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# Proof of Bieberbach's Conjecture <sup>1)</sup>

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## SUMMARY

It is shown by the method of 2-dimensional cross-section that for the class S of analytic and schlicht functions

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

the inequality

$$|a_n| \leq n$$

is always true, with equality for any  $n, n \geq 2$  if and only if  $f(z)$  is a Koebe function.

**Survey.** In this paper we prove the famous Bieberbach's conjecture, i. e., for the class S of analytic and schlicht functions

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots, \quad |z| < 1,$$

the inequality

$$|a_n| \leq n$$

is always true, with equality for any  $n, n \geq 2$ , if and only if  $f(z)$  is a Koebe function

$$\frac{z}{(1 - e^{i\theta} z)^2} = z + 2e^{i\theta} z^2 + 3e^{2i\theta} z^3 + \dots, \quad \theta \text{ real.}$$

Up to now, the conjecture has only been proved for  $n = 2, 3, 4$  (see: [2], [3], [4], [5]).

As usual let  $V_{n-1}$  be the set of points

$$\tilde{a} = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1})$$

belonging to functions

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1) This work is dedicated to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_n z^n + \dots$$

of class S. Let  $\dot{\sigma}_n = \sup |a_n|$ ; evidently  $\dot{\sigma}_n \geq n$ , and it will suffice to consider only the class  $\dot{S}_n$  of so-called extremal functions

$$\sigma(z) = z + \sigma_2 z^2 + \dots + \dot{\sigma}_n z^n + \dots$$

in S with respect to the  $n$ -th coefficient. In the sequel the dot will always refer to such a coefficient for which  $\sigma(z)$  is extremal.

The main idea, from which the Bieberbach's conjecture (Theorem II) is easily derived, is formulated in Theorem I. This idea, i. e., any extremal function  $\sigma(z)$  with respect to the  $n$ -th coefficient implies that the point  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$  should be a boundary point of  $V_{n-1}$ , is quite intuitive. For, let us associate to each point  $\tilde{a} \in V_{n-1}$  the number  $t_n = t_n(\tilde{a})$  uniquely defined by the 2-dimensional cross-section  $\pi$  of  $V_n$  obtained by holding  $a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$  fixed and letting  $a_n$  vary, and such that

$$t = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}, \tau_n)$$

is a boundary point of  $V_n$ , lying on  $\pi$ , in which

$$t_n = \operatorname{Re} \tau_n = \max \operatorname{Re} a_n$$

It is then natural to expect that  $\max t_n$  must occur at some point  $\tilde{p}$  on the boundary of  $V_{n-1}$ . It should be noticed that the above idea suggests at the same time the method of proof which may be called the method of 2-dimensional cross-section. This, in turn involves a certain important inequality due to Teichmüller ([1], p. 105). Let

$$a = (a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

be a boundary point of  $V_n$ . It is known that  $a$  or what is the same thing  $w = f(z)$  satisfies a differential equation of the form

$$\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 P(w) = Q(z)$$

where

$$P(w) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu}{w^\nu}, \quad Q(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu}.$$

If  $A_{n-1} \neq 0$ , then

$$\operatorname{Re} \{ (b_n - a_n) A_{n-1} \} \leq 0,$$

where  $b = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_n)$  is any point of  $V_n$  in  $\pi$ . The equality holds if and only if  $a_n = b_n$ . i. e.,  $a = b$ . From this inequality it follows that  $\pi$  as well as the set of interior points of  $V_n$  belonging to  $\pi$  is convex. We shall call the set of interior points of  $V_n$  belonging to  $\pi$  the interior of  $\pi$ . Due to its importance, the above inequality will be called by us the *Teichmüller's Principle*.

**Introduction.** To make the paper self-contained, we recall once more some known facts about the  $n$ -th coefficient region  $V_n$  in  $(2n-2)$ -dimensional real Euclidean space whose points  $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  correspond to functions of class S. For details, the reader is referred to [1], Chapter 1. The topological structure of  $V_n$  is almost evident. First of all,  $V_n$  is bounded and closed since  $|a_n| < en$  and S is compact. Moreover the function  $f(z) = z$  being in S and bounded it readily follows that the origin is an interior point of  $V_n$ . Finally, it can be shown that  $V_n$  is connected and topologically equivalent to the closed  $(2n-2)$ -dimensional full sphere. For example, the coefficient-region  $V_2$  of points  $(a_2)$  is simply the disc  $|a_2| \leq 2$ . For, any function  $f(z) \in S$  such that  $|a_2| < 2$ ,  $a_2$  is an interior point of  $V_2$ , and to each boundary point  $a_2 = 2e^{i\theta}$  corresponds a unique function in S, i.e.,  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - e^{i\theta} z)^2}$ . It is convenient to introduce at this moment the following terminology. We say that the point  $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  belongs to a function

$$f(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_n z^n + \dots$$

of class S and that  $f(z)$  belongs to the point  $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  if

$$a_v = b_v, \quad v = 2, 3, \dots, n$$

If  $a = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  belongs to  $f(z)$  and is an interior point of  $V_n$  then there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that all points  $c = (c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n)$  satisfying the inequality

$$\| a - c \| = \left( \sum_{v=2}^n |c_v - a_v|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \varepsilon$$



are interior points of  $V_n$ , and so there is at least one function of class  $S$  which belongs to  $(c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n)$ . In particular, the point  $(\rho a_2, \rho^2 a_3, \dots, \rho^{n-1} a_n)$  is an interior point of  $V_n$  for some  $\rho > 1$ . It follows readily that there is a bounded function of class  $S$  which belongs to  $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ . Conversely, if  $f(z)$  is a bounded function of class  $S$  and belongs to  $(a_2, \dots, a_n)$  then the latter is an interior point of  $V_n$ . The boundary and interior points of  $V_n$  can be characterized as follows : If  $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  is a boundary point of  $V_n$ , then there is only one function of class  $S$  belonging to it, whereas if it is an interior point of  $V_n$  then there is more than one function of class  $S$  belonging to it.

**Lemma I.** (i) Let  $p = (\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n)$ . Then  $p$  satisfies a differential equation  $\vartheta_n$  of the form

$$\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 P(w) = Q(z), \quad |z| < 1, \quad w = \sigma(z),$$

where

$$P(w) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu}{w^\nu}, \quad Q(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu},$$

$$B_{-\nu} = \overline{B}_\nu, \quad Q(e^{i\theta}) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A_{n-1} = B_{n-1} = 1.$$

Here  $Q(z)$  has on  $|z| = 1$ , at least one zero, which must be of even order.

(ii) Let  $p_0$  be a boundary point of  $V_n$ , near  $p$ . Then  $p_0$  satisfies a differential equation  $\vartheta_n^0$  of the same type

$$\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 P_0(w) = Q_0(z), \quad |z| < 1$$

where

$$P_0(w) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu^0}{w^\nu}, \quad Q_0(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu^0}{z^\nu},$$

$$B_{-\nu}^0 = \overline{B}_\nu^0, \quad Q_0(e^{i\theta}) \geq 0$$

and  $A_{n-1}^0 \rightarrow 1$  as  $p_0 \rightarrow p$  through boundary points.

*Proof.* To show the first part of the lemma, we use the Schaeffer Spencer variational formula [1]. We see that  $p$  satisfies the

differential equation  $\vartheta_n$  of the form

$$\frac{z^2 \sigma'(z)^2}{\sigma(z)^3} S_n \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(z)} \right) = (n-1) \dot{\sigma}_n + \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{\nu \sigma_\nu}{z^{n-\nu}} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{\overline{\nu \sigma_\nu} z^{n-\nu}}{\sigma(z)^3}$$

where  $S_n$  is defined by

$$\frac{\sigma(z)^2}{1 - \frac{\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z_0)}} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} S_n \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(z_0)} \right) z^n.$$

$\vartheta_n$  is of the required type. We see immediately that  $B_{n-1} = 1$ , while an easy calculation shows that  $A_{n-1} = 1$ . Thus  $A_{n-1} = B_{n-1}$  as it should be.

As to the second part of the lemma, let  $p_0$  be a boundary point of  $V_n$ . We know from the general theory of the coefficients of schlicht functions ([1], pp. 36-43), that  $p_0$  satisfies a differential equation  $\vartheta_n^0$  of the form described in the lemma, i. e.,

$$\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 P_0(w) = Q_0(z), \quad |z| < 1$$

where

$$P_0(w) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu^0}{w^\nu}.$$

The boundary  $B_w^0$  in the  $w$ -plane corresponding to  $|z| = 1$  in the mapping  $\sigma_0(z)$  belonging to  $p_0$  consists of loci defined by

$$\operatorname{Re} \int (P_0(w))^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dw}{w} = \text{constant}.$$

If  $A^0$  designates the  $(n-1)$ -tuple  $(A_1^0, A_2^0, \dots, A_{n-1}^0)$  then  $B_w^0 = B_w^0(A^0)$  is a function of  $A^0$  as  $p_0$  varies on the boundary of  $V_n$ . Let

$$A = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1})$$

be the vector associated with  $\vartheta_n$ . In view of the extremal property of  $p$ ,  $B_w = B_w(A)$  is a single analytic arc extending to infinity, without critical points and of mapping radius unity. It is known then that  $B_w(A)$  is a continuous function of  $A$  (cf. pp. 44-87, Lemma XXII). Finally, it follows from a known argument (loc. cit. pp. 40-41 and p. 111-112) that there is a one to one continuous correspondence between the boundary points of  $V_n$  in the neighbor-

hood of  $p$  and a set of vectors containing  $A$ . Hence if  $p_0$  is sufficiently near  $p$  it follows from the foregoing continuity argument that  $p_0$  satisfies a differential equation  $\mathfrak{D}_n^0$  in which  $A^0$  is arbitrarily close to  $A$ , i. e.

$$\|A^0 - A\| = \left( \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |A_v^0 - A_v|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p_0 \rightarrow p.$$

In particular  $A_{n-1}^0 \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  as  $p_0 \rightarrow p$  through boundary points.

**Theorem I.** Let  $\sigma(z) \in \dot{S}_n$ . Then  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$  is a boundary point of  $V_{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the 2-dimensional cross-section of  $V_n$  obtained by holding  $\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$  fixed and varying the last coordinate in

$$p = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n).$$

Suppose on the contrary that  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$  is an interior point of  $V_{n-1}$ . Then the following properties hold [6]:

**Property I.** Let  $p = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n)$ . Suppose that  $b = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, b_n)$  is an interior point of  $V_n$ . Then each point of the segment  $bp$ , save  $p$ , is an interior point of  $V_n$ .

Indeed, let  $\pi$  denote the 2-dimensional cross-section of  $V_n$  obtained by holding  $\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$  fixed. Owing to the fact that  $\pi$  is convex, the segment  $bp$  lies in  $\pi$ . Suppose that  $r \neq p$  is the first boundary point of  $V_n$  on the line segment  $bp$ . Since the interior of  $\pi$  is also convex it follows that every point on  $rp$  is a boundary point of  $V_n$ . Let  $p_0$  be any boundary point of  $V_n$  lying on  $rp$  and sufficiently near  $p$ . Applying Teichmüller's Principle to  $p_0$ , we have

$$(1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{ (\dot{\sigma}_n - \tau_n^0) A_{n-1}^0 \} < 0, \quad \dot{\sigma}_n \neq \tau_n^0,$$

where  $\tau_n^0$  is the last coordinate in  $p_0 = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \tau_n^0)$ . By Lemma I, (ii),  $A_{n-1}^0 \rightarrow 1$  as  $p_0 \rightarrow p$ . Recalling that  $\tau_n^0$  lies on the segment  $b_n \dot{\sigma}_n$  which is fixed and non perpendicular to the real axis since  $b_n$  lies in the interior of the disc  $G$ , centre at the origin and radius  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , it is readily seen that for  $p_0$  sufficiently near  $p$ , this inequality is impossible. One can also see this by calculation. In fact, (1) can be written as

$$(2) \quad \dot{\sigma}_n - u_n^0 < -v_n^0 \tan \theta$$

where  $\tau_n^0 = u_n^0 + iv_n^0$ ,  $\arg A_{n-1}^0 = \theta$  with  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  as  $p_0 \rightarrow p$ . Setting  $|\tau_n^0 - \dot{\sigma}_n| = \varepsilon$  and assuming  $b_n$  not real, then  $\dot{\sigma}_n - u_n^0$  and  $v_n^0$  are of precise order  $\varepsilon$ . Hence (2) is impossible even if  $\theta < 0$ , for the right hand side of (2) is of higher order than  $\varepsilon$ . This contradiction implies  $r = p$ .

**Property II.** Let  $p = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n)$ . Suppose that  $b = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, b_n)$  is an interior point of  $V_n$ . Let  $\tilde{p} = (\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \tilde{\sigma}_n)$  be a boundary point of  $V_n$  sufficiently near  $p$ . Then each point of  $b\tilde{p}$ , save  $\tilde{p}$  is an interior point of  $V_n$ .

Indeed, let  $\tilde{r}, \tilde{p}_0$  and  $\tilde{\tau}_n^0$  be as before. Applying Teichmüller's Principle to  $\tilde{p}_0$ , we obtain

$$(3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{(\tilde{\sigma}_n - \tilde{\tau}_n^0) \tilde{A}_{n-1}^0\} < 0, \tilde{\sigma}_n \neq \tilde{\tau}_n^0.$$

As in property I, the result is geometrically evident. For, by assumption

$$\operatorname{Re} \tilde{\tau}_n^0 < \operatorname{Re} \tilde{\sigma}_n,$$

and the line segment  $\tilde{\tau}_n^0 \tilde{\sigma}_n$  lying on  $b_n \tilde{\sigma}_n$  is never perpendicular to the real axis as  $\tilde{\sigma}_n \rightarrow \dot{\sigma}_n$ . The latter property and thereby the sense of the inequality in  $\operatorname{Re} \tilde{\tau}_n^0 - \operatorname{Re} \tilde{\sigma}_n < 0$  will be preserved after application of the infinitesimal rotation  $\operatorname{Arg} \tilde{A}_{n-1}^0 = \theta$  to  $\tilde{\tau}_n^0$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}_n$  respectively. Namely,

$$(4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \tilde{\tau}_n^0 e^{i\theta} - \operatorname{Re} \tilde{\sigma}_n e^{i\theta} = \operatorname{Re} \{(\tilde{\tau}_n^0 - \tilde{\sigma}_n) e^{i\theta}\} < 0.$$

However (4) contradicts (3) and the assertion follows.

We also conclude that if  $\tilde{p}$  is sufficiently near  $p$ , then  $\tilde{p}$  is the only boundary point on  $b\tilde{p}$ .

Let us consider the 2- dimensional cross-section  $\pi$ . It is clear that as the point

$$a = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, a_n), \quad |a_n| \leq \dot{\sigma}_n$$

describes  $\pi$ , the last coordinate  $a_n$  will describe in the complex plane a set of points  $\Pi$  lying in the disc  $G$ , centre at the origin and radius  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , and which is convex. We shall say that  $a_n$  is the projection of  $a$  and  $\Pi$  is the projection of  $\pi$ .  $a_n(a)$  is said to be an interior or a boundary point of  $\Pi$  ( $\pi$ ) if  $a$  is an interior or a boundary point of  $V_n$  respectively. We recall that the interior of  $\Pi$  as well as the interior of  $\pi$  is convex. In view of property I and property II the set  $\gamma$  of boundary points of  $\pi$  containing  $p$  and sufficiently near  $p$ , is a continuous arc containing  $p$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the projection of  $\gamma$  in  $\Pi$ .  $\Gamma$  passes through  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , and  $a_n$  which is the projection of  $a\varepsilon\gamma$ , describes  $\Gamma$ . It follows that every point on the line segment  $b_n a_n$ , save  $a_n$  is an interior point of  $\Pi$ , and that  $\Gamma$  is a continuous arc.

Let us show that  $\Gamma$  can have no point in common with the circumference of  $G$ , save  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , as  $a_n$  approaches  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ . If  $a_n = \dot{\sigma}_n e^{i\varphi}$  is such a point, then the point

$$p_\varphi = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n e^{i\varphi})$$

would lie on the boundary of  $\pi$ . Using the notation of Lemma I, it is easily seen that  $B_0$  has the representation

$$B_0 = - \min_{|z|=1} \left\{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu} + \bar{B}_\nu z^\nu \right) \right\},$$

where  $B_0 = (n-1) \dot{\sigma}_n$ ,  $B_\nu = (n-\nu) \sigma_{n-\nu}$ . Through rotation  $-\varphi/(n-1)$ , the point  $p_\varphi$  takes the form

$$p_{-\varphi/(n-1)} = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, \dot{\sigma}_n)$$

and

$$(5) \quad B_0 = - \min_{|z|=1} \left\{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{B_\nu^*}{z^\nu} + \bar{B}_\nu^* z^\nu \right) \right\},$$

where

$$B_\nu^* = (n-\nu) \sigma_{n-\nu}^*, \quad \sigma_{n-\nu}^* = \sigma_{n-\nu} e^{-i \frac{(n-\nu-1)}{n-1} \varphi}$$

which is impossible. Indeed, we recall that

$$Q(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu},$$

and that  $Q(z) \geq 0$  on  $|z| = 1$  with at least one zero there, which must be of even order. Similarly for each  $\varphi$  we have

$$Q^*(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu^*}{z^\nu},$$

with the same properties on  $|z| = 1$ . Namely  $Q^*(z) \geq 0$  on  $|z| = 1$ , with at least one zero there, which must be of even order. We write

$$Q^*(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{(n-\nu) \sigma_{n-\nu} e^{-i(1-\frac{\nu}{n-1})\varphi}}{z^\nu} + B_0^*, \quad B_0^* = B_0$$

and consider the expression

$$\tilde{Q}^*(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{(n-\nu) \sigma_{n-\nu}}{\zeta^{1-\frac{\nu}{n-1}} z^\nu} + B_0^*, \quad \zeta = |\zeta| e^{i\varphi}$$

which coincides with  $Q^*(z)$  on  $|\zeta| = 1$ . If  $|z_0| = 1$  is a zero of order  $m$  of  $Q(z)$ , then in view of a fundamental theorem, in a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $z_0$ ,  $\tilde{Q}^*(z)$  has  $m$  distinct roots which are analytic functions of  $\zeta$  and tending to  $z_0$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow 1$  ( $\varphi \rightarrow 0$ ). It follows that for  $|\zeta| = 1$  and  $\varphi$  sufficiently small,  $Q^*(z)$  has on  $|z| = 1$ , zeros of order at most 1, thus contradicting the property of  $Q^*(z)$  having on  $|z| = 1$  at least one zero of even order.

Next, we consider neighboring cross-sections  $\pi^*$  as follows. By hypothesis  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$  being an interior point of  $V_{n-1}$  there exists a function

$$f(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} z^{n-1} + b_n z^n + \dots$$

of class  $S$  such that

$$\sigma_\nu = b_\nu, \quad \nu = 2, \dots, n-1,$$

and which is bounded. Hence the point

$$(6) \quad b = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, b_n)$$

is an interior point of  $V_n$  and lies in  $\pi$ . It follows that  $|b_n| < \dot{\sigma}_n$ . Let us consider the neighboring function

$$f^*(z) = e^{-i\varepsilon} f(e^{i\varepsilon} z) = z + \sigma_2^* z^2 + \dots + \sigma_{n-1}^* z^{n-1} + b^* z^n + \dots$$

which is also of class S for  $\varepsilon$  real, and belongs to the interior point

$$(\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, b_n^*)$$

where

$$\sigma_\nu^* = \sigma_\nu e^{i(\nu-1)\varepsilon}, \quad \nu = 2, \dots, n-1; \quad b_n^* = b_n e^{i(n-1)\varepsilon}.$$

If  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small, then the point

$$b^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, b_n^*)$$

will be also an interior point of  $V_n$ .

**Property III.** Let  $p = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n)$ . Suppose that  $b = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, b_n)$  is an interior point of  $V_n$ . Let  $p^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, \widetilde{\sigma}_n)$  be any boundary point of  $V_n$  sufficiently near  $p$ . Then each point of  $b^* p^*$ , save  $p^*$ , is an interior point of  $V_n$ .

Indeed,  $b$  being an interior point of  $V_n$ , if  $p^*$  is sufficiently near  $p$  and therefore  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small, then  $b^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, b_n)$  is interior point of  $V_n$ . The conclusion follows by applying the argument as in property II to the segment  $b^* p^*$  lying in the 2-dimensional cross-section  $\pi^*$ , obtained by holding  $\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*$  fixed. Namely, assuming  $\operatorname{Re} \widetilde{\tau}_n^0 < \operatorname{Re} \widetilde{\sigma}_n$ , where  $\widetilde{\tau}_n^0$  is the last coordinate in  $p^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, \widetilde{\tau}_n^0)$  on  $b_n \widetilde{\sigma}_n$ , near  $p^*$ , we see, repeating word for word the argument at the end of the proof of property II that each point of  $b^* p^*$ , save  $p^*$ , is an interior point of  $V_n$ .

We also conclude that if  $p^*$  is sufficiently near  $p$ , then  $p^*$  is the only boundary point on  $b^* p^*$ .

It should be noticed however that property III is an immediate consequence of property II. In fact, let in general  $a_n \in \Pi$ . To  $a_n$  will correspond in  $\pi$ , the point

$$a = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, a_n)$$

If  $\varepsilon$  is real, the point

$$a^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, a_n^*)$$

where

$\sigma_\nu^* = \sigma_\nu e^{i(\nu-1)\varepsilon}$ ,  $\nu = 2, \dots, n-1$ ;  $a_n^* = a_n e^{i(n-1)\varepsilon}$ , will lie in  $\pi^*$ , while  $a_n^*$  which is the projection of  $a^*$ , will lie in the projection  $\Pi^*$  of  $\pi^*$ . In fact  $\Pi^*$  is obtained from  $\Pi$  through a rotation equal to  $(n-1)\varepsilon$ . Thus in the neighborhood of  $\sigma_n^* = \dot{\sigma}_n e^{i(n-1)\varepsilon}$  the boundary of  $\Pi^*$  is a continuous arc  $\Gamma^*$  containing  $\sigma_n^*$  and which is obtained from  $\Gamma$  through a rotation equal to  $(n-1)\varepsilon$ . Similarly, the boundary of  $\pi^*$  in the neighborhood of

$$p^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, \sigma_n^*)$$

is a continuous arc  $\gamma^*$  of which  $\Gamma^*$  is the projection. Taking  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small so that

$$b^* = (\sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, b_n)$$

is an interior point of  $V_n$ , one obtains property III.

**Property IV.** In the neighborhood of  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ ,  $\Gamma$  lies on both sides of the real axis, i. e., it contains points  $a_n \in \Gamma$  with  $\text{Im } a_n < 0$  as well as points  $a_n \in \Gamma$  with  $\text{Im } a_n > 0$ .

Indeed, otherwise  $\Gamma$  will contain two arcs  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  ending at the point  $\dot{\sigma}_n$  and lying say in the upper half plane. Let  $\Delta$  be a line parallel to the real axis sufficiently near to it, and which intersects  $\Gamma_1$ , and  $\Gamma_2$  at the points  $a_n^1, a_n^2$  respectively with, say,

$$(7) \quad \text{Re } a_n^1 < \text{Re } a_n^2, \text{Im } a_n^1 = \text{Im } a_n^2$$

Applying Teichmüller's Principle to the boundary point

$$a_1 = (\sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, a_n^1)$$

we have

$$(8) \quad \text{Re } \{ (a_n^2 - a_n^1) A_{n-1}^1 \} < 0, \quad a_n^2 \neq a_n^1.$$

In view of Lemma I, as  $\Delta$  tends to the real axis,  $A_{n-1}^1 \rightarrow 1$ . Thus



it follows readily that for  $\Delta$  sufficiently near to the real axis the inequality (7) is preserved and (8) is impossible. In fact, to see this, it will suffice to write (8) under the form

$$(9) \quad \operatorname{Re} a_n^2 - \operatorname{Re} a_n^1 < (\operatorname{Im} a_n^2 - \operatorname{Im} a_n^1) \tan \arg A_{n-1}^1.$$

We shall denote by  $\Gamma_1$ , the continuous arc with  $\operatorname{Im} a_n \leq 0$ , where  $\operatorname{Im} a_n = 0$  if and only if  $a_n = \dot{\sigma}_n$ .

Let us consider again the convex region II. We recall that  $\Gamma_1$  lies, except for  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , entirely in  $G$ . It will be convenient to introduce the following notations. Let  $\zeta = e^{i(n-1)\varepsilon}$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is assumed to be positive and sufficiently small. Denote by  $\tau = \bar{\zeta} \dot{\sigma}_n$  the point on the arc of circumference  $g$  of  $G$  and by  $\tau_n$ , the point on  $\Gamma_1$  such that

$$\operatorname{Im} \tau_n = \operatorname{Im} \tau = -\dot{\sigma}_n \sin(n-1)\varepsilon = -\dot{\sigma}_n(n-1)\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^3), \quad 0(\varepsilon^3) > 0.$$

Let  $a_n^0 \in \Gamma_1$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} a_n^0 = \operatorname{Re} \tau$ . Let  $\delta$  be any direction issuing from  $\tau$  and lying within the right angle determined by the vertex  $\tau$  on  $g$  and by the segments  $\tau\tau_n$  and  $\tau a_n^0$  parallel to the axes of coordinates. Let  $a_n$  be the intersection of  $\delta$  with  $\Gamma_1$ . If  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha <$

$\frac{\pi}{2}$ , is the angle defined by  $\delta$  and  $\tau\tau_n$ , then as  $\alpha$  varies in the open interval  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , the point  $a_n \in \Gamma_1$  sweeps the open subarc  $\Gamma_1^\varepsilon$

of  $\Gamma_1$  extending from  $\tau_n$  to  $a_n^0$ . Note that  $\alpha$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ . On rotating  $\Gamma_1$  through  $\zeta$ , we obtain the arc  $\Gamma_1^* = \zeta(\Gamma_1)$  and the direction  $\delta^* = \zeta(\delta)$  issuing from  $\dot{\sigma}_n$  will lie on the upper half-plane for  $\alpha$  fixed and  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small.  $\delta^*$  intersects  $\Gamma_1^*$  at the point  $a_n^* = \zeta a_n$ . We then have the following important consequence.

**Property V.** Let

$a^* = (\sigma_2^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, a_n^*)$ ,  $a_n^* = a_n^*(\varepsilon, \alpha)$ ,  $\sigma_\nu^* = \sigma_\nu e^{i(\nu-1)\varepsilon}$   $\nu = 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $a_n^* = \zeta a_n$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small,  $a^*$  satisfying a differential equation  $\vartheta_n^*$  of the form (loc. cit. p. 36)

$$\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 P^*(w) = Q^*(z)$$

where

$$P^*(w) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu^*}{w^\nu}$$

$$Q^*(z) = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu^*}{z^\nu}, \quad B_{-\nu}^* = \bar{B}_\nu^*$$

and

$$(A) \quad A_\nu^* = \sum_{k=\nu+1}^n \sigma_k^{*(\nu+1)} F_k^*$$

$$B_\nu^* = \sum_{k=1}^{n-\nu} k \sigma_k F_{k+\nu}^*, \quad \nu = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

(B)

$$B_0^* = \sum_{k=2}^n (k-1) \sigma_k^* F_k^*$$

Then for fixed  $\alpha$ ,  $Q^*(z)$  which is analytic in  $z$  is continuous with respect to  $\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ) and  $z$ , and  $Q^*(z) \rightarrow Q(z)$  uniformly as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Here  $Q(z)$  is the right hand side of the differential equation  $\vartheta_n$  corresponding to  $p$ , ( $\varepsilon = 0$ ).

*Proof.*  $\Pi$  being convex, it follows that the arc  $\Gamma$ , in a neighborhood  $N(\dot{\sigma}_n)$  of  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , is convex, and it is well known that in  $N(\dot{\sigma}_n)$ ,  $\Gamma$  is differentiable, save a countable number of points<sup>1</sup>. Hence if

$\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  are two fixed numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , it

follows that for  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small, and  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_1$ , so that the points  $(\varepsilon, \alpha) \in \Gamma$ , lie in  $N(\dot{\sigma}_n)$ , the first partial derivatives of  $\beta_n(\varepsilon, \alpha)$  and  $\lambda_n(\varepsilon, \alpha)$  exist at points where  $\Gamma$  is differentiable. Here

$$a_n = \alpha_n + i\beta_n, \quad \alpha_n = \dot{\sigma}_n - \lambda_n; \quad a_n^* = \alpha_n^* + i\beta_n^*, \quad \alpha_n^* = \dot{\sigma}_n - \lambda_n^*$$

where

$$\beta_n, \lambda_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

On using the relations

1) G. Valiron, Théorie des Fonctions, Masson et C<sup>ie</sup> edituers, 1948, pp. 79-80.

$$(10) \quad a_n = \bar{\zeta} a_n^* = \bar{\zeta} (\dot{\sigma}_n - \lambda_n^* + i\beta_n^*)$$

and

$$(11) \quad \beta_n^* = \lambda_n^* \tan (\alpha - (n-1)\varepsilon)$$

we find for  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_1$  and  $\varepsilon \geq 0$

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_n^* &= (\beta_n + \dot{\sigma}_n \sin (n-1)\varepsilon) \cos (\alpha - (n-1)\varepsilon) / \sin \alpha, \\ \beta_n^* &= (\beta_n + \dot{\sigma}_n \sin (n-1)\varepsilon) \sin (\alpha - (n-1)\varepsilon) / \sin \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small, formulas (12) define in the upper half-plane a curvilinear triangular region  $T$  with one vertex at  $\dot{\sigma}_n$  and whose closure denoted by  $\bar{T}$ , lies, except for  $\dot{\sigma}_n$ , entirely in the upper half-plane. It follows that on  $\bar{T}$ ,  $\lambda_n^*(\varepsilon, \alpha)$  and  $\beta_n^*(\varepsilon, \alpha)$  have first partial derivatives with respect to  $\varepsilon$  and  $\alpha$ , save a countable number of points. Namely, formulas (12) define, by means of a system of two-dimensional cross-sections  $\{\pi^*\}$ , on the boundary of  $V_n$ , near  $p$ , a curvilinear triangular set of points

$$a^* = (\sigma_2^*, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}^*, a_n^*(\varepsilon, \alpha)),$$

with one vertex at  $p$ , which we may denote by  $R = R(p)$ , and whose closure we indicate by  $\bar{R}$ , and such that  $\bar{R}$  is differentiable except at a countable number of points. But in  $\bar{R}$  we may write (loc. cit. p. 110).

$$(13) \quad A_v^* = \sum_{k=v+1}^n \sigma_k^{*(v+1)} F_k^*, \quad v=1, 2, \dots, n-1, \quad \sigma_n^* = a_n^*$$

The system (13) being linear in the  $F_v^*$  with non-vanishing determinant (loc. cit. p. 110) it can be solved for the  $F_v^*$  in terms of  $A^* = (A_1^*, A_2^*, \dots, A_{n-1}^*)$  and  $a^*$ . But, as in the proof of lemma I, the vector  $A^*$  is continuous at each point of  $\bar{R}$ , i. e., on  $\bar{R}$ . Hence  $F_v^*$  is continuous on  $\bar{R}$ ; and at those points where  $\bar{R}$  is differentiable, we have (loc. cit. p. 111)

$$\operatorname{Re} \{ F_2^* \delta \sigma_2^* + \dots + F_{n-1}^* \delta \sigma_{n-1}^* + F_n^* \delta a_n^* \} = 0$$

Namely, the vector

$$\overline{F}^* = (\overline{F}_2^*, \dots, \overline{F}_{n-1}^*, \overline{F}_n^*)$$

is normal to  $V_n$  at the points  $a^* \in \overline{R}$ . Since  $\overline{F}^*$  is continuous on  $\overline{R}$ , it follows that

- (i)  $\overline{R}$  is continuously differentiable at all points  $a^* \in \overline{R}$  and
- (ii) the vector  $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$  being the value of  $\overline{F}^*$  at the point  $p$ , then

$$(14) \quad \overline{F}^* = (\overline{F}_2^*, \dots, \overline{F}_{n-1}^*, \overline{F}_n^*) \rightarrow (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , uniformly with respect to  $\alpha, \alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_1$ .

Hence,  $Q^*(z)$  is continuous on  $\overline{R}$ , and for each fixed  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_1$ ,  $Q^*(z) \rightarrow Q(z)$  uniformly as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

In view of the relation  $a_n = \zeta a_n^*$ , where  $a_n^*$  has by (i) continuous first partial derivatives,  $a_n$  itself has continuous first partial derivatives with respect to  $\varepsilon, \alpha$ . Hence repeating the same argument for  $\Gamma_2$ , namely, when  $a_n \in \Gamma_2$  is the intersection of  $\delta$  with  $\Gamma_2$ , one concludes that  $\Gamma$  is continuously differentiable in  $N(\dot{\sigma}_n)$ .

Finally, using  $s$ , the arc length of  $\Gamma_1$  from  $\dot{\sigma}_n$  to  $a_n$ , as the parameter to fix the position of  $a = (\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, a_n)$ ,  $a_n = a_n(s)$ , by fixing the position of  $a_n$  on  $\Gamma_1$ , we see that along  $\gamma_1$ ,

$$Q(z, s) = \sum_{v=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_v(s)}{z^v}, \quad \overline{B}_v(s) = B_{-v}(s)$$

where  $Q(z, s)$  is continuous in both variables, and  $Q(z, s) \rightarrow Q(z)$  as  $s \rightarrow 0$ . First, we note that on  $\Gamma_1$ , the polynomial

$$z^{n-1} Q(z, s) = \overline{B}_{n-1}(s) z^{2n-2} + \dots + B_0(s) z^{n-1} + \dots + B_{n-1}(s),$$

$$B_{n-1}(s) \neq 0, B_0(s) > 0,$$

has the same zeros on  $|z| = 1$  as  $Q(z, s)$ . Next, the expression on the right hand side, when considered as a polynomial  $R$  in  $z$  and the real variables  $x_v, y_v$  defined by

$B_\nu = x_\nu + iy_\nu$ ,  $\overline{B}_\nu = x_\nu - iy_\nu$ ,  $\nu = 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $B_0 = x_0 > 0$  is linear with respect to these  $2n-1$  independent real variables and therefore irreducible within the *formal* polynomials ordered according to decreasing powers of  $z$ , with polynomials in the  $2n-1$  variables  $x_\nu$ ,  $y_\nu$ , as coefficients. Hence  $R$  and its partial derivative  $R_z$  with respect to  $z$  are relatively prime. Consequently<sup>1)</sup>, the discriminant

$$D = D(x_0, x_1, y_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

is not identically zero in the  $2n-1$  real Euclidean space  $E^{2n-1}$ . Next, eliminating the  $F_k$ 's amongst the relations (B) as applied to  $a$ , we obtain the equation

$$(B^*) \quad B_0 = \sigma_2 B_1 + (2\sigma_3 - 2\sigma_2^2) B_2 + (3\sigma_4 - 7\sigma_2\sigma_3 + 4\sigma_2^3) B_3 + \dots \\ + \{(n-1) a_n + \varphi_{n-1}(\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})\} B_{n-1},$$

where  $\varphi_{n-1}$  is a polynomial in  $\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$ .

If  $\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$  are fixed, so is  $\varphi_{n-1}$  and it follows from (B\*) and (B) that there is a one to one continuous correspondence between the points  $a_n(s)$  and the points

$$B(s) = (B_0(s), B_1(s), \dots, B_{n-1}(s)) \in E^{2n-1}.$$

In fact the equality  $B(s) = B(s')$  implies upon substraction

$$(n-1) (a_n(s) - a_n(s')) B_{n-1} = 0.$$

Then, since  $n > 1$ ,  $B_{n-1} \neq 0$ , it follows that  $a_n(s) = a_n(s')$ .

Consequently, as  $a_n(s)$  describes  $\Gamma_1$ ,  $B(s)$  describes in a one to one continuous way an arc  $\alpha_1$  in  $E^{2n-1}$ .

Now, at each point of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $B_0, B_\nu$  satisfy a linear relation of the form

$$(B^{**}) \quad B_0 + \min_{|z|=1} \left\{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu} + \overline{B}_\nu z^\nu \right) \right\} = 0,$$

or,

$$x_0 + 2 \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} (x_\nu \cos \nu\theta + y_\nu \sin \nu\theta) = 0,$$

1) M. Bôcher, Introduction to Higher Algebra. The Macmillan Company N.Y., 1907, pp. 212—213.

where the minimum occurs at a multiple zero, say  $z = z_0$ ,  $z_0 = z_0(s)$   $|z_0| = 1$ , of  $Q(z, s) = 0$ , with  $z_0(s)$  continuous in  $s$ <sup>1)</sup>. More generally, since each  $a^* \in \overline{R}$  determines uniquely  $F^*$ , we see from (B) that the vector  $B^*$  is uniquely determined by  $a^*$  and that the correspondence  $a^* \rightarrow B^*$  is continuous on  $\overline{R}$ . Next, the components of  $a^*$  can be calculated from (B) step by step in terms of the components of  $B^*$  and  $F^*$  with the conclusion that on  $\overline{R}$ ,  $\sigma_v^* = \sigma_v^{*'}$  implies  $B_{n-v}^* = B_{n-v}^{*'}$ . Hence the inverse mapping  $B^* \rightarrow a^*$  so defined is one to one. We conclude that  $a^* \rightarrow B^*$  is one to one continuous on  $\overline{R}$ . Hence closed sets are mapped onto closed sets. Consequently, the inverse mapping  $B^* \rightarrow a^*$  is also continuous. It follows that the vector  $B^*$  describes in  $E^{2n-1}$  a region  $\overline{N}$  that is the topological image of  $\overline{R}$ . At each point of  $\overline{N}$ ,  $B^*$  satisfies a linear relation of the form (B\*\*) where the minimum occurs at a multiple zero of  $Q^*(z)$ , on  $|z| = 1$ .

But,  $D=0$  being necessary and sufficient for  $Q^*(z) = 0$  to have a multiple root on  $|z| = 1$ , it follows that  $D$  vanishes on  $\overline{N}$ . Geometrically, if  $z$  is considered as a parameter then  $D=0$  is simply the envelope of the hyperplanes  $R = 0$ . However,  $D=0$  is real, irreducible and homogeneous of degree  $4n-6$ , i. e., an algebraic hypersurface. Now,  $\overline{N}$  is that portion of  $D=0$  at each point of which (B\*\*) is the tangent hyperplane. Since  $\overline{N}$  is algebraic, there exists on it an arc  $\sigma$  with one end point at  $B(0)$  along which  $B^*$  can be expressed analytically with respect to some parameter and  $Q^*(z) \rightarrow Q(z)$ . But this contradicts the fact that  $Q^*(z)$  should have multiple zeros along  $\sigma$ , near  $B(0)$ . Thus no such  $\overline{N}$  and thereby  $\kappa_1$  can exist unless reduced to the point  $B(0)$ . Hence  $\Gamma_1$  reduces to the point  $\hat{\sigma}_n$ , and theorem I is proved.

We illustrate this by an example corresponding to the classical case  $n = 2$ . In this case  $|\sigma_2| = 2$ . We may assume  $\sigma_2 = 2$ . Then,  $D = 0$ ,  $R = 0$ ,  $R_z = 0$  all coincide whenever  $B_1$  is real and  $z = -1$ .

1) By the fundamental theorem on the continuity of the roots,  $\kappa_1$  cannot be an analytic arc.

In fact we have  $B_0 = 2B_1$ . Then comparing with  $(B^*)$  we obtain complete identity, since  $\sigma_2 = 2$ . Also,  $B_1 = 1$ ,  $B_0 = 2$  as expected.

Corollary. If  $n = 3$ , theorem I implies that  $\sigma_2$  must be a boundary point of  $V_2$ , i. e.  $|\sigma_2| = 2$ . Hence the extremal function corresponding to the third coefficient is the Koebe function. Accordingly,  $|a_3| \leq 3$ .

Theorem II. Let  $p = (\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \dot{\sigma}_n)$ ,  $\dot{\sigma}_n > 0$ . Then  $p$  belongs to the Koebe function with  $\dot{\sigma}_n = n$ .

*Proof.* Since by Theorem I, the point  $(\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$  is a boundary point of the coefficient region  $V_{n-1}$ , it satisfies a differential equation of the form

$$(15) \quad \left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-2} \frac{A_\nu'}{w^\nu} = \sum_{\nu=-(n-2)}^{n-2} \frac{B_\nu'}{z^\nu}, \quad w = \sigma(z).$$

As in the proof of Lemma I the boundary of  $\sigma(z)$  is continuous at  $A' = (A_1', A_2', \dots, A_{n-2}')$  which implies  $A'_{n-2} = B'_{n-2} \neq 0$  (loc. cit. pp. 81-87). On the other hand  $\sigma(z)$  satisfies the differential equation  $\mathfrak{D}_n$ , i. e.,

$$(16) \quad \left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_\nu}{w^\nu} = \sum_{\nu=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \frac{B_\nu}{z^\nu}, \quad A_{n-1} = B_{n-1} = 1.$$

Eliminating  $\left( \frac{z}{w} \frac{dw}{dz} \right)$  between the two differential equations, we obtain

$$(17) \quad w \frac{A_1' w^{n-3} + \dots + A_{n-2}'}{A_1 w^{n-2} + \dots + A_{n-1}} = z \frac{\bar{B}'_{n-2} z^{2n-4} + \dots + B'_{n-2}}{B_{n-1} z^{2n-2} + \dots + B_{n-1}}$$

Thus  $w$  is an algebraic function of  $z$  and to each value of  $z$  there corresponds at most  $n-2$  values of  $w$ . From either of the given differential equations it follows that  $w \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Equation (17) can be written as

$$(18) \quad w \{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 w + \dots\} = z \{\mu_0 + \mu_1 z + \dots\}, \quad \lambda_0 = \mu_0 \neq 0.$$

Thus in a neighborhood of the origin each branch of  $w = w(z)$  is analytic and has an expansion

$$(19) \quad w = z + \beta_2 z^2 + \dots$$

Hence all branches of  $w(z)$  coincide in a neighborhood of the origin thus implying that all branches of  $w(z)$  coincide for all  $z$ , and  $w(z)$  is single-valued and therefore rational

Accordingly

$$w = z \frac{P_1(z)}{P_2(z)},$$

where  $P_1(z)$  and  $P_2(z)$  are polynomials without common factors and  $P_1(0) = P_2(0) = 1$ . Following Schaeffer-Spencer (loc. cit. pp. 156 — 158), we see that  $P_1(z)$  is a constant and  $P_2(z)$  is a polynomial of precise degree 2. Thus

$$w = \frac{z}{1 + \lambda z + \mu z^2}, \quad |\mu| = 1.$$

Since the product of zeros of  $1 + \lambda z + \mu z^2$  is of modulus 1 and no zero can lie in  $|z| < 1$  it follows that both zeros lie on  $|z| = 1$  and consequently ,

$$(20) \quad w = \frac{z}{(1 - e^{i\alpha} z)(1 - e^{i\beta} z)}.$$

Finally  $w = \sigma(z)$  being extremal, (20) reduces to Koebe function with  $\sigma_n = n$ .

Exactly as in case  $n = 2$ , we verify, for any  $n$ , that  $R = 0$ ,  $R_z = 0$ , and  $D = 0$  thereof, coincide whenever  $B_\nu$  is real and  $z = -1$ . Namely.

$$B_0 - 2B_1 + 2B_2 - \dots \pm 2B_{n-1} = 0.$$

Comparing this with (B\*) we obtain complete identity, since by theorem II,

$$\sigma_2 = 2, \sigma_3 = 3, \dots, \sigma_n = n.$$

Also,  $B_0 = n(n-1)$ ,  $B_\nu = (n-\nu)^2$ .

We collect all these as

Corollary. A boundary point  $q$  of  $V_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , is extremal and belongs to the Koebe function  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$ , if and only

if the vector  $B = (B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{n-1})$  associated with  $q$  satisfies (B\*\*) with  $B_0 > 0$ ,  $B_\nu, \nu = 1, \dots, n-1$ , real and with minimum occuring at  $z = -1$ .



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ÖZET<sup>1)</sup>

2- boyutlu arakesit metodu ile gösteriliyor ki,

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots, |z| < 1$$

analitik ve schlicht fonksiyonları için

$$|a_n| \leq n$$

eşitsizliği daima doğrudur. Herbir  $n$  için,  $n \geq 2$ , eşitlik yalnız ve yalnız Koebe fonksiyonu için vardır.

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