

VARIABILITY REGIONS FOR A FAMILY OF UNIVALENT MAPPINGS SATISFYING A CERTAIN INEQUALITY

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**Abstract.** In this article, regions of variability for a family of analytic univalent mappings satisfying a certain differential inequality are explicitly determined. The geometric view of our main result is also shown by using Mathematica.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions  $f$  of the form

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and consider  $\mathcal{A}$  as a topological vector space endowed with the topology of uniform convergence over compact subsets of  $E$ . Also, let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the class of analytic functions  $w$  on  $E$  such that  $|w(z)| < 1$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . A complex valued function  $f$  is said to be convex in  $E$  if it is univalent and if the image domain  $D = f(E)$  is convex. That is  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in D$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ )  $\implies (1-t)\omega_1 + t\omega_2 \in D$ . Similarly, a complex valued function  $f$  is said to be starlike in  $E$  if it is univalent and if the image domain  $D = f(E)$  is starshaped with respect to 0. Let  $C$  and  $S^*$  denote the classes of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  which are convex and starlike, respectively. Now, let  $\gamma$  be a complex number with  $\Re\gamma > -1$  ( $\gamma \neq -1$ ) and  $\mu$  be a non-negative real number and say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is in the class  $R(\gamma, \mu)$  if the following inequality is satisfied

$$(2) \quad |zf''(z) + \gamma(f'(z) - 1)| \leq \mu, \quad z \in E.$$

It is known [1] that  $R(\gamma, \mu) \subsetneq S^*$ , if  $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1+\Re\gamma}{1+|\gamma|+\Re\gamma}$ , and  $R(\gamma, \mu) \subsetneq C$ , if  $0 \leq 2\mu \leq \frac{1+\Re\gamma}{1+|\gamma|+\Re\gamma}$ . In a recent work, Ponnusamy et al. [2] studied the variability regions for a certain family of univalent mappings satisfying (2) with  $\gamma = 0$ . For a related study, see [3].

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In this article, we are interested in determining the variability regions, when  $f$  ranges over a certain family of analytic and univalent mappings satisfying a certain inequality.

## 2. THE CLASS $R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $\Re\gamma > -1$ ,  $0 < \mu \leq |\alpha|(\Re\gamma + 1)$  and  $|\beta| \leq 1$ . Let  $R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  denote the family of functions  $f$  analytic and univalent in  $E$ , with  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = \alpha \neq 0$  and  $f''(0) = \frac{\mu\beta}{\gamma+1}$  satisfying the inequality

$$(3) \quad |zf''(z) + \gamma(f'(z) - \alpha)| \leq \mu, \quad z \in E.$$

For  $\gamma = 0$ , this class was introduced and discussed by Ponnusamy et al. [2]. If  $f \in R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , then it may be written as

$$zf''(z) + \gamma(f'(z) - \alpha) = \mu w(z),$$

for some  $w \in B$ . From this, we have the following integral representation

$$(4) \quad f'(z) = \alpha + \mu \int_0^1 t^{\gamma-1} w(tz) dt.$$

From the Schwarz lemma, we have

$$|f'(z) - \alpha| < \frac{\mu}{\Re\gamma + 1}.$$

This shows that the functions in  $R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  are univalent in  $E$ , if  $\mu \leq |\alpha|(\Re\gamma + 1)$ .

Since  $f \in R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , the function

$$(5) \quad w_f(z) = \frac{z(f''(z) - \mu\beta) + \gamma(f'(z) - \alpha)}{z(\mu - \bar{\beta}f''(z)) - \bar{\beta}\gamma(f'(z) - \alpha)}, \quad z \in E,$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{B}$ . Applying the Schwarz lemma, it can be shown that  $f \in R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  implies a restriction on  $f'''(0)$ . In particular,

$$|f'''(0)| = \frac{2\mu(1 - |\beta|^2)}{\gamma + 2} |w'_f(0)| \leq \frac{2\mu(1 - |\beta|^2)}{|\gamma + 2|}.$$

For  $\lambda \in \bar{E} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$  and  $z_0 \in E$ , set

$$R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left\{ f \in R_\mu(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) : f'''(0) = \frac{2\mu(1 - |\beta|^2)}{(\gamma + 2)} \lambda \right\},$$

$$V(z_0, \lambda) = \{f'(z_0) : f \in R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)\}.$$

The aim of this paper is to investigate explicitly the region of variability  $V(z_0, \lambda)$  for the class  $R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Some general properties of the set  $V(z_0, \lambda)$  are given in the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *We have:*

- (i)  $V(z_0, \lambda)$  is a compact set.

- (ii)  $V(z_0, \lambda)$  is convex.  
 (iii) If  $|\lambda| = 1$  or  $z_0 = 0$ , then

$$V(z_0, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \alpha + \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma+1)} - \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma+1)}(1 - |\beta|^2) {}_2F_1(1, \gamma + 1, \gamma + 2, -\bar{\beta}\lambda z_0), & \beta \neq 0 \\ \alpha + \frac{\mu\lambda}{\gamma+2} z_0^2, & \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

and if  $|\lambda| < 1$  and  $z_0 \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{\lambda\zeta + \beta}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda\zeta} d\zeta$  is an interior point of the set  $V(z_0, \lambda)$ , where  ${}_2F_1(a, b, c; z)$  is the well known Gauss Hypergeometric function.

*Proof.* The proof of (i) and (ii) follow immediately from the compactness and convexity of the class  $R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

Now we prove (iii). Since  $|\lambda| = |w'_f(0)| = 1$ , from the Schwarz lemma, we obtain  $w_f(z) = \lambda z$ , which yields

$$\frac{z f''(z) + \gamma(f'(z) - \alpha)}{\mu} = \frac{[\lambda z + \beta] z}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z}.$$

Integrating the above expression from 0 to  $z_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{\lambda\zeta + \beta}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda\zeta} d\zeta \\ &= \alpha + \frac{\mu}{\beta z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda\zeta}\right) + \frac{\beta}{\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda\bar{\beta}}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda\zeta}\right) \right] d\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

and simple computations yield, for  $\beta \neq 0$ ,

$$f'(z_0) = \alpha + \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma+1)} - \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma+1)}(1 - |\beta|^2) {}_2F_1(1, \gamma + 1, \gamma + 2, -\bar{\beta}\lambda z_0)$$

and, for  $\beta = 0$ ,

$$f'(z_0) = \alpha + \frac{\mu\lambda}{\gamma+2} z_0^2.$$

So, for  $\beta \neq 0$ ,

$$V(z_0, \lambda) = \left\{ \alpha + \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma+1)} (1 - (1 - |\beta|^2) {}_2F_1(1, \gamma + 1, \gamma + 2, -\bar{\beta}\lambda z_0)) \right\}$$

and, for  $\beta = 0$ ,

$$V(z_0, \lambda) = \alpha + \frac{\mu\lambda}{\gamma+2} z_0^2.$$

This is trivially true when  $z_0 = 0$ .

For  $\lambda \in E$  and  $a \in \bar{E}$ , set

$$\delta(z, \lambda) = \frac{z + \lambda}{1 + \bar{\lambda}z},$$

$$H_{a, \lambda}(z) = \alpha z + \int_0^z \left[ \int_0^{\zeta_2} \frac{\mu \zeta_1^\gamma}{\zeta_2^\gamma} \frac{[\delta(a\zeta_1, \lambda)\zeta_1 + \beta]}{1 + \bar{\beta}\delta(a\zeta_1, \lambda)\zeta_1} d\zeta_1 \right] d\zeta_2, \quad z \in E.$$

Then  $H_{a,\lambda} \in R_{\lambda,\mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $w_{H_{a,\lambda}}(z) = z\delta(az, \lambda)$ . For fixed  $\lambda \in E$  and  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ , the function

$$E \ni a \mapsto H'_{a,\lambda}(z_0) = \alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{[\delta(a\zeta, \lambda)\zeta + \beta]}{1 + \overline{\beta}\delta(a\zeta, \lambda)\zeta} d\zeta$$

is a non-constant analytic function of  $a \in E$  and therefore is an open mapping. Hence  $H'_{0,\lambda}(z_0) = \alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{[\lambda\zeta + \beta]}{1 + \overline{\beta}\lambda\zeta} d\zeta$  is an interior point of

$$\{H'_{a,\lambda}(z_0) : a \in E\} \subset V(z_0, \lambda).$$

Keeping in view the above proposition, it is sufficient to find  $V(z_0, \lambda)$  for  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$  and  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ . For this we need the following lemma, stated below.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2 ([5]). For  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $|\lambda| < 1$ , the function

$$G(z) = \int_0^z \frac{e^{i\theta}\zeta^2}{(1 + (e^{i\theta}\overline{\lambda} + \overline{\beta}\lambda)\zeta + e^{i\theta}\overline{\beta}\zeta^2)^2} d\zeta, \quad z \in E,$$

has a zero of order three at the origin and no zero elsewhere in  $E$ . Moreover, there exists a starlike normalized univalent function  $s$  in  $E$  such that  $G(z) = 3^{-1}e^{i\theta}s^3(z)$ .

### 3. SOME USEFUL RESULTS

In this section, we state and prove some results which are needed in the proof of our main theorems.

PROPOSITION 3.1. For  $f \in R_{\lambda,\mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , we have

$$(6) \quad \left| f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - q(z, \lambda) \right| \leq r(z, \lambda), \quad z \in E, \lambda \in \overline{E},$$

where

$$q(z, \lambda) = \frac{\mu(1 - |z|^2) [\beta(1 + |z|^2) + \beta^2\overline{\lambda}\overline{z} + \lambda z]}{1 - |\beta|^2|z|^4 - (1 - |\beta|^2)|\lambda|^2|z|^2 + 2(1 - |z|^2)\Re(\overline{\beta}\lambda z)},$$

$$r(z, \lambda) = \frac{(1 - |\lambda|^2)(1 - |\beta|^2)|z|^2}{1 - |\beta|^2|z|^4 - (1 - |\beta|^2)|\lambda|^2|z|^2 + 2\mu(1 - |z|^2)\Re(\overline{\beta}\lambda z)}.$$

The inequality is sharp for  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$  if and only if  $f(z) = H_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z)$  for some  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Since, for  $w_f \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $w'_f(0) = \lambda$ , from the Schwarz lemma, it follows that

$$(7) \quad \left| \frac{f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - \frac{\mu[\lambda z + \beta]}{1 + \overline{\beta}\lambda z}}{f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - \frac{\mu(z + \overline{\lambda}\beta)}{\overline{\beta}z + \overline{\lambda}}} \right| \leq |z| \left| \frac{\overline{\beta}z + \overline{\lambda}}{1 + \overline{\beta}\lambda z} \right|.$$

From (5) this can be written equivalently as

$$(8) \quad \left| \frac{f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - b(z, \lambda)}{zf''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) + c(z, \lambda)} \right| \leq |z| |\tau(z, \lambda)|,$$

where

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} b(z, \lambda) = \frac{\mu[\lambda z + \beta]}{1 + \beta \lambda z}, & c(z, \lambda) = -\frac{\mu(z + \bar{\lambda}\beta)}{\beta z + \bar{\lambda}}, \\ \tau(z, \lambda) = \frac{\bar{\beta}z + \bar{\lambda}}{1 + \beta \lambda z}. \end{cases}$$

Simple computations show that the inequality (8) can be written as

$$(10) \quad \left| f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - \frac{b(z, \lambda) + |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 c(z, \lambda)}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2} \right| \leq \frac{|z| |\tau(z, \lambda)| |b(z, \lambda) + c(z, \lambda)|}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2}.$$

Now, we have

$$1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 = \frac{1 - |\beta|^2 |z|^4 - (1 - |\beta|^2) |\lambda|^2 |z|^2 + 2(1 - |z|^2) \Re(\bar{\beta}\lambda z)}{|1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z|^2},$$

$$b(z, \lambda) + c(z, \lambda) = \frac{\mu(1 - |\lambda|^2)(1 - |\beta|^2)z}{(1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z)(\bar{\beta}z + \bar{\lambda})},$$

$$\begin{aligned} b(z, \lambda) + |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 c(z, \lambda) &= \frac{\mu[\lambda z + \beta]}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z} - |z|^2 \left| \frac{\bar{\beta}z + \bar{\lambda}}{1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z} \right|^2 \frac{\mu(z + \bar{\lambda}\beta)}{\bar{\beta}z + \bar{\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{\mu(1 - |z|^2) [\beta(1 + |z|^2) + \beta^2 \bar{\lambda} \bar{z} + \lambda z]}{|1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b(z, \lambda) + |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 c(z, \lambda)}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2} &= q(z, \lambda), \\ \frac{|z| |\tau(z, \lambda)| |b(z, \lambda) + c(z, \lambda)|}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2} &= r(z, \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

All these relations together with (10) give (6). Equality in (6) occurs when  $f(z) = F_{i\theta, \lambda}(z)$ , for  $z \in E$ . Conversely, if equality in (6) occurs for some  $z \in E \setminus \{0\}$ , then equality must hold in (7). Thus, by the Schwarz lemma, there exists  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $w_f(z) = z\delta(az, \lambda)$ , for all  $z \in E$ . This implies  $f(z) = F_{i\theta, \lambda}(z)$ .  $\square$

The case  $\lambda = 0$  leads us to the following result.

COROLLARY 3.2. *Let  $f \in R(0)$ . Then*

$$\left| f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - \frac{\mu\beta(1 - |z|^4)}{1 - |\beta|^2|z|^4} \right| \leq \frac{(1 - |\beta|^2)|z|^2}{1 - |\beta|^2|z|^4}.$$

The special case  $\gamma = 0$  in the above corollary gives us the known result [2]. For  $|\beta| = 1$ , the above corollary gives us

$$\left| f''(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - \mu\beta \right| = 0,$$

which further yields

$$f(z) = \alpha z + \mu\beta \frac{z^2}{\gamma + 1}.$$

Geometrically, Proposition 1 means that the functional

$$zf''(z) + \gamma(f'(z) - \alpha)$$

lies in the closed disk centred at  $q(z, \lambda)$  with radius  $r(z, \lambda)$ . From this fact we have the below corollary.

COROLLARY 3.3. *Let  $\gamma : z(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1$  be a  $C^1$ -curve in  $E$  with  $z(0) = 0$  and  $z(1) = z_0$ . Then we have*

$$V(z_0, \lambda) \subset \overline{\mathbb{D}}(Q(\lambda, \gamma), W(\lambda, \gamma)) = \{w \in C : |w - Q(\lambda, \gamma)| \leq W(\lambda, \gamma)\},$$

where

$$Q(\lambda, \gamma) = \alpha + \frac{1}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^1 z^\gamma(t) q(z(t), \lambda) z'(t) dt,$$

$$W(\lambda, \gamma) = \int_0^1 r(z(t), \lambda) \frac{z(t)}{z_0} |z'(t)| dt.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is in  $R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^1 [z^\gamma(t)(f'(z(t)) - \alpha)]' z'(t) dt = f'(z(1)) - \alpha = f'(z_0) - \alpha.$$

Now, from Proposition 2, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z_0) - Q(\lambda, \gamma)| &= \left| f'(z_0) - \alpha - \frac{1}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^1 z^\gamma(t) q(z(t), \lambda) z'(t) dt \right| dt \\ &= \left| \int_0^1 \left[ f''(z(t)) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z(t)) - \alpha}{z(t)} \right) - q(z(t), \lambda) \right] \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma (z'(t))^2 dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 r(z(t), \lambda) \left| \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma z'(t) \right| |z'(t)| dt = W(\lambda, \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

This implies the required result.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$  and  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0) \in \partial V(z_0, \lambda)$ . Moreover, for some  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$  and  $f \in R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ ,*

$$f'(z_0) = H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0) \implies f(z) = H_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z).$$

*Proof.* We have for  $z \in E$

$$\begin{aligned} H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) &= \frac{\mu [\delta(az, \lambda)z + \beta]}{1 + \bar{\beta}\delta(az, \lambda)z} \\ &= \frac{\mu [(az + \lambda)z + \beta(1 + a\bar{\lambda}z)]}{1 + (a\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta}\lambda)z + a\bar{\beta}z^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (9), it follows that

$$H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - b(z, \lambda) = \frac{\mu (1 - |\lambda|^2) (1 - |\beta|^2) az^2}{[1 + (a\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta}\lambda)z + a\bar{\beta}z^2] [1 + \bar{\beta}\lambda z]}$$

$$H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) + c(z, \lambda) = \frac{-\mu (1 - |\lambda|^2) (1 - |\beta|^2) z}{[1 + (a\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta}\lambda)z + a\bar{\beta}z^2] [\bar{\beta}z + \bar{\lambda}]},$$

and hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - q(z, \lambda) &= H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{b(z, \lambda) + |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 c(z, \lambda)}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2} \left[ \begin{aligned} &H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - b(z, \lambda) \\ &- |z|^2 |\tau(z, \lambda)|^2 \left( H''_{a, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{a, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) + c(z, \lambda) \right) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu (1 - |\lambda|^2) (1 - |\beta|^2) z^2}{1 - |\beta|^2 |z|^4 - (1 - |\beta|^2) |\lambda|^2 |z|^2 + 2(1 - |z|^2) \Re(\bar{\beta}\lambda z)} \frac{\overline{J(a, z)}}{J(a, z)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J(a, z) = 1 + (a\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta}\lambda)z + a\bar{\beta}z^2$$

Putting  $a = e^{i\theta}$ , we obtain

$$H''_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - q(z, \lambda) = r(z, \lambda) \frac{|J(e^{i\theta}, z)|^2}{|z|^2} \frac{e^{i\theta} z^2}{(J(e^{i\theta}, z))^2}.$$

From this we note that

$$(11) \quad H''_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - q(z, \lambda) = r(z, \lambda) \frac{G'(z)}{|G'(z)|}.$$

Since the function  $s$  is starlike in  $E$ , for any  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ , the linear segment joining 0 and  $s(z_0)$  lies entirely in  $s(E)$ . Let  $\Gamma_0$  be the curve defined by

$$\Gamma_0 : z(t) = s^{-1}(ts(z_0)), \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

This relation, together with (11), leads to

$$(12) \quad G'(z(t))z'(t) = 3t^2G(z_0), \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

This relation, together with (11), leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z_0) - Q(\lambda, \gamma_0) \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( H''_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z) - \alpha}{z} \right) - q(z(t), \lambda) \right) \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma (z'(t))^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^1 r(z(t), \lambda) \frac{G'(z(t))z'(t)}{|G'(z(t))z'(t)|} \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma z'(t)|z'(t)| dt \\ &= \frac{z_0}{\gamma + 1} \frac{G(z_0)}{|G(z_0)|} \int_0^1 r(z(t), \lambda) |z'(t)| dt \\ &= \frac{G(z_0)}{|G(z_0)|} W(\lambda, \gamma_0). \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$(13) \quad H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z_0) - Q(\lambda, \gamma_0) = \frac{G(z_0)}{|G(z_0)|} W(\lambda, \gamma_0).$$

This implies that  $H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z_0) \in \partial\overline{\mathbb{D}}(Q(\lambda, \gamma_0), W(\lambda, \gamma_0))$ . Hence, from Corollary 1, we have  $H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z_0) \in \partial V(\lambda, z_0)$ .

Now, we prove the uniqueness part. Suppose that  $f'(z_0) = H'_{e^{i\theta},\lambda}(z_0)$  for some  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$  and  $f \in R_{\lambda,\mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Let

$$g(t) = \frac{\overline{G(z_0)}}{|G(z_0)|} \left( f''(z(t)) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z(t)) - \alpha}{z(t)} \right) - q(z(t), \lambda) \right) \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma (z'(t))^2,$$

where  $\gamma_0(t) = z(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then the function  $g$  is continuous and satisfies  $|g(t)| \leq r(z(t), \lambda)|z'(t)|$ . Further, from (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \Re g(t) dt &= \int_0^1 \Re \left[ \frac{\overline{G(z_0)}}{|G(z_0)|} \left( f''(z(t)) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z(t)) - \alpha}{z(t)} \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - q(z(t), \lambda) \right) \left( \frac{z(t)}{z_0} \right)^\gamma (z'(t))^2 \right] dt \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Re \left[ \frac{\overline{G(z_0)}}{|G(z_0)|} (f'(z_0) - Q(z(t), \gamma_0)) \right] \\
&= \Re \left[ \frac{\overline{G(z_0)}}{|G(z_0)|} (H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0) - Q(z(t), \gamma_0)) \right] \\
&= \int_0^1 \Re r(z(t), \lambda) |z'(t)| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g(t) = r(z(t), \lambda) |z'(t)|$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . From (11) and (12), this implies that  $f''(z(t)) + \gamma \left( \frac{f'(z)-\alpha}{z} \right) = H''_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z) + \gamma \left( \frac{H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z)-\alpha}{z} \right)$  on  $\gamma_0$ . The identity theorem for analytic functions yields us  $f(z) = H_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z)$ ,  $z \in E$ .  $\square$

#### 4. MAIN THEOREM

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $|\lambda| < 1$ ,  $z_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ . Then boundary  $\partial V(\lambda, z_0)$  is the Jordan curve given by*

$$\begin{aligned}
(-\pi, \pi] \ni \theta \mapsto H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0) &= \alpha + \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma + 1)} \\
&+ \frac{\mu}{\beta e^{i\theta} z_0^\gamma} \log \frac{\left(1 - \frac{z_0}{\zeta_2}\right) \frac{\zeta_2^\gamma (|\beta|^2 - 1) (\bar{\lambda} e^{i\theta} \zeta_2 + 1)}{\beta(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)}}{\left(1 - \frac{z_0}{\zeta_1}\right) \frac{\zeta_1^\gamma (|\beta|^2 - 1^2) (\bar{\lambda} e^{i\theta} \zeta_1 + 1)}{\beta(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)}},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2$  are the zeros of the equation

$$1 + (e^{i\theta} \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta} \lambda) x + \bar{\beta} e^{i\theta} x^2 = 0.$$

If  $f'(z_0) = H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0)$  for some  $f$  in  $R_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ , then  $f(z_0) = F_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0)$ .

*Proof.* We will show that the curve  $(-\pi, \pi] \ni \theta \rightarrow F'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0)$  is simple. Let us assume that  $H'_{e^{i\theta_1}, \lambda}(z_0) = H'_{e^{i\theta_2}, \lambda}(z_0)$  for some  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in (-\pi, \pi]$  with  $\theta_1 \neq \theta_2$ . Then the use of Proposition 3 yield us that  $H_{e^{i\theta_1}, \lambda}(z_0) = H_{e^{i\theta_2}, \lambda}(z_0)$ , which further gives the following relation

$$\tau \left( \frac{w_{H'_{e^{i\theta_1}, \lambda}}(z)}{z}, \lambda \right) = \tau \left( \frac{w_{H'_{e^{i\theta_2}, \lambda}}(z)}{z}, \lambda \right).$$

This implies that

$$\frac{(\bar{\lambda}^2 + \bar{\beta}) e^{i\theta_1} z + \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta} \lambda}{(\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta} \lambda) e^{i\theta_1} z + 1 + \bar{\beta} \lambda^2} = \frac{(\bar{\lambda}^2 + \bar{\beta}) e^{i\theta_2} z + \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta} \lambda}{(\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta} \lambda) e^{i\theta_2} z + 1 + \bar{\beta} \lambda^2}.$$

After some simplifications, we obtain  $ze^{i\theta_1} = ze^{i\theta_2}$ , which leads us to a contradiction. Therefore the curve is simple.

As  $V(\lambda, z_0)$  is a compact convex subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and has non-empty interior, the boundary  $\partial V(\lambda, z_0)$  is a simple closed curve. From Proposition 3, the curve  $\partial V(\lambda, z_0)$  contains the curve  $(-\pi, \pi] \ni \theta \mapsto H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0)$ . Since a simple closed curve cannot contain any simple closed curve other than itself,  $\partial V(\lambda, z_0)$  is given by  $(-\pi, \pi] \ni \theta \mapsto H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0)$ .

Now, we calculate

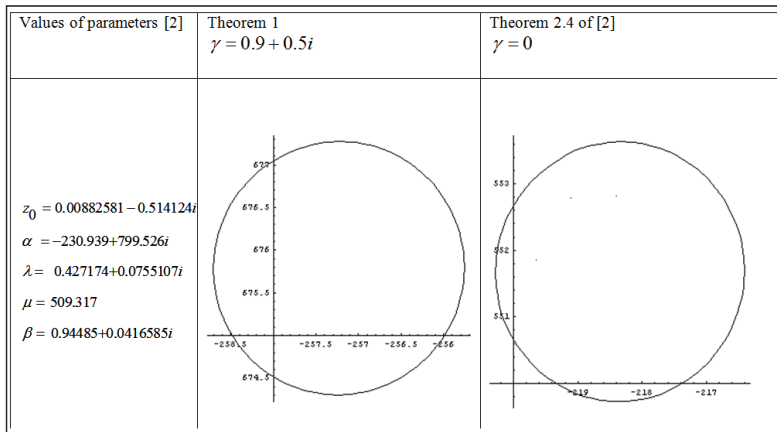
$$\begin{aligned} H'_{e^{i\theta}, \lambda}(z_0) &= \alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{[\delta(e^{i\theta}\zeta, \lambda)\zeta + \beta]}{1 + \bar{\beta}\delta(e^{i\theta}\zeta, \lambda)\zeta} d\zeta \\ &= \alpha + \frac{\mu}{z_0^\gamma} \int_0^{z_0} \zeta^\gamma \frac{[e^{i\theta}\zeta^2 + [\lambda + \beta\bar{\lambda}e^{i\theta}]\zeta + \beta]}{1 + (e^{i\theta}\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\beta}\lambda)\zeta + \bar{\beta}e^{i\theta}\zeta^2} d\zeta \\ &= \alpha + \frac{\mu z_0}{\beta(\gamma + 1)} + \frac{\mu}{\beta e^{i\theta} z_0^\gamma} \log \frac{\left(1 - \frac{z_0}{\zeta_2}\right)^{\frac{\zeta_2^\gamma (|\beta|^2 - 1)(\bar{\lambda}e^{i\theta}\zeta_2 + 1)}{\bar{\beta}(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)}}}{\left(1 - \frac{z_0}{\zeta_1}\right)^{\frac{\zeta_1^\gamma (|\beta|^2 - 1)(\bar{\lambda}e^{i\theta}\zeta_1 + 1)}{\bar{\beta}(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

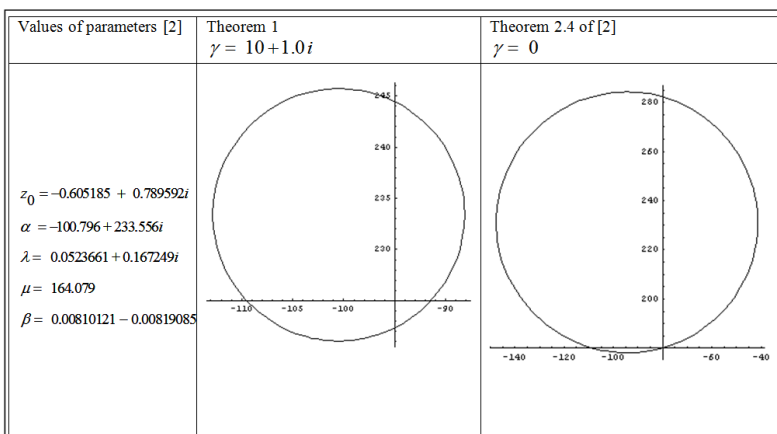
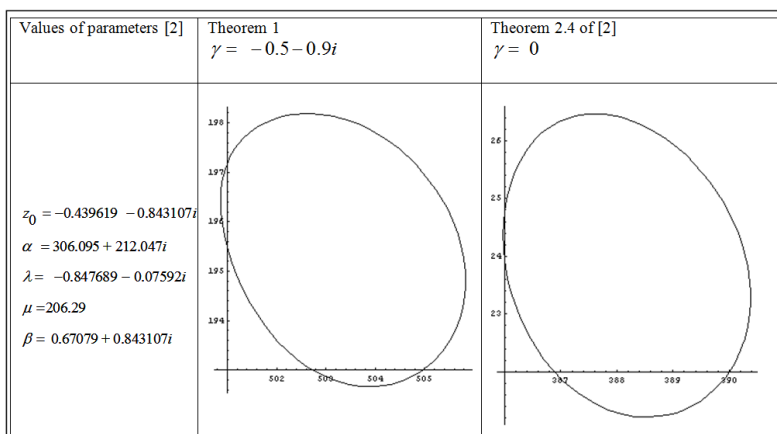
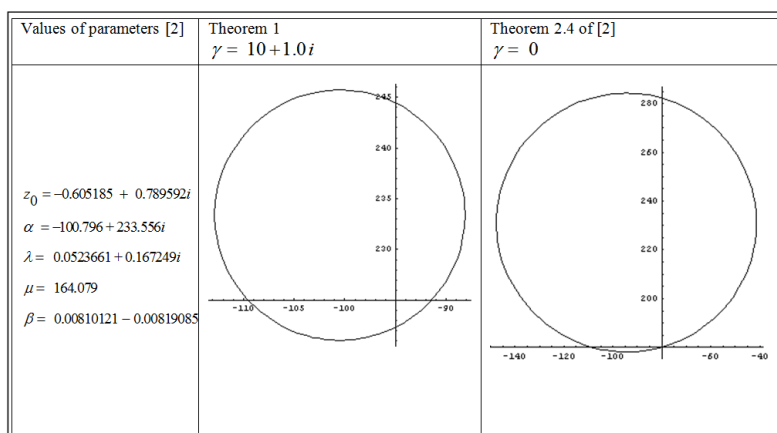
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For  $\gamma = 0$ , we obtain the variability regions shown by Ponnusamy et al. [2].

### 5. GEOMETRIC VIEW OF THEOREM 1

In the below figures, the geometric view of Theorem 1 is given by assigning different values to the involved parameters. All the values except those of  $\gamma$  are taken from the article [2], for comparison purposes. It can also be seen that, when  $\gamma = 0$ , we obtain the geometric view of [2, Theorem 2.4].





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