

133. On the Theory of Schlicht Functions.

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1. Let the function

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$$

be regular and schlicht in $|z| < 1$. It is well known that $|a_n| < en$. Recently Littlewood and Paley¹⁾ show that the coefficients a_n are uniformly bounded, if $f(z)$ be odd. We can, however, proceed one step further, and prove that

$$(2) \quad |a_n| < e^2,$$

for the odd schlicht function.

If the function (1) satisfies the relation

$$(3) \quad f(\omega z) = \omega f(z),$$

where ω denotes any root of the equation $x^k = 1$, k being a positive integer, we say, for convenience, that $f(z)$ is a function of the class k . Using this definition, the results stated above may be expressed as follows: if $f(z)$ is a function of the class k , then, for $k=1, 2$, we have

$$(4) \quad n^{\frac{k-2}{k}} |a_n| < A.$$

The question arises whether the inequality (4) holds good also for $k > 2$. The answer is affirmative in the case $k=3$, and the relation

$$(5) \quad \sqrt[3]{n} |a_n| < e^3$$

can be demonstrated. Thus we can state the following theorem:

If $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is a function of the class k ($k=1, 2, 3$), then

$$(6) \quad n^{\frac{k-2}{k}} |a_n| < e^k.$$

In general, if the function $zf'(z)$ is p -valent, i.e. the equation

$$zf'(z) = a$$

has at most p solutions in $|z| < 1$, for every a , we can establish the inequality

$$(7) \quad n^{\frac{k-2}{k}} |a_n| < p e^{\frac{1}{k}},$$

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