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Some Remarks on Schwarz Lemma at the Boundary

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Abstract. In this paper, a boundary version of the Schwarz lemma is investigated. We consider a function f holomorphic in the unit disc D, f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for $z \in D$, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. We obtain sharp lower bounds on the angular derivative f'(c) at the point c, where $f(c) = 2\alpha$, |c| = 1.

1. Introduction

One of the most quoted and central results in all of complex function theory is the Schwarz lemma. There is hardly a result that has been as influential. It is difficult to overestimate the significance of this lemma which gave a great push to the development of geometric function theory, fixed point theory of holomorphic mappings, hyperbolic geometry, and many other fields of analysis. A general form of this lemma, which is very simple and commanly used, is as follow:

Let f be a holomorphic function in the unit disc $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$, f(0) = 0 and |f(z)| < 1 for |z| < 1. For any point z in the disc D, we have $|f(z)| \le |z|$ and $|f'(0)| \le 1$. Equality in these inequalities (in the first one, for $z \ne 0$) occurs only if $f(z) = \lambda z$, $|\lambda| = 1$ ([5], p.329). For historical background about the Schwarz lemma and its applications on the boundary of the unit disc, we refer to (see [1]).

Let f be a holomorphic function on D, f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$.

Consider the functions

$$\varphi(z) = f\left(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}\right),\,$$

$$h(z) = \frac{\varphi(z) - \alpha}{\alpha}$$

and

$$\phi(z) = \frac{h(z) - h(0)}{1 - \overline{h(0)}h(z)}.$$

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 $\phi(z)$ is holomorphic function in the unit disc D, $\phi(0)=0$ and $|\phi(z)|<1$ for |z|<1. Thus, from the Schwarz lemma, we obtain

$$\left| f'(a) \right| \le \frac{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2}{\alpha \left(1 - |a|^2 \right)}. \tag{1.1}$$

The inequality in (1.1) is sharp with equality for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\overline{a}z}\right)}{\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\overline{a}z}\right)},$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Robert Osserman [14] has given the inequalities which are called the boundary Schwarz lemma. He has first showed that

$$|f'(c)| \ge \frac{2}{1 + |f'(0)|}$$
 (1.2)

and

$$|f'(c)| \ge 1 \tag{1.3}$$

under the assumption f(0) = 0 where f is a holomorphic function mapping the unit disc into itself and c is a boundary point to which f extends continuously and |f(c)| = 1. In addition, the equality in (1.3) holds if and only if $f(z) = ze^{i\theta}$, θ real. Also, c = 1 in the inequality (1.2) equality occurs for the function $f(z) = z\frac{z+\epsilon}{1+\epsilon z}$, $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

Furthermore, if $f(z) = c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + ...$, then

$$|f'(c)| \ge p + \frac{1 - |c_p|}{1 + |c_p|}$$
 (1.4)

and

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge p. \tag{1.5}$$

If, in addition, the function f has an angular limit f(c) at $c \in \partial D$, |f(c)| = 1, then by the Julia-Wolff lemma the angular derivative f'(c) exists and $1 \le |f'(c)| \le \infty$ (see [17]).

Inequality (1.3) and its generalizations have important applications in geometric theory of functions (see, e.g., [5], [17]). Therefore, the interest to such type results is not vanished recently (see, e.g., [1], [3], [4], [6], [7], [9], [10], [14], [15], [16] and references therein).

The inequality (1.4) is a particular case of a result due to Vladimir N. Dubinin in (see [3]), who strengthened the inequality $|f'(c)| \ge 1$ by involving zeros of the function f.

D. M. Burns and S. G. Krantz [8] and D. Chelst [2] were studied the uniqueness portion of the Schwarz lemma

X. Tang, T. Liu and J. Lu [10] established a new type of the classical boundary Schwraz lemma for holomorphic self-mappings of the unit polydisk D^n in \mathbb{C}^n . They extended the classical Schwarz lemma at the boundary to high dimensions.

Some other types of results which are related to the subject can be found in (see, e.g., [11], [12]). In addition, (see [13]) was posed on ResearchGate where is discussed concerning results in more general aspects.

Also, M. Jeong [6] showed some inequalities at a boundary point for different form of holomorphic functions and found the condition for equality and in [7] a holomorphic self map defined on the closed unit disc with fixed points only on the boundary of the unit disc.

2. Main Results

In this section we give estimate below |f'(c)| according to first nonzero Taylor coefficient of f(z) - b about zero, namely z = a. The sharpness of these estimates is also proved.

Theorem 2.1. Let f be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Then

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}. \tag{1.6}$$

The inequality (1.6) *is sharp, with equality for the function*

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)}{\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)'}$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Proof. Let

$$\phi(z) = \frac{h(z) - h(0)}{1 - \overline{h(0)}h(z)}.$$

Then $\phi(z)$ is holomorphic function in the unit disc D and $|\phi(z)| < 1$ for |z| < 1 and $\phi(0) = 0$. Moreover, for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\overline{a}c} \in \partial D$,

$$\varphi(z_0) = f\left(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_0}\right).$$

Therefore, we take

$$h(z_0) = \frac{\varphi(z_0) - \alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{f\left(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{\alpha}z_0}\right) - \alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{f(c) - \alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{2\alpha - \alpha}{\alpha} = 1$$

and

$$|\phi(z_0)| = \left| \frac{h(z_0) - h(0)}{1 - \overline{h(0)}h(z_0)} \right| = \left| \frac{1 - h(0)}{1 - \overline{h(0)}} \right| = 1.$$

From (1.3), we obtain

$$1 \leq \left| \phi'(z_0) \right| = \frac{\left(1 - |h(0)|^2 \right)}{\left| 1 - h(z_0) \overline{h(0)} \right|^2} |h'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1 + |h(0)|}{1 - |h(0)|} |h'(z_0)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 - |a|^2}{\left| 1 + \overline{a}z_0 \right|^2} \frac{1 + \frac{|b - \alpha|}{\alpha}}{1 - \frac{|b - \alpha|}{\alpha}} \left| f'(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_0}) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|} \frac{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha|} \left| f'(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_0}) \right|.$$

Thus, we obtain

$$|f'(c)| \ge \alpha \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|} \frac{\alpha-|b-\alpha|}{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}.$$

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.6) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)}.$$

Then

$$f'(z) = \alpha b \frac{\frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - \overline{a}z)^2} \left(\alpha + (b - \alpha) \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)\right) - (b - \alpha) \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - \overline{a}z)^2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b - \alpha) \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)\right)^2}.$$

Therefore, we take

$$f'(1) = \alpha b \frac{\frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - \overline{a})^2} \left(\alpha + (b - \alpha) \left(\frac{1 - a}{1 - \overline{a}}\right)\right) - (b - \alpha) \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - \overline{a})^2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1 - a}{1 - \overline{a}}\right)\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b - \alpha) \left(\frac{1 - a}{1 - \overline{a}}\right)\right)^2}.$$

Since $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$, we obtain

$$f'(1) = \alpha b \frac{1+a}{1-a} \frac{2\alpha - b}{b}.$$

Theorem 2.2. Let f be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Then

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge 2\alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{(\alpha - |b - \alpha|)^2}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2 + \alpha \left(1 - |a|^2 \right) \left| f'(a) \right|}. \tag{1.7}$$

The equality in (1.7) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + 2d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right) + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^2}{\alpha(1 + d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)) + (b-\alpha)\left(\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^2 + d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)\right)'}$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$ and $d = \frac{\alpha \left(1 - |a|^2\right) \left|f'(a)\right|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2}$ is arbitrary number from [0, 1] (see (1.1)).

Proof. Let $\phi(z)$ be the same as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. From (1.2), for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\overline{a}c} \in \partial D$, we obtain

$$\frac{2}{1+|\phi'(0)|} \leq |\phi'(z_0)| = \frac{\left(1-|h(0)|^2\right)}{\left|1-h(z_0)\overline{h(0)}\right|^2} |h'(z_0)| \leq |h'(z_0)| \frac{1+|h(0)|}{1-|h(0)|} \\
= \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1+|a|}{1-|a|} \frac{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}{\alpha-|b-\alpha|} \left| f'\left(\frac{z_0+a}{1+\overline{a}z_0}\right) \right|.$$

Since

$$\phi'(z) = \frac{\left(1 - |h(0)|^2\right)}{\left(1 - h(z)\overline{h(0)}\right)^2}h'(z),$$

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and

$$\left|\phi'(0)\right| = \frac{|h'(0)|}{1 - |h(0)|^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right) \left|f'(a)\right|}{1 - \left|\frac{b - \alpha}{\alpha}\right|^2} = \alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right) \left|f'(a)\right|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2}$$

we obtain

$$\frac{2}{1+\alpha\frac{\left(1-|a|^2\right)\left|f'(a)\right|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2}} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{1+|a|}{1-|a|}\frac{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}{\alpha-|b-\alpha|}\left|f'\left(\frac{z_0+a}{1+\overline{a}z_0}\right)\right|$$

and

$$|f'(c)| \ge 2\alpha \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|} \frac{(\alpha-|b-\alpha|)^2}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2+\alpha(1-|a|^2)|f'(a)|}.$$

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.7) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + 2d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right) + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^2}{\alpha(1 + d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)) + (b-\alpha)\left(\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^2 + d\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)\right)}.$$

Thus, since $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$, we take

$$f'(1)=2\alpha\frac{1+a}{1-a}\frac{2\alpha-b}{(1+d)b}$$

If $f(z) = b + c_p(z-a)^p + c_{p+1}(z-a)^{p+1} + ...$, $p \ge 1$ is a holomorphic function in D, f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a real positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$, then

$$\left|c_{p}\right| \leq \frac{\alpha^{2} - \left|b - \alpha\right|^{2}}{\alpha \left(1 - \left|a\right|^{2}\right)^{p}}.\tag{1.8}$$

Theorem 2.3. Let $f(z) = b + c_p(z-a)^p + c_{p+1}(z-a)^{p+1} + ...$, $p \ge 1$ be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Then

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha p \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}. \tag{1.9}$$

The inequality (1.9) is sharp, with equality for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^{p'}}$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Proof. Using the inequality (1.5) for the function $\phi(z)$, for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\bar{a}c} \in \partial D$, we obtain

$$p \leq \left| \phi'(z_0) \right| = \frac{\left(1 - |h(0)|^2 \right)}{\left| 1 - h(z_0) \overline{h(0)} \right|^2} |h'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1 + |h(0)|}{1 - |h(0)|} |h'(z_0)|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|} \frac{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha|} |f'(c)|.$$

Thus, we take the inequality (1.9) with an obvious equality case. \Box

Theorem 2.4. *Under the same assumptions as in Theorem 2.3, we have*

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left[p + \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha| - \alpha \left(1 - |a|^2 \right)^p |c_p|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha| + \alpha \left(1 - |a|^2 \right)^p |c_p|} \right]. \tag{1.10}$$

Equality in (1.10) is attained for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + k \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right) + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^p \left(k + \frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)}{\alpha + \alpha k \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right) + (b - \alpha) \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^p \left(k + \frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)}$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$ and $k = \frac{\alpha(1-|a|^2)^p|c_p|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2}$ is an arbitrary number on [0,1] (see, (1.8)).

Proof. Using the inequality (1.4) for the function $\phi(z)$, for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\bar{a}c} \in \partial D$, we obtain

$$p + \frac{1 - |a_p|}{1 + |a_p|} \le |\phi'(z_0)| = \frac{\left(1 - |h(0)|^2\right)}{\left|1 - h(z_0)\overline{h(0)}\right|^2} |h'(z_0)| \le \frac{1 + |h(0)|}{1 - |h(0)|} |h'(z_0)|$$

$$\le \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|} \frac{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha|} |f'(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_0})|.$$

Since

$$\left|a_{p}\right| = \frac{\left|\phi^{p}(0)\right|}{p} = \frac{\alpha \left(1 - \left|a\right|^{2}\right)^{p} \left|c_{p}\right|}{\alpha^{2} - \left|b - \alpha\right|^{2}},$$

Therefore, we take the inequality (1.10).

The equality in (1.10) is obtained for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + k \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right) + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^p \left(k + \frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)}{\alpha + \alpha k \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right) + \left(b - \alpha\right) \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)^p \left(k + \frac{z - a}{1 - \overline{a}z}\right)}$$

as show simple calculations. \square

Theorem 2.5. Let $f(z) = b + c_p(z-a)^p + c_{p+1}(z-a)^{p+1} + ...$, $p \ge 1$ be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Let $z_1, z_2, ..., z_n$ be zeros of the function f(z) - b in D that are different from z = a. Then we have the inequality

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left(p + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1 - |b_{k}|^{2}}{\left| \frac{c - a}{1 - \overline{a}c} - b_{k} \right|^{2}} + \frac{\left(\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2} \right) \prod_{k=1}^{n} |z_{k}| - \alpha \left(1 - |a|^{2} \right)^{p} \left| c_{p} \right|}{\left(\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2} \right) \prod_{k=1}^{n} |z_{k}| - \alpha \left(1 - |a|^{2} \right)^{p} \left| c_{p} \right|} \right). \tag{1.11}$$

In addition, the equality in (1.11) *occurs for the function*

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\overline{a}z}\right)^p \prod\limits_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a-z_k(1-\overline{a}z)}{1-\overline{a}z-(z-a)\overline{z_k}}}{\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\overline{a}z}\right)^p \prod\limits_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a-z_k(1-\overline{a}z)}{1-\overline{a}z-(z-a)\overline{z_k}}},$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$ and $z_1, z_2, ..., z_n$ are positive real numbers.

Proof. Let $\phi(z)$ be as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and $z_1, z_2, ..., z_n$ be zeros of the function f(z) - b in D that are different from z = a.

$$B(z) = z^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \frac{z - z_{k}}{1 - \overline{z_{k}}z}$$

is a holomorphic function in *D* and |B(z)| < 1 for |z| < 1. By the maximum principle for each $z \in D$, we have

$$\left|\phi(z)\right| \leq |B(z)|.$$

The auxiliary function

$$\Upsilon(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{B(z)}$$

is a holomorphic in D, and $|\Upsilon(z)| < 1$ for |z| < 1. In particular, we have

$$|\Upsilon(0)| = \frac{\alpha \left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p \left|c_p\right|}{\left(\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2\right) \prod\limits_{k=1}^n |z_k|}.$$

Moreover, it can be seen that, for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\bar{a}c} \in \partial D$

$$\frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)} = \left|\phi'(z_0)\right| \ge |B'(z_0)| = \frac{z_0B'(z_0)}{B(z_0)}.$$

Besides, by applying some simple calculations, we take

$$|B'(z_0)| = \frac{z_0 B'(z_0)}{B(z_0)} = p + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{|z_0 - z_k|^2}.$$

The composite function

$$k(z) = \frac{\Upsilon(z) - \Upsilon(0)}{1 - \overline{\Upsilon(0)}\Upsilon(z)}$$

satisfies the assumption of the Schwarz lemma on the boundary, whence we obtain

$$1 \leq |k'(z_0)| = \frac{1 - |\Upsilon(0)|^2}{\left|1 - \overline{\Upsilon(0)}\Upsilon(z)\right|^2} |\Upsilon'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1 + |\Upsilon(0)|}{1 - |\Upsilon(0)|} \left| \frac{z_0 \phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)} - \frac{z_0 B'(z_0)}{B(z_0)} \right|$$
$$= \frac{1 + |\Upsilon(0)|}{1 - |\Upsilon(0)|} \left\{ \left| \phi'(z_0) \right| - |B'(z_0)| \right\}$$

and

$$1 \leq \frac{1 + \frac{\alpha \left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p |c_p|}{\left(\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2\right) \prod\limits_{k=1}^n |z_k|}}{1 - \frac{\alpha \left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p |c_p|}{\left(\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2\right) \prod\limits_{k=1}^n |z_k|}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|} \frac{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha|} \left| f'(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_0}) \right| - \left(p + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{|z_0 - z_k|^2}\right) \right\}.$$

Therefore, we take the inequality (1.11).

The equality in (1.11) is obtained for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a-z_k(1-\bar{a}z)}{1-\bar{a}z-(z-a)\bar{z}_k}}{\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a-z_k(1-\bar{a}z)}{1-\bar{a}z-(z-a)\bar{z}_k}},$$

as show simple calculations. \Box

The inequality (1.10) can be strengthened as below by taking into account c_{p+1} which is second coefficient in the expansion of the function f(z).

Theorem 2.6. Let $f(z) = b + c_p(z-a)^p + c_{p+1}(z-a)^{p+1} + ..., c_p > 0$, $p \ge 1$ be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Then

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left(p + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$(1.12)$$

$$\frac{2\left(\alpha^{2}-\left|b-\alpha\right|^{2}-\alpha^{2}\left(1-\left|a\right|^{2}\right)^{p}\left|c_{p}\right|\right)^{2}}{\left(\alpha^{2}-\left|b-\alpha\right|^{2}\right)^{2}-\alpha^{2}\left(1-\left|a\right|^{2}\right)^{2p}\left|c_{p}\right|^{2}+\alpha\left(\alpha^{2}-\left|b-\alpha\right|^{2}\right)\left(1-\left|a\right|^{2}\right)^{p}\left|\left(1-\left|a\right|^{2}\right)c_{p+1}-\overline{a}pc_{p}\right|}\right)}.$$

The inequality (1.12) is sharp, with equality for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p},$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Proof. Let $\phi(z)$ be the same as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and $B_0(z) = z^p$. By the maximum principle for each $z \in D$, we have

$$\left|\phi(z)\right| \le \left|B_0(z)\right|.$$

Therefore,

$$p(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{B_0(z)}$$

is holomorphic function in *D* and |p(z)| < 1 for |z| < 1.

In particular, we have

$$|p(0)| = \alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \le 1.$$
 (1.13)

and

$$|p'(0)| = \alpha \frac{(1-|a|^2)^p |(1-|a|^2) c_{p+1} - \overline{a}pc_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b-\alpha|^2}.$$

Moreover, since the expression $\frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)}$ is real number greater than or equal to 1 ([1]), we take that, for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\overline{a}c} \in \partial D$

$$\frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)} = \left|\frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)}\right| \ge \left|\phi'(z_0)\right|.$$

Since $|\phi(z)| \le |B_0(z)|$, we take

$$\frac{1 - \left| \phi(z) \right|}{1 - |z|} \ge \frac{1 - |B_0(z)|}{1 - |z|}.$$

Taking angular limit in the last inequality yields

$$\left|\phi'(z_0)\right| \ge \left|B_0'(z_0)\right|.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)} \ge |\phi'(z_0)| \ge |B'_0(z_0)| = \frac{z_0B'_0(z_0)}{B_0(z_0)}.$$

The function

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{p(z) - p(0)}{1 - p(z)\overline{p(0)}}$$

is holomorphic in the unit disc D, $|\Phi(z)| < 1$ for |z| < 1, $\Phi(0) = 0$ and $|\Phi(z_0)| = 1$ for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\bar{a}c} \in \partial D$. From (1.2), we obtain

$$\frac{2}{1+|\Phi'(0)|} \leq |\Phi'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1+|p(0)|}{1-|p(0)|} \left| \frac{\phi'(z_0)}{B_0(z_0)} - \frac{\phi(z_0)B_0'(z_0)}{B_0^2(z_0)} \right|
= \frac{1+|p(0)|}{1-|p(0)|} \left\{ |\phi'(z_0)| - |B_0'(z_0)| \right\}
\leq \frac{1+|p(0)|}{1-|p(0)|} \left\{ \frac{1+|h(0)|}{1-|h(0)|} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1-|a|^2}{1+\overline{a}z_0|^2} \left| f'(\frac{z_0+a}{1+\overline{a}z_0}) \right| - p \right\}
\leq \frac{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2+\alpha\left(1-|a|^2\right)^p|c_p|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2-\alpha\left(1-|a|^2\right)^p|c_p|} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1+|a|}{1-|a|} \frac{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}{\alpha-|b-\alpha|} \left| f'(\frac{z_0+a}{1+\overline{a}z_0}) \right| - p \right\}.$$

Since

$$\Phi'(z) = \frac{1 - |p(0)|^2}{\left(1 - \overline{p(0)}p(z)\right)^2} p'(z)$$

and

$$|\Phi'(0)| = \frac{|p'(0)|}{1 - |p(0)|^2},$$

we get

$$\frac{2}{1 + \alpha \frac{(\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2})(1 - |a|^{2})^{p} |(1 - |a|^{2})^{c_{p+1} - \overline{a}pc_{p}}|}{(\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2})^{2} - \alpha^{2}(1 - |a|^{2})^{2p} |c_{p}|^{2}}} \leq \frac{\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2} + \alpha \left(1 - |a|^{2}\right)^{p} |c_{p}|}{\alpha^{2} - |b - \alpha|^{2} - \alpha \left(1 - |a|^{2}\right)^{p} |c_{p}|} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|} \frac{\alpha + |b - \alpha|}{\alpha - |b - \alpha|} |f'(\frac{z_{0} + a}{1 + \overline{a}z_{0}})| - p \right\}.$$

Thus, we obtain (1.12) with an obvious equality case. \Box

If f(z) - b has no zeros different from z = a in Theorem 2.6, the inequality (1.12) can be further strengthened. This is given by the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.7. Let $f(z) = b + c_p(z-a)^p + c_{p+1}(z-a)^{p+1} + ..., c_p > 0$, $p \ge 1$ be a holomorphic function in the disc D satisfying f(a) = b, |a| < 1 and $|f(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$ for |z| < 1, where α is a positive real number and $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \le 1$ and f(z) - b has no zeros in D except z = a. Assume that, for some $c \in \partial D$, f has an angular limit f(c) at c, $f(c) = 2\alpha$. Then

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left[p - \frac{2 \ln^2 \left(\alpha \frac{(1 - |a|^2)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \right)}{2 \left| c_p \right| \ln \left(\alpha \frac{(1 - |a|^2)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \right) - \left| \left(1 - |a|^2 \right) c_{p+1} - \overline{a} p c_p \right|} \right]. \tag{1.14}$$

The inequality (1.14) is sharp, with equality for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p},$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Proof. Let p(z) be as in the proof of Theorem 2.6. Having in the mind inequality (1.13), we denote by $\ln p(z)$ the holomorphic branch of the logarithm normed by the condition

$$\ln p(0) = \ln \left(\alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p \left|c_p\right|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \right) < 0.$$

The composite function

$$\Theta(z) = \frac{\ln p(z) - \ln p(0)}{\ln p(z) + \ln p(0)}$$

is holomorphic in the unit disc D, $|\Theta(z)| < 1$ for |z| < 1, $\Theta(0) = 0$ and $|\Theta(z_0)| = 1$ for $z_0 = \frac{c-a}{1-\bar{a}c} \in \partial D$. From (1.2), we obtain

$$\begin{split} \frac{2}{1+|\Theta'(0)|} & \leq |\Theta'(z_0)| = \frac{\left|2\ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_0) + \ln p(0)\right|^2} \left|\frac{p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)}\right| = \frac{\left|2\ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_0) + \ln p(0)\right|^2} \left|p'(z_0)\right| \\ & = \frac{\left|2\ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_0) + \ln p(0)\right|^2} \left|\frac{\phi'(z_0)}{B_0(z_0)} - \frac{\phi(z_0)B_0'(z_0)}{B_0^2(z_0)}\right| \\ & = \frac{-2\ln p(0)}{\ln^2 p(0) + \arg^2 p(z_0)} \left\{\left|\phi'(z_0)\right| - \left|B_0'(z_0)\right|\right\}. \end{split}$$

Replacing $arg^2 p(z_0)$ by zero, we take

$$\frac{2}{1+|\Theta'(0)|} \leq \frac{-2}{\ln\left(\alpha \frac{(1-|a|^2)^p|c_p|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2}\right)} \left(\frac{\left(1-|h(0)|^2\right)}{\left|1-h(z_0)\overline{h(0)}\right|^2} |h'(z_0)| - p\right) \leq \frac{1+|h(0)|}{1-|h(0)|} |h'(z_0)|$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\ln\left(\alpha \frac{(1-|a|^2)^p|c_p|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2}\right)} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1+|a|}{1-|a|} \frac{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}{\alpha-|b-\alpha|} \left|f'(\frac{z_0+a}{1+\overline{a}z_0})\right| - p\right).$$

Since

$$\Theta'(z) = 2 \ln p(0) \frac{p'(z)}{p(z) (\ln p(z) + \ln p(0))^2}$$

and

$$\Theta'(0) = \frac{p'(0)}{2p(0)\ln p(0)},$$

we get

$$\frac{2}{1 - \frac{|(1-|a|^2)c_{p+1} - \bar{a}pc_p|}{2|c_p|\ln\alpha} \leq \frac{-2}{\ln\left(\alpha\frac{(1-|a|^2)^p|c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b-\alpha|^2}\right)} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{1 + |a|}{1 - |a|}\frac{\alpha + |b-\alpha|}{\alpha - |b-\alpha|}\left|f'(\frac{z_0 + a}{1 + \bar{a}z_0})\right| - p\right)$$

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \geq \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left[p - \frac{2 \ln^2 \left(\alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \right)}{2 \left| c_p \right| \ln \alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2\right)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} - \left| \left(1 - |a|^2\right) c_{p+1} - \overline{a} p c_p \right|} \right].$$

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.14) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}.$$

Then

$$f'(z) = \alpha b \frac{p\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^{p-1}\left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2}\right)\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)^2} - \frac{(b-\alpha)p\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^{p-1}\left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2}\right)\left(1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)^2}.$$

Thus, since $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$, we take

$$f'(1) = \alpha p \frac{2\alpha - b}{b} \frac{1 + a}{1 - a}.$$

Since $|c_p| = \frac{b(2\alpha - b)}{\alpha(1 - a^2)^p}$, (1.14) is satisfied with equality. \square

We note that the inequality (1.2) has been used in the proofs of Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 2.7. So, there are both c_p and c_{p+1} in the right side of the inequalities. But, if we use (1.3) instead of (1.2), we obtain weaker but more simpler inequality (not including c_{p+1}). It is formulated in the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.8. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.7, we have*

$$\left| f'(c) \right| \ge \alpha \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \frac{\alpha - |b - \alpha|}{\alpha + |b - \alpha|} \left[p - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\alpha \frac{\left(1 - |a|^2 \right)^p |c_p|}{\alpha^2 - |b - \alpha|^2} \right) \right]. \tag{1.15}$$

The equality in (1.15) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p},$$

where $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$.

Proof. From Theorem 2.7, using the inequality (1.3) for the function $\Theta(z)$, we obtain

$$1 \leq |\Theta(z_{0})| = \frac{\left|2 \ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_{0}) + \ln p(0)\right|^{2}} \left|\frac{p'(z_{0})}{p(z_{0})}\right| = \frac{\left|2 \ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_{0}) + \ln p(0)\right|^{2}} \left|p'(z_{0})\right|$$

$$= \frac{\left|2 \ln p(0)\right|}{\left|\ln p(z_{0}) + \ln p(0)\right|^{2}} \left|\frac{\phi'(z_{0})}{B_{0}(z_{0})} - \frac{\phi(z_{0})B'_{0}(z_{0})}{B'_{0}(z_{0})}\right|$$

$$= \frac{-2 \ln p(0)}{\ln^{2} p(0) + \arg^{2} p(z_{0})} \left\{\left|\phi'(z_{0})\right| - \left|B'_{0}(z_{0})\right|\right\}.$$

Replacing $arg^2 p(z_0)$ by zero, we take

$$1 \leq \frac{-2}{\ln\left(\alpha \frac{(1-|a|^{2})^{p}|c_{p}|}{\alpha^{2}-|b-\alpha|^{2}}\right)} \left(\frac{\left(1-|h(0)|^{2}\right)}{\left|1-h(z_{0})\overline{h(0)}\right|^{2}} |h'(z_{0})| - p\right) \leq \frac{1+|h(0)|}{1-|h(0)|} |h'(z_{0})|$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\ln\left(\alpha \frac{(1-|a|^{2})^{p}|c_{p}|}{\alpha^{2}-|b-\alpha|^{2}}\right)} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1+|a|}{1-|a|} \frac{\alpha+|b-\alpha|}{\alpha-|b-\alpha|} \left|f'(\frac{z_{0}+a}{1+\overline{a}z_{0}})\right| - p\right)$$

and

$$\left|f'(c)\right| \ge \alpha \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|} \frac{\alpha-|b-\alpha|}{\alpha+|b-\alpha|} \left[p - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\alpha \frac{\left(1-|a|^2\right)^p \left|c_p\right|}{\alpha^2-|b-\alpha|^2} \right) \right].$$

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.15) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = \alpha b \frac{1 + \left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}{\alpha + (b - \alpha)\left(\frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}\right)^p}.$$

Then

$$f'(z) = \alpha b \frac{p\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^{p-1}\left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2}\right)\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)^2} - \frac{(b-\alpha)p\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^{p-1}\left(\frac{1-|a|^2}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2}\right)\left(1 + \left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)}{\left(\alpha + (b-\alpha)\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right)^p\right)^2}.$$

Thus, since $-1 < a \le 0$ with $\alpha < b < 2\alpha$, we take

$$f'(1) = \alpha p \frac{2\alpha - b}{b} \frac{1 + a}{1 - a}.$$

Since $|c_p| = \frac{b(2\alpha - b)}{\alpha(1 - a^2)^p}$, (1.15) is satisfied with equality. \Box

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