

QUASI-SUBORDINATION AND COEFFICIENT CONJECTURES¹

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Abstract. The concepts of subordination and majorization of two analytic functions are unified by regarding them as special cases of the idea of quasi-subordination. Six conjectures are discussed in connection with quasi-subordination, univalent and multivalent functions. Evidence is given to support the truth of these conjectures.

1. Subordination. Let D be a simply connected domain on the z -sphere and let $w = F(z)$ be meromorphic on D and map D onto $D(F)$ the Riemann domain over the w -sphere.

Let $w = f(z)$ be also meromorphic in D .

DEFINITION. $f(z)$ is called *subordinate* to $F(z)$ in D , with center z_0 in D , if $f(z_0) = F(z_0)$ and the values of $f(z)$ in D , determined by analytical continuation from z_0 , are situated in $D(F)$.

The Riemann domain $D(F)$ is extended (but is not necessarily schlicht) over $D(F)$.

We write $f(z) \prec F(z)$ in D .

There is no loss in generality in assuming D to be the unit disc $E\{z \mid |z| < 1\}$ and $z_0 = 0$. Under these assumptions there exists a function $w(z)$ regular in $|z| < 1$ with $|w(z)| \leq |z| < 1$ such that $f(z) = F\{w(z)\}$ ($|z| < 1$).

In our present discussion we shall be concerned with the case that $f(z)$ and $F(z)$ are both regular in F . Frequently we shall take $f(0) = F(0) = 0$.

2. Majorization. If $f(z)$ and $F(z)$ are both regular in E , and if

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