

### 33. On an Extension of Pólya's "Ganzwertige ganze Funktion".

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Mr. Pólya treated the integral functions  $g(z)$  which take integral values for all integral values of  $z$  and called them "ganzwertige ganze Funktionen". I have tried to extend this idea in the following way:

1. Let us consider a set of positive integers

$$Z: (z_1, z_2, \dots)$$

and a function  $g(z)$ , which takes integral values (in the rational corpus or imaginary quadratic corpus) for all  $z_i$ . Denote by  $\pi(n)$  the number of  $z_i$ 's which is not greater than  $n$  and put  $\text{Max}_{|z| \leq r} g(z) = M(r)$ . We

construct a function  $\Psi(x)$ , which coincides with  $\pi(x)$  for all integral values of  $x$  and is otherwise linear in  $x$ . With this  $\Psi(x)$  we form also a function  $\varphi(x)$ , which is continuously differentiable and such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi(x) \leq \Psi(x)$  for  $x > 0$ . Then we have:

Theorem A. *If we can chose a real function  $\rho = \rho(r)$  such that*

$$(r+1) \log r - r - \int_0^r \varphi'(x) \log(\rho - x) dx + \log \rho M(\rho) \rightarrow -\infty$$

and  $\int_0^r \frac{\varphi(x)}{1+x} dx - \log M(r) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$

*then  $g(z)$  must be a polynomial.*

We can prove this theorem by means of a method, similar to Pólya's, save as we have to evaluate a quantity of the form

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (z - z_i) \quad \text{for } |z| = r.$$

2. As the special cases of this theorem we have:

If one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1) Pólya, Über die ganzwertige ganze Funktionen, Rend. Palermo, 40 (1915), 1-16. For the literature see my paper under the same title, Tohoku mathematical Journal 27 (1926), 41-52.