

A remark on Schottky's theorem.

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Let $f(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots$ be regular for $|z| < 1$ and $f(z) \neq 0, \neq 1$, then by the precise form of Schottky's theorem due to Bohr and Landau,¹⁾

$$|f(z)| \leq \exp \frac{D \log(|a_0| + 2)}{1-r} \quad (|z| = r < 1), \quad (1)$$

where D is a numerical constant.

Since from (1), $\{f(z)\}$ forms a normal family, we can easily prove that if $a_0 \rightarrow 0$, then $f(z) \rightarrow 0$ uniformly in the wider sense in $|z| < 1$. But the right hand side of (1) does not tend to zero for $a_0 \rightarrow 0$. Hence it is desirable to obtain a majorant of $|f(z)|$, which tends to zero for $a_0 \rightarrow 0$. We will now prove the following

Theorem. $|f(z)| \leq \exp \left(A \log |a_0| \cdot (1-r) + B \frac{\log (|a_0| + 2)}{1-r} \right),$

where A, B are positive numerical constants.

Proof. Let D_0 be the domain on $\zeta = x + iy$ -plane, such that $0 < x < 1, y > 0$,

$|\zeta - \frac{1}{2}| > \frac{1}{2}$ and we map D_0 on the upper half w -plane by $w = \lambda(\zeta)$,

such that $\lambda(0) = 0, \lambda(1) = 1, \lambda(\infty) = \infty$.

Then $\lambda(\zeta)$ is automorphic with respect to a modular group G , whose fundamental domain is $\mathcal{A} = D_0 + D_0'$, where D_0' is the image of D_0 with respect to the imaginary axis.

As well known, $w = \lambda(\zeta)$ has a simple pole at $t = 0$, where $t = e^{2\pi i \zeta}$, so that if $y \geq \eta (> 1)$,

$$e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}y} \leq |w| \leq e^{2\pi y} \quad (y \geq \eta), \quad \text{or} \quad (2)$$

1) H. Bohr and E. Landau: Über das Verhalten von $\zeta(s)$ und $\zeta_\kappa(s)$ in der Nähe der Geraden $\sigma=1$. (Göttinger Nachr. 1910).