+R^2}} \right]^{2/n} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Making use of (2.4) and (2.5) with $\alpha = 0$ and proceedings as in the proof of Theorem 1 we show that

$$L(R, r, n, S^*) = \frac{r^n}{R} \left(\frac{1+R}{1-r^n} \right)^2 \quad \text{if } n \geq 2,$$

whence we immediately obtain the number (3.2) for $n \geq 2$.

Suppose now $n=1$. In view of (1.3) and (1.5) the inequality

$|f(zt)| < |F(z)|$ for $0 < |z| < R$, $t = t(R, A_1, S^*)$ takes on the equivalent form

$$(3.3) \quad |F(\omega(r))| < |F(R)|, \quad r = Rt,$$

which is satisfied if

$$(3.4) \quad H_1(r) \subset D(R, S^*) .$$

The boundary $\partial H_1(r)$ has in polar coordinates the equation

$$(3.5) \quad R(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[(r^2 - 1) \sin \theta + \sqrt{(1 - r^2)^2 \sin^2 \theta + 4r^2} \right], & \theta \in \langle 0, 2\pi \rangle - (\pi/2, 3\pi/2), \\ r^2, & \theta \in \langle \pi/2, 3\pi/2 \rangle . \end{cases}$$

Hence the relation (3.4) holds if

$R(\theta) < \varphi(\theta)$ for $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, $\varphi(\theta)$ being defined by (1.6).

Since the function $\varphi(\theta)$ is decreasing in the interval $\langle 0, \pi \rangle$ it is sufficient to show that

$$(3.6) \quad R(\theta) < \varphi(\theta), \quad 0 < \theta < \pi/2 \quad \text{and} \quad R(\pi) = \varphi(\pi) .$$

Taking account of (1.6) and (3.5) and using the notations

$$(3.7) \quad A = \frac{1+R}{\sqrt{R}}, \quad H = A \sin \theta, \quad P = R + R^{-1} + 4 \sin \theta / 2$$

the inequality in (3.6) takes on the form

$$r \sqrt{R^2 + 4} + \sqrt{P^2 - 4} < P + rR, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi/2.$$

Hence, in view of (3.7) we have

$$(3.8) \quad (A^2 + 4 \sin^2 \theta/2)^2 - 4(A^2 + 4 \sin^2 \theta/2) < \\ < A^2 \sin^2 \theta (A^2 - 2 + 4 \sin^2 \theta/2) + A^2 (\sin^2 \theta + 1), \quad 0 < \theta < \pi/2.$$

Suppose first that $0 < \theta \leq 2 \arccos 4/5$. Then $\sin \theta \geq 1,6 \sin \theta/2$. Setting $u = \sin \theta/2$, to prove (3.8) it suffices to show that the following inequality holds:

$$(A^2 + 4u)^2 - 4(A^2 + 4u) < 1,6uA^2(A^2 + 4u - 2) + A^2(2,56u^2 + 1), \\ 0 < u \leq 0,6,$$

$$\text{whence } 16(0,56A^2 - 1)u^2 + (5 - A^2) [A^2 - 1,6(A^2 - 2)u] > 0.$$

Now, this latter inequality does hold, since $4 \leq A^2 \leq 5$.

Let now $0,6 \leq u < \sqrt{2}/2$. Taking into account the fact that $\sqrt{2} \sin \theta/2 < \sin \theta$ if $0 < \theta < \pi/2$, we find in a similar way that in this case, too, the inequality (3.8) holds.

Finally, we find that the inequality in (3.6) takes on the form

$$r^2 = \frac{1}{2R} \left[R^2 + 4R - 1 - \sqrt{(R^2 + 4R + 1)^2 - 4R^2} \right] = [Rt(R, S^*)]^2.$$

Since the sets $H_1(r)$ and $D(R, S^*)$ are extremal, the number (3.2) is best possible and the proof of Theorem 4 is thus completed.

Corollary 4. If $f \in A_n$, $P \in S^*$ and $f \not\sim P$, then

$$|f(t_n^* z)| < |P(z)| \quad \text{if } 0 < z < 1,$$

where

$$t_n^* = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2}-1 & \text{if } n=1, \\ (\sqrt{2}-1)^{2/n} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

The number t_n^* is best possible.

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STRESZCZENIE

Niech S_0 będzie ustaloną podklasą klasy S i niech funkcja $f(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, $a_n \geq 0$, będzie podporządkowana funkcji $F \in S_0$, $f \neq F$. Przy danym $R \in (0; 1]$ oznaczamy przez $t(R, f, F)$ kres górny tych $t > 0$, że dla każdego z , $0 < |z| < R$, zachodzi nierówność $|f(zt)| < |F(z)|$, zaś przez $t_0(R, f, F)$ kres dolny $t(R, f, F)$ przy $f \in A_n$, $F \in S_0$. W pracy wyznaczono $t(R, f, F)$ dla $S_0 = S^*$, $S_{1/2}^*$, S^c .

РЕЗЮМЕ

Пусть S_0 фиксированный подкласс класса S , пусть $f(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, $a_n \geq 0$ будет подчинена функции $F \in S_0$, $f \neq F$ для данного $R \in (0; 1)$ обозначим через $t(R, f, F)$ точную верхнюю грань этих $t > 0$, что для всех z , $0 < |z| < R$ исполнено неравенство $|f(zt)| < |F(z)|$. Пусть t_0 это точная нижняя грань $t(R, f, F)$ для всех $f, F \in S_0$. В работе определено $t(R, f, F)$ для $S_0 = S^*$, $S_{1/2}^*$, S^c .

