

## ON LOGARITHMIC DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS IN A CLASS OF STARLIKE MAPPINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this paper is to prove some facts about integral means of  $(d^2/dz^2)(\log[f(z)/z])$ —or equivalently  $f''/f$ , for  $f$  in a class of starlike mappings of a “singular” nature. In particular it is noted that the Koebe function is not extremal for the Hardy means  $M_p(r, f''/f)$  for functions in this class.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $S$  denote the class of functions analytic and univalent in the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  of the complex plane normalized so that  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ , and  $S^*$  denote the subclass of  $S$  for which  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is starlike with respect to the origin;  $S^*$  is the class of starlike mappings. If  $f \in S^*$ , then  $\mu(\theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$  exists for each  $\theta$  and is an increasing function with  $\mu(\theta) - \theta$  periodic with period  $2\pi$ , and  $\mu(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} [\mu(\theta + 0) + \mu(\theta - 0)]$  for each  $\theta$ ; see [15], p. 591. Let us call  $\mu$  the boundary argument function for  $f$ .

**DEFINITION.** A function  $f \in S^*$  is said to be in the class  $S_0^*$  if there is a closed set  $E \subset [0, 2\pi]$  of Lebesgue measure zero such that  $[0, 2\pi] - E = \bigcup_k (a_k, b_k)$  with  $\mu$  constant on each  $(a_k, b_k)$ .

Members of  $S_0^*$  thus have the property that their boundary argument changes only on a closed set of measure zero. The class  $S_0^*$  contains, for example, rotations of the Koebe function  $K(z) = z(1-z)^{-2}$  and more generally functions of the form  $z \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - ze^{i\theta_j})^{-\alpha_j}$ , where  $\{\theta_j\}$  are distinct numbers in  $[0, 2\pi)$  and  $\sum_j \alpha_j = 2, \alpha_j > 0$ ; these functions map the unit disc onto the plane minus  $n$  radial slits making angles  $\pi\alpha_j$  with the origin. In fact, since the collection of functions of this form is dense in  $S^*$  in the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets, (see [15], p. 583), it follows that  $S_0^*$  is dense in  $S^*$ . In Section 3 of this paper it is shown that  $S_0^*$  contains some bounded functions, and in Section 4 it is shown that functions in  $S_0^*$  are not starlike of order  $\beta$  for any  $\beta > 0$ .

In this paper we will prove some facts about  $\log[f(z)/z]$  for functions in this class, in particular we will deal with the growth classes for  $(d^2/dz^2)(\log[f(z)/z])$  showing how the Hardy classes  $H^p$  to which it belongs is affected by hypotheses on  $\mu$ , hypotheses which can in some cases be related to the mapping properties of  $f$ . (For future reference let us denote  $(d^n/dz^n)(\log[f(z)/z])$  by  $D^n f$  for  $f \in S$ , and let  $f^{(n)}$  be the standard  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative,  $n \geq 1$ .) It is noted in particular that the Koebe function is not extremal for integral mean growth of  $D^n f$  for  $f \in S_0^*$ , where the Hardy  $p$ -means,  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$  are used to measure the derivative. We also point out a connection between the smoothness of  $\mu$  as measured by modulus of continuity and the one dimensional Lebesgue measure of the

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set  $\{\theta : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) > \beta\}$  for  $\beta > 0$ , where  $r$  is fixed,  $0 < r < 1$ . The main tools in making these connections are the well-known integral representation formula for star-like mappings, see [14], pp. 209–210, and the work of several authors on growth classes for singular inner functions, [1]–[5].

In the following, the class  $H^p$  is the usual Hardy class of functions  $f$  analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = M_p^p(r, f) < \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , and  $M_\infty(r, f) = \max_\theta |f(re^{i\theta})|$ ;  $N$  is the Nevanlinna class of functions  $f$  for which

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta < \infty,$$

and  $N^+$  is the subset of  $N$  for which  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(e^{i\theta})| d\theta$ . Recall that  $H^p \subset N^+ \subset N$  for all  $p$ , and  $H^p \subset H^q$  if  $q < p$ . See [6] for details.

**2. Growth classes for  $D_I^2 f$ —the main theorem.** In this section we prove the main theorem of the paper, which states the relationship between  $D_I^2 f$  and  $\mu$ , for  $f \in S_0^*$ . We first give some background. There have been many attempts to relate the growth of  $f \in S^*$  as measured by integral means of  $f^{(n)}$  or  $D_I^n f$  to properties of  $f$  as a mapping and to  $\mu$ . For example, if  $\mu$  has a jump of  $\pi\alpha$  at  $\theta = \theta_0$ , then the image of  $f$  contains a maximal “sector” of angle  $\pi\alpha$  with vertex at 0, see [15] p. 591; in the case in which this is the greatest jump for  $\mu$ , then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log M_\infty(rf)}{\log(1-r)^{-1}} = \alpha$  ([14] p. 211) and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r)M_\infty(r, D_I f) = \alpha$  ([15] p. 211). In [14] are similar limits involving  $M_p(r, f^{(n)})$ ; see p. 605. One also has that if  $f$  is bounded, then  $\mu$  is continuous [14] p. 211. In [8] the authors show that every  $f \in S^*$  with finite image area has  $M_2^2(r, f'/f) = O((1-r)^{-1})$ .

For the class  $S_0^*$  it is  $D_I^2 f$  which can most easily be related to  $\mu$ . We do this in Theorem 1 below indirectly by making reference to the singular inner function associated with  $\mu$ ; in Section 3 the inner function conditions are replaced by conditions in  $\mu$  itself in three corollaries. Recall that if  $\sigma$  is a non decreasing function on  $[0, 2\pi]$  with  $\sigma' = 0$  a.e., then  $S_\sigma(z) = \exp\{-\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\sigma(t)\}$  is called the *associated singular inner function*, see [6] p. 24 or [11] p. 75. The function  $S_\sigma(z)$  satisfies  $|S_\sigma(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} |S_\sigma(re^{i\theta})| = 1$  a.e. Note that if  $f \in S_0^*$ , then  $\mu' = 0$  a.e.

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose  $f \in S_0^*$  with  $\mu(\theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ , and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then  $D_I^2 f \in H^p$  iff  $S'_\mu \in H^p$ . If  $S'_\mu \in N$  then  $D_I^2 f \in N$ , and if  $S'_\mu \notin N$ , then  $D_I^2 f \notin H^p$  for all  $p > 0$ .*

**PROOF.** With  $f$  and  $\mu$  as above, we have that

$$f(z) = z \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{1 - e^{-it}z} d\mu(t)\right\},$$

see [14] pp. 209–210; from above, we can form  $S_\mu(z) = \exp\left\{-\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it+z}}{e^{it-z}} d\mu(t)\right\}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S'_\mu(z)}{S_\mu(z)} &= -2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it}}{(e^{it}-z)^2} d\mu(t) \\ &= -2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\mu(t)}{(e^{it}-z)} - 2z \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\mu(t)}{(e^{it}-z)^2} \\ &= -2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\mu(t)}{e^{it}-z} - 2z\pi D_{I_f}^2 f. \end{aligned}$$

The first term of this last expression is in  $H^p$  for all  $p$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ , see [6] p. 39. It follows that  $D_{I_f}^2 f \in H^p$  iff  $S'_\mu/S_\mu \in H^p$ . However, by [3] Theorem 4 p. 118,  $S'_\mu/S_\mu \in H^p$  iff  $S'_\mu \in H^p$ , thus the  $H^p$  part of the theorem follows. If  $S'_\mu \in N$ , then again by [3] Corollary 4, p. 118,  $S'_\mu/S_\mu \in N^+$ , hence in  $N$ . Finally, if  $S'_\mu \notin N$ , then by the same corollary,  $S'_\mu/S_\mu \notin N^+$ , hence  $S'_\mu/S_\mu \notin H^p$  for all  $p > 0$ . The proof is complete. ■

For purposes of orientation let us note the following: first, for all  $f \in S^*$ ,  $\log f(z)/z \in \bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$ . Now if  $f \in S^*$ ,  $D_{I_f}^1 f = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\mu(t)}{(e^{it}-z)}$  where  $\mu$  is the boundary argument function for  $f$ , where  $\mu$  need not be singular [14], pp. 209–210; thus  $D_{I_f}^1 f \in \bigcap_{p<1} H^p$ . Recall that by a theorem of Hardy and Littlewood ([6] p. 88)  $g' \in H^p$ ,  $0 < p < 1$  implies  $g \in H^{\frac{p}{1-p}}$ , so  $C_1 = \{f : D_{I_f}^1 f \in \bigcap_{p<1} H^p\} \subset \bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$ , and thus any  $f \in S^*$  is in the subclass  $C_1$  of  $\bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$ . It is then natural to ask whether  $S^* \subset C_2 = \{f : D_{I_f}^2 f \in \bigcap_{p<1/2} H^p\} \subset C_1 \subset \bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$ . Theorem 1 and the corollaries in Section 3 will show that the first inclusion does not always hold; counterexamples will be members of  $S_0^*$ . Of course, for arbitrary starlike functions one can easily have  $D_{I_f}^n f \in \bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$  for any  $n$ ; take  $f(z) = z$ , for example. See also [8] for other subclasses of  $\bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$  to which  $S$  or  $S^*$  may belong.

We close with some final remarks on the quantity  $D_{I_f}^2 f$  for  $f \in S^*$ . Note that  $D_{I_f}^1 f(z) = f'(z)/f(z) = 1/z$  if  $z \neq 0$ , and since  $D_{I_f}^1 f \in \bigcap_{p<1} H^p$ , it follows that  $M_p(r, f'/f) < \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ , for all  $p < 1$ . The identity  $D_{I_f}^2 f(z) = f''(z)/f(z) - [f'(z)/f(z)]^2 + 1/z^2$  for  $z \neq 0$  thus gives that  $D_{I_f}^2 f \in H^p$  iff  $M_p(r, f''/f) < \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ , if  $0 < p < 1/2$ . So we may use  $D_{I_f}^2 f$  and  $f''/f$  interchangeably in any statements of our theorems. Secondly, we have that  $1 + zD_{I_f}^1 f = zf'(z)/f(z)$ , so  $\text{Re}[1 + zD_{I_f}^1 f] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$  where  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ; this shows that  $D_{I_f}^1 f$  is related to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ . For  $D_{I_f}^2 f$  we have:

**PROPOSITION.** *Let  $f \in S^*$ . If  $D_{I_f}^2 f \in H^p$  for some  $0 < p < 1$ , then  $M_p(r, g) < \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ , where  $g(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ .*

**PROOF.** Differentiating both sides of the identity  $1 + zD_{I_f}^1 f(z) = zf'(z)/f(z)$  with respect to  $\theta$  and taking real parts gives

$$\text{Re}[iz^2 D_{I_f}^2 f(z) + izD_{I_f}^1 f(z)] = \text{Re}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \text{Re}\left[\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \arg f(re^{i\theta}).$$

The result follows since  $D_{I_f}^1 f \in \bigcap_{p<1} H^p$ . ■

Thus a mean growth condition of this sort on  $D_{I_f}^2 f$  implies one of the same sort on  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ .

3. **Corollaries.** We now use the results in [1]–[5] to relate growth classes for  $S'_\mu$  to conditions on  $\mu$  itself, and thus obtain corollaries relating  $D^2_l f$  to  $\mu$  directly.

We first assume that  $\mu$  is continuous. An example of  $f \in S^*_0$  with  $\mu$  continuous is given in [12], Section 5, where  $\mu$  is the Lebesgue function of the standard Cantor set on  $[0, 2\pi]$  normalized so that  $\mu(2\pi) - \mu(0) = 2\pi$ ; similar examples will occur in Corollary 1. Note that this function has an image which contains no angular sectors with vertex at the origin and positive angular spread ([15], p. 591). Also, this function is shown to be bounded in [12].

For arbitrary  $\mu$  continuous we have the standard modulus of continuity  $\omega_\mu(t) = \sup_{|x-y|\leq t} |\mu(x) - \mu(y)|$ ; since  $\mu$  is continuous,  $\omega_\mu(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , and since  $\mu$  is singular,  $\omega_\mu(t)/t \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  ([1], p. 315). Our first corollary involves a condition on  $\omega_\mu(t)$ :

**COROLLARY 1.** *Suppose that  $f \in S^*_0$ ,  $\mu$  is continuous and  $\omega_\mu(t) = O(t^\alpha)$ , for some  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Then  $D^2_l f \notin H^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}}$ . Furthermore, this is best possible in the sense that for each  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , there is an  $f_\alpha \in S^*_0$  with argument function  $\mu_\alpha$  such that  $\omega_{\mu_\alpha}(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  and  $f'_\alpha \in H^p$  for all  $p < \frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $f \in S^*_0$  with  $\mu$  continuous and  $\omega_\mu(t) = O(t^\alpha)$ , for some  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Then if  $S_\mu$  is the associated singular inner function, we have by [1] p. 341 that  $S'_\mu \notin H^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}}$ , so by our Theorem 1 the first statement follows. For the second part, let  $0 < \alpha < 1$  be fixed, and define  $\omega_\alpha(t) = t^\alpha/(2\pi)^\alpha$ . Then Ahern in [1] pp. 323-326 constructs a Cantor set “of constant ratio  $2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ ” whose Lebesgue function  $\lambda_\alpha$  has a modulus of continuity  $\omega_{\lambda_\alpha}(t)$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{2}t^\alpha/(2\pi)^\alpha \leq \omega_{\lambda_\alpha}(t) \leq 4t^\alpha/(2\pi)^\alpha$ , and thus the associated singular inner function  $S_{\lambda_\alpha}$  has  $S'_{\lambda_\alpha} \in H^p$  for all  $p < \frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}$  by [1], p. 346. By replacing  $\lambda_\alpha$  by  $\mu_\alpha = 2\pi\lambda_\alpha$  we obtain a new singular function  $S_{\mu_\alpha}$  with modulus of continuity  $O(t^\alpha)$  where  $S'_{\mu_\alpha} \in H^p$  for all  $p < \frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}$  ([3], Theorem 4 can be used to see this last statement). Now define  $f_\alpha(z) = z \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{1-e^{-it}z} d\mu_\alpha(t)\right\}$ ; then  $f \in S^*_0$  with  $f'_\alpha \in H^p$  for all  $p < \frac{1-\alpha}{2-\alpha}$  by Theorem 1; it is easy to see that  $\mu_\alpha$  is the boundary argument function for  $f_\alpha$ . We are done. ■

**COMMENTS.** 1) The corollary says that in some sense the more smoothly the set of arguments of  $f$  is distributed, the worse the behavior of  $D^2_l f$ .

2) This shows the existence of  $f \in S^*$  for which  $f \notin C_2 = \{f : f'' \in \bigcap_{p<1/2} H^p\} \in \bigcap_{p<\infty} H^p$ .

3) Given any subclass of  $S$ , a problem of considerable interest has been to find extremal functions for integral means for functions  $f$  in the class, as well as for  $f^{(n)}$  and  $D^2_l f$ . Baernstein’s theorem ([7] p. 215) says that the Koebe function  $K(z)$  is extremal for  $M_p(r, f)$ ,  $f \in S$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , but for  $f^{(n)}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  the Koebe function does not necessarily play this role. If  $p > 2/5$ , then  $M_p(r, f^{(n)}) = O(M_p(r, K^{(n)}))$ ,  $r \rightarrow 1$  for all  $n$  [10]. It is also known that  $M_p(r, f^{(n)}) \leq M_p(r, K^{(n)})$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$  for all  $f$  in the close to convex class [13]. For starlike functions the bound  $M^2_2(r, D^1_l f) = O(M^2_2(r, D^1_l K))$  was obtained in [8] and in [9] it was shown that  $M_p(r, zf'(z)/f(z)) \leq M_p(r, zK'(z)/K(z))$

for all  $f$  starlike,  $0 < p < \infty$ . Now  $D_L^2 K \in H^p$  for all  $p < 1/2$ , but clearly  $K$  cannot be extremal for  $M_p(r, D_L^2 f)$ ,  $f \in S^*$  for any  $p < 1/2$  by this corollary. It is interesting that this happens even though  $\log f(z)/z$  is subordinate to  $\log K(z)/z$  for all  $f \in S^*$  ([7], p. 213).

We next remove the requirement that  $\mu$  be continuous and focus on restrictions on the set  $[0, 2\pi] - E = \cup_k (a_k, b_k)$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose  $f \in S_0^*$  and  $d\mu$  is supported on  $E$ , where  $[0, 2\pi] - E = \cup_k (a_k, b_k)$ , and  $\mu(\theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Then*

- a) *If  $\sum_k |b_k - a_k|^\gamma < \infty$ , then  $D_L^2 f \in H^{\frac{1-\gamma}{2}}$ .*
- b) *If  $\sum_k |b_k - a_k| \log \frac{1}{|b_k - a_k|} < \infty$ , then  $D_L^2 f \in N$ .*

**PROOF.** Both of these results follow immediately from [5] Theorem 1, p. 284 and our Theorem 1. ■

The corollary may be viewed as saying that the faster the lengths of intervals of constant boundary argument for  $f$  go to zero, the better the behavior of  $D_L^2 f$ .

Finally, we turn to boundary argument functions  $\mu$  which are essentially step functions: assume that  $0 < a_1 < b_1 = a_2 < b_2 = a_3 < b_3 = \dots < 2\pi$  and that  $\mu$  has a jump of  $\pi\lambda_k$  at  $a_k$ , where  $\lambda_k > 0$ . Thus the measure  $d\mu$  is purely atomic with weights  $\pi\lambda_k$  at  $a_k$ ; let us call such an argument function purely atomic also. Recall that if  $f \in S_0^*$  has purely atomic boundary argument function, then the image of  $f$  contains a maximal sector of angle  $\pi\lambda_k$  for each  $k$  [actually, the existence of such a sector of argument  $\pi\lambda_k$  is an equivalent condition for having a jump  $\pi\lambda_k$  in  $\mu$ ] (see [15], p. 591). We also must have  $\sum_k \lambda_k = 2$ .

**COROLLARY 3.** *Suppose  $f \in S_0^*$  and  $\mu(\theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$  is purely atomic with jumps  $\pi\lambda_k$  at  $a_k$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ . Then if  $\sum_k \lambda_k^\gamma < \infty$ , we have  $D_L^2 f \in H^p$ , for all  $p < 1/2$ .*

**PROOF.** This follows from [4], see also [1] p. 346. ■

This corollary may be viewed as saying that if the wedge arguments in the image of  $f$  go to zero “faster than  $1/k^2$ ”, then the behavior of  $D_L^2 f$  is the best possible over the class  $S_0^*$ . It is perhaps interesting in this regard that ([14] p. 211) if  $\alpha$  is the largest wedge argument, then  $M_\infty(r, f) \geq C(1-r)^{-\alpha}$  for  $0 < r < 1$ , so the smaller the wedge the tamer the maximum modulus is allowed to be.

We conclude this section by noting that in [1] are other results stating conditions on  $E$  such that  $S'_\mu \in H^p$  for some  $p < 1/2$ , these relate to the “type” of  $E$  defined by  $p(\epsilon) =$  Lebesgue measure of  $\{\theta : |\theta - E| < \epsilon\}$  and to functions related to  $\omega_\mu(t)$ , see pp. 344–345. These conditions can then be related to  $f \in S_0^*$  as we have done in the corollaries.

**4. The rate of change of the argument function.** In this final section we move from considerations of the quantity  $D_L^2 f$  to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta})$ . For any starlike function  $f$  with

boundary argument function  $\mu$  the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + re^{i\theta}}{e^{it} - re^{i\theta}} d\mu(t) \right] \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos(\theta - t) + r^2} d\mu(t) = P_\mu(r, \theta) \end{aligned}$$

holds, where the next to last expression is the familiar Poisson integral of  $\mu$ . If  $f \in S_0^*$ , then  $\mu$  is singular, so, for example, we have  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P_\mu(r, \theta) = 0$  a.e., with respect to Lebesgue measure and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} P_\mu(r, \theta) = \infty$  a.e.  $[d\mu]$ , see [2] or [11], p. 77. For any  $\beta > 0$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , we may define  $E(r, \beta) = \{\theta : P_\mu(r, \theta) > \beta\}$ ; if  $\mu$  has compact support of measure zero (as it will for  $f \in S_0^*$ ) then  $|E(r, \beta)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ , where  $|E(r, \beta)|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $E(r, \beta)$ , see [2], p. 1. In [2] are found bounds from above and below on the rate at which  $|E(r, \beta)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ ; thus we have bounds on the rate at which  $|\{\theta : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) > \beta\}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ . Note that the fact that  $|E(r, \beta)| \rightarrow 0$  for any  $\beta$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$  says that  $f \in S_0^*$  is never starlike of order  $\beta$  for any  $\beta > 0$ .

In Theorem 2 below we state some bounds from below on the rate of decay to zero of  $|\{\theta : \partial/\partial\theta \arg f(re^{i\theta}) > \beta\}|$ . These bounds are not stated in the most general form, greater generality for bounds from above or below may be obtained by referring to Theorems 2 and 4 in [2].

**THEOREM 2.** *Suppose  $f \in S_0^*$ . Then for any  $\beta > 0$  there is a constant  $C = C(\beta, f)$  such that  $|\{\theta : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) > \beta\}| \geq C\sqrt{1-r}$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ . If in addition  $f$  has continuous boundary argument  $\mu$  with modulus of continuity  $\omega_\mu(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then for any  $\beta$  there is a constant  $C(f, \beta)$  such that*

$$\left| \left\{ \theta : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(re^{i\theta}) > \beta \right\} \right| \geq C(1-r)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}}, \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1.$$

**PROOF.** This is [2] Theorems 4 and 5; see also [1] for further details on the calculation of the quantity  $\delta(r)$ . ■

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