

ON DISTORTIONS IN CERTAIN QUASICONFORMAL MAPPINGS

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Let $w = f(z)$ be a quasiconformal mapping of $|z| < 1$ into the w -plane in the sense of Pfluger-Ahlfors, whose maximal dilatation is not greater than a finite constant $K (\geq 1)$, then it will be simply referred to a K -QC mapping in $|z| < 1$.

First, we formulate, in §1, a theorem producing Schwarz-Pfluger's theorem [5], next determine in §2 the range of a real number α such that there is no positive finite $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} |f(z)|/|z|^\alpha$ for any K -QC mapping $w = f(z)$ in $|z| < 1$ satisfying $f(0) = 0$, and finally in §3, we establish, as applications, some distortion theorems supplementing completely our preceding results [3].

1. A. Pfluger [5] reported that for any K -QC mapping $w = f(z)$ of $|z| < 1$ onto $|w| < 1$ with the limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} |f(z) - f(0)|/|z|^{1/K} = c$, $c \leq 1 - |f(0)|^2 \leq 1$ holds and $c = 1$ arises when $w = f(z) = e^{i\phi} z |z|^{(1/K)-1}$.

Now, we prove the following theorem producing the above Pfluger's result, and state its corollary.

THEOREM 1. *Let $w = f(z)$ be a K -QC mapping of $|z| < 1$ onto $|w| < 1$ such that $f(0) = 0$. If $\alpha \leq 1/K$, then there holds*

$$\liminf_{z \rightarrow 0} |f(z)|/|z|^\alpha \leq 1,$$

where the equality holds only if $f(z) = e^{i\phi} |z|^{1/K} e^{i \arg z}$ with a real constant ϕ .

PROOF. Denote by $L(r)$ and $A(r)$ respectively the length and the area of the images of $|z| = r$ and $|z| < r$ under $w = f(z)$. Then we have for almost all $r \in (0, 1)$,

$$L(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{\partial f(re^{i\theta})}{r \partial \theta} \right| r d\theta,$$

and for arbitrary r, r' such that $0 < r < r' < 1$,

$$A(r') - A(r) \geq \int_0^{2\pi} \int_r^{r'} J[f(re^{i\theta})] r d\theta dr,$$

where $J[f]$ means the Jacobian of f .

By using Schwarz's inequality and the well known formula $|\partial f(re^{i\theta})/r \partial \theta|$