

ON THE PROPERTIES OF AN ENTIRE FUNCTION OF TWO COMPLEX VARIABLES (II)

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1. Let

$$(1.1) \quad f(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{m_1, m_2 \geq 0} a_{m_1 m_2} z_1^{m_1} z_2^{m_2}$$

be an entire function of two complex variables z_1 and z_2 , holomorphic for $|z_j| \leq r_j, j=1, 2$. We know

$$M(r_1, r_2) = \max_{|z_j| \leq r_j} |f(z_1, z_2)|, \quad j=1, 2.$$

Following *Bose* and *Sharma* ([1], pp. 214–215), $\mu(r_1, r_2)$ denotes the maximum term in the double series (1.1) for a given value of r_1 and r_2 and $\nu_1(m_2; r_1, r_2)$ or $\nu_1(r_1, r_2), r_2$ fixed, $\nu_2(m_1; r_1, r_2)$ or $\nu_2(r_1, r_2), r_1$ fixed and $\nu(r_1, r_2)$ denote the ranks of the maximum term of the double series (1.1).

In continuation of my paper [2] I have investigated few more results connecting the auxiliary functions $M(r_1, r_2)$ etc.

2. **Theorem 1.** *Let*

$$\lim_{r_1, r_2 \rightarrow \infty} \sup \inf \frac{\log \log M(r_1, r_2)}{\log \log (r_1 r_2)} = T, \quad \lim_{r_1, r_2 \rightarrow \infty} \sup \inf \frac{\log \log \mu(r_1, r_2)}{\log \log (r_1 r_2)} = S$$

and

$$\lim_{r_1, r_2 \rightarrow \infty} \inf \frac{\log \nu(r_1, r_2)}{\log \log (r_1 r_2)} = \delta,$$

then

$$(2.1) \quad t = \sigma;$$

$$(2.2) \quad T = S;$$

$$(2.3) \quad t = 1 + \delta.$$

Proof: (i) We know ([1], p. 217)

$$(2.4) \quad M(r_1, r_2) > \mu(r_1, r_2).$$

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Taking limits, we have

$$t \geq \sigma \geq 1.$$

Now, we prove that $t \leq \sigma$, for this we may suppose $\sigma < \infty$ and let us choose a number α such that $\alpha > \sigma + 1$.

Also, we know ([1] pp. 219-220) that

$$\{\nu_2(0; r_2) + \nu_1(\nu_2; r_1, r_2)\} \log 2 < \log \mu(2r_1, 2r_2)$$

or,

$$\{\nu_1(0; r_1) + \nu_2(\nu_1; r_1, r_2)\} \log 2 < \log \mu(2r_1, 2r_2).$$

Hence

$$(2.5) \quad \liminf_{r_1, r_2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \nu(r_1, r_2)}{\log \log(r_1 r_2)} \leq \liminf_{r_1, r_2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log \mu(r_1, r_2)}{\log \log(r_1 r_2)} < (\alpha - 1).$$

Let us choose β and η such that $(\alpha - 1) < \beta, \frac{(\alpha - 1)}{\beta} < \eta < 1$. Then, we have

$$(2.6) \quad \log \nu(r_1, r_2) < \beta \eta \log \log(r_1 r_2),$$

for a sequence of values of $r_1 = x_{1,n}$ and $r_2 = x_{2,n}$ (say) for $x_{1,n}$ and $x_{2,n}$ tending to infinity. Let $X_{1,n} = \exp \{\log(x_{1,n})^\eta\}$, $X_{2,n} = \exp \{\log(x_{2,n})^\eta\}$ and let $I_{1,n}$ and $I_{2,n}$ denote the intervals $X_{1,n} \leq r_1 \leq x_{1,n}$ and $X_{2,n} \leq r_2 \leq x_{2,n}$, respectively. Then for every r_1 in $I_{1,n}$ and r_2 in $I_{2,n}$, we have

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \log \nu(r_1, r_2) &\leq \log \nu(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}) \\ &< \beta \eta \log \log(x_{1,n} x_{2,n}) \\ &= \beta \log \{\log(x_{1,n} x_{2,n})\}^\eta \\ &\leq \beta \log \log(r_1 r_2). \end{aligned}$$

Next, let us take $Y_{1,n} = 1 + X_{1,n}$ and $Y_{2,n} = 1 + X_{2,n}$. Then, for large n , $Y_{1,n}$ and $Y_{1,2n}$ lie inside $I_{1,n}$ and $Y_{2,n}$ and $Y_{2,2n}$ lie inside $I_{2,n}$. Since, we know ([1], p. 218) that

$$\begin{aligned} M(r_1, r_2) &< \mu(r_1, r_2) \left\{ 3\nu\left(r_1 + \frac{r_1}{\nu_1(r_1, r_2)}, r_2 + \frac{r_2}{\nu_2(r_1, r_2)}\right) + 3 \right\} \\ &< \mu(r_1, r_2) \{3\nu(2r_1, 2r_2) + 3\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(2.8) \quad \log M(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) < \log \mu(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) + \log \nu(2Y_{1,n}, 2Y_{2,n}) + O(1).$$

Also, we know ([1] pp. 216-217)

$$\log \mu(\nu_1; r_1, r_2) = \int_0^{r_1} \nu_1(0; x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_1} + \int_0^{r_2} \nu_2(\nu_1; x_2) \frac{dx_2}{x_2}$$

or

$$\log \mu(\nu_2; r_1, r_2) = \int_0^{r_2} \nu_2(0; x_2) \frac{dx_2}{x_2} + \int_0^{r_1} \nu_1(\nu_2; x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_1}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mu(\nu_1; Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) &< \nu_1(0; Y_{1,n}) \log Y_{1,n} + \nu_2(\nu_1; Y_{2,n}) \log Y_{2,n} \\ &< \{\nu_1(0; Y_{1,n}) + \nu_2(\nu_1; Y_{2,n})\} \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\log \mu(\nu_2; Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) < \{\nu_2(0; Y_{2,n}) + \nu_1(\nu_2; Y_{1,n})\} \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}).$$

So

$$(2.9) \quad \log \mu(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) < 2\nu(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}).$$

Using (2.9) in (2.8), we get

$$(2.10) \quad \log M(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) < 2\nu(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}) \{1 + o(1)\}.$$

Taking logarithm on both the sides and using (2.7), we get

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \log \log M(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) &< \log \nu(Y_{1,n}, Y_{2,n}) + \log \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}) + o(1) \\ &< (\beta + 1) \log \log (Y_{1,n} Y_{2,n}) + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limits, we get

$$t \leq \sigma,$$

which completes the proof of (2.1).

(ii) By an argument similar to above, we can show that $T = S$, and so proof is omitted.

(iii) We first prove that $t \leq 1 + \delta$, we suppose that $\delta < \infty$. Let us choose numbers α, β and η such that $\delta < \alpha < \beta, \alpha/\beta < \eta < 1$.

Then, similar to that as in (i), we have

$$(2.12) \quad \log \log M(r_1, r_2) < (\beta + 1) \log \log (r_1 r_2) + o(1),$$

for a sequence of values of r_1 and r_2 tending to infinity.

Hence taking limits, we get

$$(2.13) \quad t \leq 1 + \delta.$$

Also from (2.5), we get

$$(2.14) \quad 1 + \delta \leq t,$$

since $\sigma = t$, and thus (2.3) follows.

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