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ESTIMATE OF THE MAXIMUM PRODUCT OF INNER RADII OF NON-OVERLAPPING DOMAINS

Abstract. In this paper, the upper estimate for the maximum of the products of inner radii of mutually non-overlapping domains is obtained for any n-radial system of points on the complex plane at all possible values of some parameter γ. The conditions under which the structure of points is not important in the proved results are established.

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Let $\mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{R}$ be sets of natural and real numbers, respectively, $\mathbb{C}$ be the complex plane, $\overline{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}\bigcup\{\infty\}$ be its one-point compactification, $\mathbb{U}$ be the open unit disk in $\mathbb{C}$, and $\mathbb{R}^+ = (0, \infty)$. Let $r(B, a)$ be an inner radius of the domain $B \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ relative to a point $a \in B$ [1] – [9]. The inner radius of the domain B is connected to Green's generalized function $g_B(z, a)$ of the domain B by the relations

$$g_B(z, a) = -\ln|z - a| + \ln r(B, a) + o(1), \quad z \to a,$$

$$g_B(z, \infty) = \ln|z| + \ln r(B, \infty) + o(1), \quad z \to \infty.$$

A system of points $A_n := \{a_k \in \mathbb{C}, k = \overline{1, n}\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geqslant 2$, is called n-radial if $|a_k| \in \mathbb{R}^+$ for $k = \overline{1, n}$ and

$$0 = \arg a_1 < \arg a_2 < ... < \arg a_n < 2\pi.$$

Consider the following extremal problem.

The problem. For any value of the parameter $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$, find an estimate of the maximum of the functional

$$J_n(\gamma) = [r(B_0, 0)\, r(B_\infty, \infty)]^\gamma \prod_{k=1}^{n} r(B_k, a_k), \tag{1}$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geqslant 2$, $a_0 = 0$, $A_n = \{a_k\}_{k=1}^n \in \mathbb{C}/\{0,\infty\}$ be any n-radial system of different points, B_0, B_∞, $\{B_k\}_{k=1}^n$ be a system of mutually non-overlapping domains, $0 \in B_0 \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $\infty \in B_\infty \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $a_k \in B_k \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $k = \overline{1,n}$.

The functional $J_n(\gamma)$ was considered, for example, in the papers [1–4], [9], in which the following inequality for $J_n(\gamma)$ was established in particular cases for some values of γ:

$$J_n(\gamma) \leqslant J_n^0(\gamma) := \left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}}}{\left|1 - \frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}+\frac{n}{2}}} \left|\frac{n - 2\sqrt{\gamma}}{n + 2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right|^{2\sqrt{\gamma}}.$$

Equality in this inequality is achieved when 0, ∞, a_k and B_0, B_∞, B_k, $k = \overline{1,n}$, are, respectively, poles and circular domains of the quadratic differential

$$Q(w)dw^2 = -\frac{\gamma w^{2n} + (n^2 - 2\gamma)w^n + \gamma}{w^2(w^n - 1)^2}\, dw^2.$$

The following proposition is true.

Theorem 1. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geqslant 2$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then, for any fixed n-radial system of different points $A_n = \{a_k\}_{k=1}^n \in \mathbb{C}/\{0,\infty\}$ and any mutually non-overlapping domains B_0, B_∞, B_k, $a_0 = 0 \in B_0 \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $\infty \in B_\infty \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $a_k \in B_k \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $k = \overline{1,n}$, the following inequality holds:*

$$J_n(\gamma) \leqslant \frac{(n+1)^{-\gamma\frac{n+1}{n+2}}}{\left(\left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}}}{\left|1-\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}+\frac{n}{2}}} \left|\frac{n-2\sqrt{\gamma}}{n+2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right|^{2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}-1}} \prod_{k=1}^{n} |a_k|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}}. \tag{2}$$

Proof. Let $J_n^0(\gamma)$ be the maximum of the functional $J_n(\gamma)$. In papers [1–4], [9] the authors reviewed the case when $J_n(\gamma) \leqslant J_n^0(\gamma)$. Consider the case $J_n^0(\gamma) = J_n(\gamma)$. Let $d(E)$ be the transfinite diameter of a compact set $E \subset \mathbb{C}$. Then the following relation holds

$$r(B_0, 0) = r\left(B_0^+, \infty\right) = \frac{1}{d\left(\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus B_0^+\right)} \leqslant \frac{1}{d\left(\bigcup\limits_{k=1}^{n+1} \overline{B}_k^+\right)}, \tag{3}$$

where $B^+ = \{z : \frac{1}{z} \in B\}$. Using the well-known Polya theorem [5, p. 28], the inequality

$$\mu E \leqslant \pi d^2(E),$$

where μE denotes the Lebesgue measure of a compact set E, is valid. Whence, we get

$$d(E) \geqslant \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\mu E\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then, from (3) we have

$$r\left(B_0,0\right) \leqslant \frac{1}{d\left(\bigcup\limits_{k=1}^{n+1} \overline{B}_k^+\right)} \leqslant \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \mu\overline{B}_k^+\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}. \qquad (4)$$

From the theorem of minimization of areas [6, p. 34] we obtain:

$$\mu(B) \geqslant \pi r^2\left(B,a\right).$$

Inequality (4) implies directly that

$$r\left(B_0,0\right) \leqslant \left(r^2\left(B_\infty,\infty\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r^2\left(B_k^+,a_k^+\right)\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

From the equality

$$r\left(B_k^+,a_k^+\right) = \frac{r\left(B_k,a_k\right)}{|a_k|^2}$$

we get

$$r\left(B_0,0\right) \leqslant \left[r^2\left(B_\infty,\infty\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{r^2\left(B_k,a_k\right)}{|a_k|^4}\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In a similar way,

$$r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right) \leqslant \left[r^2\left(B_0,0\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} r^2\left(B_k,a_k\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Taking into account the Cauchy inequality,

$$\left(r^2\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)+\sum_{k=1}^{n}\frac{r^2\left(B_k,a_k\right)}{|a_k|^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\geqslant$$

$$\geqslant(n+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left[r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\prod_{k=1}^{n}\frac{r\left(B_k,a_k\right)}{|a_k|^2}\right]^{\frac{1}{n+1}}. \quad (5)$$

Then

$$r\left(B_0,0\right)\leqslant(n+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\left[r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n+1}}\cdot\prod_{k=1}^{n}|a_k|^{\frac{2}{n+1}}.$$

Analogically,

$$r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\leqslant(n+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\left[r\left(B_0,0\right)\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n+1}}.$$

Combining two previous inequalities, we obtain

$$r\left(B_0,0\right)r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\leqslant(n+1)^{-\frac{n+1}{n+2}}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right)\right]^{-\frac{2}{n+2}}\prod_{k=1}^{n}|a_k|^{\frac{2}{n+2}}.$$

From the above arguments it follows that

$$\left[r\left(B_0,0\right)r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\right]^{\gamma}\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right)\leqslant$$

$$\leqslant(n+1)^{-\gamma\frac{n+1}{n+2}}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right)\right]^{1-\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}}\prod_{k=1}^{n}|a_k|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}}. \quad (6)$$

Our assumption yields the relation

$$J_n^0(\gamma)=\left[r\left(B_0,0\right)r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\right]^{\gamma}\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right).$$

Obviously [8],

$$r\left(B_0,0\right)r\left(B_\infty,\infty\right)\leqslant 1.$$

Hence,

$$J_n^0(\gamma)=\prod_{k=1}^{n}r\left(B_k,a_k\right).$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$J_n(\gamma)\leqslant\frac{(n+1)^{-\gamma\frac{n+1}{n+2}}}{\left(J_n^0(\gamma)\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}-1}}\prod_{k=1}^{n}|a_k|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}}.$$

Thus, Theorem 1 is proved. □

Remark 1. *If* $\gamma = \frac{n+2}{2}$ *and* $\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n} |a_k| \leqslant 1$, *then from Theorem 1, the following inequality holds:*

$$[r(B_0,0)\, r(B_\infty,\infty)]^{\frac{n+2}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{n} r(B_k,a_k) \leqslant (n+1)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}.$$

In this case, the structure of points and domains is not important.

From Theorem 1 we have the following statements.

Corollary 1. *Let* $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geqslant 2$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$. *Then, for any system of different points* $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^n$ *of the unit circle* $|z| = 1$ *and any mutually non-overlapping domains* B_0, B_∞, B_k, $a_0 = 0 \in B_0 \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $\infty \in B_\infty \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $a_k \in B_k \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $k = \overline{1,n}$, *the following inequality holds:*

$$J_n(\gamma) \leqslant \frac{(n+1)^{-\gamma\frac{n+1}{n+2}}}{\left(\left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}}}{\left|1-\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}+\frac{n}{2}}} \left|\frac{n-2\sqrt{\gamma}}{n+2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right|^{2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}-1}}.$$

Remark 2. *If* $\gamma = \frac{n+2}{2}$, *then from Corollary 1, the following inequality holds*

$$[r(B_0,0)\, r(B_\infty,\infty)]^{\frac{n+2}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{n} r(B_k,a_k) \leqslant (n+1)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}.$$

Corollary 2. *Let* $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geqslant 2$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$ *and* $B_0 \subset \mathbb{U}$. *Then, for any system of different points* $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^n$ *of the unit circle* $|z| = 1$ *and any mutually non-overlapping domains* B_k, $a_k \in B_k \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, $k = \overline{0,n}$, *and* B_k, $k = \overline{1,n}$, *are mirror-symmetric relative to the unit circle* $|z| = 1$, *the inequality*

$$r^{2\gamma}(B_0,0) \prod_{k=1}^{n} r(B_k,a_k) \leqslant \frac{(n+1)^{-\gamma\frac{n+1}{n+2}}}{\left(\left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}}}{\left|1-\frac{4\gamma}{n^2}\right|^{\frac{2\gamma}{n}+\frac{n}{2}}} \left|\frac{n-2\sqrt{\gamma}}{n+2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right|^{2\sqrt{\gamma}}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{n+2}-1}}$$

holds.

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