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**A Sufficient Condition for Univalence of Functions  
Meromorphic in the Unit Disc**

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1. **Introduction.** The class  $S_p$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ , of functions  $f$  meromorphic and univalent in the unit disk  $D$  with a simple pole at  $p$  and the normalization:  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  has been investigated by many authors, cf. [1]. S. M. Z e m y a n was first to investigate the subclasses  $S_p(a)$  of  $S_p$  consisting of all  $f \in S_p$  with a fixed residue  $\text{res}(f; p) = a$ , cf. [2], [3], [4]. It is easily seen that  $F(\zeta) = \frac{1}{f(1/\zeta)}$  is a function of the familiar class  $\Sigma$  which satisfies  $F(1/p) = 0$ . Hence  $a = -F'(1/p)/p^2$  and this determines the range  $\Omega_p$  of values of  $a = \text{res}(f; p)$ ,  $f \in S_p(a)$ :

$$(1.1) \quad \Omega_p = \{a \in \mathbb{C} : a = -p^2(1-p^2)^t, t \in D\}.$$

Consequently, any  $f \in S_p(a)$  has the form

$$(1.2) \quad f(z) = \frac{a}{z-p} + \frac{a}{p} + \left(1 + \frac{a}{p^2}\right)z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \alpha_k z^k; \quad a \in \Omega_p, z \in D.$$

According to Z e m y a n [3] the following area theorem holds for  $f \in S_p(a)$ :

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{|a|^2}{(1-p^2)^2} \geq \left|1 + \frac{a}{p^2}\right|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|\alpha_k|^2.$$

This implies that

$$(1.4) \quad |a| \geq (1-p^2) \left|1 + \frac{a}{p^2}\right|$$

holds for any  $a \in \Omega_p$ .

On the other hand, a more restrictive condition

$$(1.5) \quad |a| \geq (1+p)^2 \left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} \right|$$

implies that the set of all  $a$  satisfying (1.5) is a proper subset of  $\Omega_p$ . In fact, in Sect. 2 we show that the function

$$(1.6) \quad F(z, p, a) = \frac{a}{z-p} + \frac{a}{p} + \left(1 + \frac{a}{p^2}\right)z$$

with  $a$  satisfying (1.5) is univalent which implies  $a \in \Omega_p$ . As shown in [3], the area of the set of values omitted by  $f \in S_p(a)$  is a maximum for  $F(z, p, a)$ , as soon as (1.5) holds.

Since (1.5) implies the univalence of (1.6), i.e. the univalence of  $f$  whose all coefficients  $\alpha_k$  in the expansion (1.2) vanish, it seems natural to ask whether a suitably modified condition (1.5) involving the coefficients  $\alpha_k$  does imply the univalence of  $f$  as given by (1.2). A positive answer is given in the next section. For the suggestions concerning the problem I am much indebted to Prof. J. Krzyż.

**2. A sufficient condition for the univalence of  $f$ .** We have the following

**Theorem.** Suppose that (1.5) holds for some  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . If, moreover

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|\alpha_k| \leq |a|(1+p)^{-2} - \left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} \right|,$$

then the function

$$(2.2) \quad f(z) = \frac{a}{z-p} + \frac{a}{p} + \left(1 + \frac{a}{p^2}\right)z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \alpha_k z^k, \quad z \in D - \{p\},$$

is univalent. Consequently,  $f \in S_p(a)$  and  $a \in \Omega_p$ .

**Proof.** If  $z_1, z_2 \in D - \{p\}$ , then

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{f(z_2) - f(z_1)}{z_2 - z_1} = \\ & = 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} - \frac{a}{(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \alpha_k (z_1^{k-1} + z_1^{k-2}z_2 + \dots + z_2^{k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.5) that

$$\frac{|a|p^2}{|a+p^2|} \geq (1+p)^2 > |(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)|; \quad z_1, z_2 \in D.$$

Hence

$$\left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} \right| \leq |a|(1+p)^{-2} < \frac{|a|}{|(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)|},$$

and consequently,

$$(2.4) \quad \left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} - \frac{a}{(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)} \right| \geq \frac{|a|}{|(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)|} - \left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} \right| > \\ > |a|(1+p)^{-2} - \left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} \right|.$$

In view of (2.1) and (2.4) we have

$$\left| 1 + \frac{a}{p^2} - \frac{a}{(z_1 - p)(z_2 - p)} \right| > \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|\alpha_k| > \left| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \alpha_k (z_1^{k-1} + z_1^{k-2}z_2 + \dots + z_2^{k-1}) \right|$$

and from this and (2.3) we readily see that  $f(z_2) - f(z_1) \neq 0$  for  $z_2 \neq z_1$ ;  $z_1, z_2 \in D - \{p\}$ . This ends the proof.

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#### STRESZCZENIE

W pracy tej wykazano następujące twierdzenie: jeśli  $0 < p < 1$  oraz dla  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  spełniona jest nierówność (1.5), to funkcja  $f(z)$  określona wzorem (2.2), w którym współczynniki  $\alpha_k$  spełniają nierówność (2.1), jest jednolistna w obszarze  $D \setminus \{p\}$ .

#### SUMMARY

In this paper the following theorem is proved: If  $0 < p < 1$  and for some  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  the inequality (1.5) holds, then  $f(z)$  as defined by (2.2) with coefficients  $\alpha_k$  satisfying (2.1), is univalent in  $D \setminus \{p\}$ .

