

## A SHARP SCHWARZ LEMMA AT THE BOUNDARY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, a boundary version of Schwarz lemma is investigated. For the function holomorphic  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$  defined in the unit disc satisfying  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$ , where  $0 < a < 2$ , we estimate a module of angular derivative at the boundary point  $b$ ,  $f(b) = 2$ , by taking into account their first nonzero two Maclaurin coefficients. The sharpness of these estimates is also proved.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, a boundary version of Schwarz lemma was investigated in D. M. Burns and S. G. Krantz [8], R. Osserman [11], V. N. Dubinin [3, 4], M. Jeong [6, 7], H. P. Boas [1], X. Tang, T. Liu and J. Lu [10], D. Chelst [2], X. Tang and T. Liu [9] and other's studies.

The classical Schwarz lemma states that an holomorphic function  $f$  mapping the unit disc  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  into itself, with  $f(0) = 0$ , satisfies the inequality  $|f(z)| \leq |z|$  for any point  $z \in D$  and  $|f'(0)| \leq 1$ . Equality in these inequalities (in the first one, for  $z \neq 0$ ) occurs only if  $f(z) = \lambda z$ ,  $|\lambda| = 1$  [5, p.329].

Let  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ ,  $c_p \neq 0$ , be a holomorphic function in the unit disc  $D$ , and  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ , where  $0 < a < 2$ . Consider the functions

$$h(z) = f(z) - 1$$

and

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

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Then  $h(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  are holomorphic functions on  $D$  with  $|h(z)| < 1$  and  $|\varphi(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$  and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Therefore, from the Schwarz lemma, we obtain

$$(1.1) \quad |f(z)| \leq \frac{a(1 + |z|^p)}{1 - |1 - a||z|^p}$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad |c_p| \leq a(2 - a).$$

The equality in (1.1) for some nonzero  $z \in D$  or in (1.2) holds if and only if

$$f(z) = \frac{a(1 + z^p e^{i\theta})}{1 + (a - 1)z^p e^{i\theta}},$$

where  $\theta$  is a real number (see [6]).

It is an elementary consequence of Schwarz lemma that if  $f$  extends continuously to some boundary point  $b$  with  $|b| = 1$ , and if  $|f(b)| = 1$  and  $f'(b)$  exists, then  $|f'(b)| \geq 1$ , which is known as the Schwarz lemma on the boundary.

R. Osserman [11] considered the case that only one boundary fixed point of  $f$  is given and obtained a sharp estimate based on the values of the function. He has first showed that

$$(1.3) \quad |f'(b)| \geq \frac{2}{1 + |f'(0)|}$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad |f'(b)| \geq 1,$$

under the assumption  $f(0) = 0$  where  $f$  is a holomorphic function mapping the unit disc into itself and  $b$  is a boundary point to which  $f$  extends continuously and  $|f(b)| = 1$ . In addition, the equality in (1.3) holds if and only if  $f$  is of the form

$$f(z) = ze^{i\theta} \frac{z - \alpha}{1 - \bar{\alpha}z},$$

where  $\theta$  is a real number and  $\alpha \in D$  satisfies  $\arg \alpha = \arg b$ . Also, the equality in (1.4) holds if and only if  $f(z) = ze^{i\theta}$ , where  $\theta$  is a real number.

If, in addition, the function  $f$  has an angular limit  $f(b)$  at  $b \in \partial D$ ,  $|f(b)| = 1$ , then by the Julia-Wolff lemma the angular derivative  $f'(b)$  exists and  $1 \leq |f'(b)| \leq \infty$  (see [14]).

Inequality (1.4) and its generalizations have important applications in geometric theory of functions (see, e.g., [5], [14]). Therefore, the interest to such type results is

not vanished recently (see, e.g., [1], [3], [4], [6], [7], [9], [10], [11], [13] and references therein).

Vladimir N. Dubinin [2] has continued this line of research and has made a refinement on the boundary Schwarz lemma under the assumption that  $f(z) = c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ , with a zero set  $\{a_k\}$ .

X. Tang, T. Liu and J. Lu [10] established a new type of the classical boundary Schwarz 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.

Also, M. Jeong [6] showed some inequalities at a boundary point for different form of holomorphic functions and found the condition for equality.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we can obtain more general results on the angular derivatives of holomorphic function on the unit disc at boundary by taking into account  $c_p, c_{p+1}$  and zeros of  $f(z) - a$  if we know the first and the second coefficient in the expansion of the function  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ . We obtain a sharp lower bound of  $|f'(b)|$  at the point  $b$ , where  $|b| = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots, c_p \neq 0$  be a holomorphic function in the unit disc  $D$ , and  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ , where  $0 < a < 2$ . Assume that, for some  $b \in \partial D$ ,  $f$  has an angular limit  $f(b)$  at  $b$ ,  $f(b) = 2$ . Then*

$$(1.5) \quad |f'(b)| \geq \frac{2-a}{a} \left( p + \frac{2(a(2-a) - |c_p|^2)}{a^2(2-a)^2 - |c_p|^2 + a(2-a)|c_{p+1}|} \right).$$

Moreover, the equality in (1.5) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{a(1+z^p)}{1+(a-1)z^p}.$$

*Proof.* Consider the functions

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{h(z) - h(0)}{1 - \overline{h(0)}h(z)}, \quad B(z) = z^p.$$

$\varphi(z)$  and  $B(z)$  are holomorphic functions in  $D$ , and  $|\varphi(z)| < 1, |B(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ . By the maximum principle for each  $z \in D$ , we have

$$|\varphi(z)| \leq |B(z)|.$$

Therefore,

$$p(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{B(z)}$$

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

$$(1.6) \quad |p(0)| = \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \leq 1$$

and

$$|p'(0)| = \frac{|c_{p+1}|}{a(2-a)}.$$

Moreover, it can be seen that for  $b \in \partial D$

$$\frac{b\varphi'(b)}{\varphi(b)} = |\varphi'(b)| \geq |B'(b)| = \frac{bB'(b)}{B(b)}.$$

The function

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

is holomorphic in the unit disc  $D$ ,  $|\phi(z)| < 1$ ,  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $|\phi(b)| = 1$  for  $b \in \partial D$ .

From (1.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{1 + |\phi'(0)|} &\leq |\phi'(b)| = \frac{1 - |p(0)|^2}{|1 - \overline{p(0)}p(b)|^2} |p'(b)| \\ &\leq \frac{1 + |p(0)|}{1 - |p(0)|} \left| \frac{\varphi'(b)}{B(b)} - \frac{\varphi(b)B'(b)}{B^2(b)} \right| \\ &= \frac{1 + |p(0)|}{1 - |p(0)|} \left| \frac{\varphi(b)}{bB(b)} \right| \left| \frac{b\varphi'(b)}{\varphi(b)} - \frac{bB'(b)}{B(b)} \right| \\ &= \frac{1 + |p(0)|}{1 - |p(0)|} \{ |\varphi'(b)| - |B'(b)| \} \end{aligned}$$

and since

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

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(0) &= \frac{1 - |p(0)|^2}{(1 - |p(0)|^2)^2} p'(0) \\ &= \frac{p'(0)}{1 - |p(0)|^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\phi'(0)| = \frac{|p'(0)|}{1 - |p(0)|^2} = \frac{\frac{|c_{p+1}|}{a(2-a)}}{1 - \left(\frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)}\right)^2} = \frac{a(2-a)|c_{p+1}|}{a^2(2-a)^2 - |c_p|^2},$$

we obtain

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

Since  $h(0) = f(0) - 1 = a - 1$  and  $h(b) = 1$  for  $b \in \partial D$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 \left( a^2(2-a)^2 - |c_p|^2 \right)}{a^2(2-a)^2 - |c_p|^2 + a(2-a)|c_{p+1}|} &\leq \frac{a(2-a) + |c_p|}{a(2-a) - |c_p|} \left\{ \frac{1 - (a-1)^2}{|1 - (a-1)|^2} |f'(b)| - p \right\} \\ &= \frac{a(2-a) + |c_p|}{a(2-a) - |c_p|} \left\{ \frac{a(2-a)}{(2-a)^2} |f'(b)| - p \right\} \\ &= \frac{a(2-a) + |c_p|}{a(2-a) - |c_p|} \left\{ \frac{a}{(2-a)} |f'(b)| - p \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So, we take the inequality (1.5).

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.5) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = \frac{a(1+z^p)}{1+(a-1)z^p}.$$

Then

$$f'(z) = \frac{apz^{p-1}(1+(a-1)z^p) - pz^{p-1}(a-1)a(1+z^p)}{(1+(a-1)z^p)^2}$$

and

$$f'(1) = \frac{a^2p - 2ap(a-1)}{a^2} = p \frac{2-a}{a}.$$

Also,

$$f(z) = \frac{a(1+z^p)}{1+(a-1)z^p} = a + \frac{a(2-a)z^p}{1+(a-1)z^p},$$

$$\frac{f(z) - a}{z^p} = \frac{a(2-a)}{1+(a-1)z^p},$$

$$\frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z^p} = \frac{a(2-a)}{1+(a-1)z^p}$$

and

$$|c_p| = a(2-a).$$

Since  $|c_p| = a(2-a)$ , (1.5) is satisfied with equality. □

If  $f(z) - a$  have no zeros different from  $z = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, the inequality (1.5) can be further strengthened. This is given by the following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ ,  $c_p > 0$  be a holomorphic function in the unit disc  $D$ ,  $f(z) - a$  has no zeros in  $D$  except  $z = 0$  and  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ , where  $0 < a < 2$ . Assume that, for some  $b \in \partial D$ ,  $f$  has an angular limit  $f(b)$  at  $b$ ,  $f(b) = 2$ . Then

$$(1.7) \quad |f'(b)| \geq \frac{2-a}{a} \left( p - \frac{2|c_p| \ln^2 \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right)}{2|c_p| \ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right) + |c_{p+1}|} \right)$$

and

$$(1.8) \quad |c_{p+1}| \leq 2 \left| c_p \ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right) \right|.$$

In addition, the equality in (1.7) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{a(1+z^p)}{1+(a-1)z^p}$$

and the equality in (1.8) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = a \frac{1 + z^p e^{\frac{1+z}{1-z} \ln \left( \frac{c_p}{a(2-a)} \right)}}{1 + (a-1) z^p e^{\frac{1+z}{1-z} \ln \left( \frac{c_p}{a(2-a)} \right)}},$$

where  $0 < c_p < 1$  and  $\ln \left( \frac{c_p}{a(2-a)} \right) < 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $c_p > 0$ . Let  $\varphi(z)$  and  $p(z)$  be as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Having inequality (1.6) in mind, we denote by  $\ln p(z)$  the holomorphic branch of the logarithm normed by the condition

$$\ln p(0) = \ln \left( \frac{c_p}{a(2-a)} \right) < 0.$$

The composite function

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

is holomorphic in the unit disc  $D$ ,  $|\Phi(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $|\Phi(b)| = 1$  for  $b \in \partial D$ . From (1.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{1 + |\Phi'(0)|} &\leq |\Phi'(b)| = \frac{|2 \ln p(0)|}{|\ln p(b) + \ln p(0)|^2} \left| \frac{p'(b)}{p(b)} \right| \\ &= \frac{|2 \ln p(0)|}{|\ln p(b) + \ln p(0)|^2} |p'(b)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{|2 \ln p(0)|}{|\ln p(b) + \ln p(0)|^2} \left| \frac{\varphi'(b)}{B(b)} - \frac{\varphi(b)B'(b)}{B^2(b)} \right| \\
 &= \frac{-2 \ln p(0)}{\ln^2 p(0) + \arg^2 p(b)} \{ |\varphi'(b)| - |B'(b)| \}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{2}{1 + |\Phi'(0)|} \leq \frac{-2 \ln p(0)}{\ln^2 p(0) + \arg^2 p(b)} \{ |\varphi'(b)| - |B'(b)| \}.$$

It can be seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi'(z) &= \frac{2 \ln p(0)}{(\ln p(z) + \ln p(0))^2} \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)}, \\
 \Phi'(0) &= \frac{2 \ln p(0)}{(2 \ln p(0))^2} \frac{p'(0)}{p(0)},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\Phi'(0)| = \frac{1}{|2 \ln p(0)|} \left| \frac{p'(0)}{p(0)} \right| = \frac{1}{-2 \ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right)} \frac{|c_{p+1}|}{|c_p|}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2}{1 - \frac{1}{2 \ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right)} \frac{|c_{p+1}|}{|c_p|}} &\leq \frac{-2}{\ln p(0)} \left( \frac{a}{(2-a)} |f'(b)| - p \right) \\
 &= \frac{-2}{\ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right)} \left( \frac{a}{(2-a)} |f'(b)| - p \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

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

and we obtain (1.7) with an obvious equality case. Similarly, function  $\Phi(z)$  satisfies the assumptions of the Schwarz lemma, we obtain

$$1 \geq |\Phi'(0)| = \frac{|2 \ln p(0)|}{|\ln p(0) + \ln p(0)|^2} \left| \frac{p'(0)}{p(0)} \right|$$

and

$$1 \geq \frac{-1}{2 \ln \left( \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)} \right)} \frac{|c_{p+1}|}{|c_p|}.$$

Therefore, we have the inequality (1.8).

Now, we shall show that the inequality (1.8) is sharp. Let

$$f(z) = a + z^p g(z),$$

where

$$g(z) = a(2-a) \frac{e^{\frac{1+z}{1-z} \ln\left(\frac{c_p}{a(2-a)}\right)}}{1 + (a-1)z^p e^{\frac{1+z}{1-z} \ln\left(\frac{c_p}{a(2-a)}\right)}}.$$

Then

$$g'(0) = c_{p+1}.$$

Under the simple calculations, we take

$$c_{p+1} = 2c_p \ln\left(\frac{c_p}{a(2-a)}\right).$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$c_{p+1} = 2 \left| c_p \ln\left(\frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a)}\right) \right|.$$

□

If  $f(z) - a$  have zeros different from  $z = 0$ , taking into account these zeros, the inequality (1.5) can be strengthened in another way. This is given by the following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f(z) = a + c_p z^p + c_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ ,  $c_p \neq 0$  be a holomorphic function in the unit disc  $D$ , and  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ , where  $0 < a < 2$ . Assume that, for some  $b \in \partial D$ ,  $f$  has an angular limit  $f(b)$  at  $b$ ,  $f(b) = 2$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be zeros of the function  $f(z) - a$  in  $D$  that are different from zero. Then we have the inequality*

$$(1.9) \quad |f'(b)| \geq \frac{2-a}{a} \left( p + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1-|a_k|^2}{|b-a_k|^2} + \frac{2 \left( a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k| - |c_p| \right)^2}{\left( a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k| \right)^2 - |c_p|^2 + a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k| |c_{p+1}|} \right).$$

In addition, the equality in (1.9) occurs for the function

$$f(z) = a \frac{1 + z^p \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a_k}{1-\bar{a}_k z}}{1 + (a-1)z^p \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{z-a_k}{1-\bar{a}_k z}},$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are positive real numbers.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi(z)$  be as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be zeros of the function  $f(z) - a$  in  $D$  that are different from zero.

$$B_0(z) = z^p \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{z - a_k}{1 - \overline{a_k}z}$$

is a holomorphic function in  $D$  and  $|B_0(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ . By the maximum principle for each  $z \in D$ , we have

$$|\varphi(z)| \leq |B_0(z)|.$$

The function

$$k(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{B_0(z)}$$

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

$$|k(0)| = \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|} \leq 1$$

and

$$|k'(0)| = \frac{|c_{p+1}|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}.$$

Moreover, it can be seen that

$$\frac{b\varphi'(b)}{\varphi(b)} = |\varphi'(b)| \geq |B'_0(b)| = \frac{bB'_0(b)}{B_0(b)}.$$

Besides, with the simple calculations, we take

$$|B'_0(b)| = \frac{bB'_0(b)}{B_0(b)} = p + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |a_k|^2}{|b - a_k|^2}.$$

The auxiliary function

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

is holomorphic in the unit disc  $D$ ,  $|\Upsilon(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ ,  $\Upsilon(0) = 0$  and  $|\Upsilon(b)| = 1$  for  $b \in \partial D$ . From (1.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{1 + |\Upsilon'(0)|} &\leq |\Upsilon'(b)| = \frac{1 - |k(0)|^2}{|1 - \overline{k(0)}k(b)|^2} |k'(b)| \leq \frac{1 + |k(0)|}{1 - |k(0)|} (|\varphi'(b)| - |B'_0(b)|) \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}}{1 - \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}} \left( \frac{2-a}{a} |f'(b)| - \left( p + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |a_k|^2}{|b - a_k|^2} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since

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

and

$$|\Upsilon'(0)| = \frac{|k'(0)|}{1 - |k(0)|^2} = \frac{\frac{|c_{p+1}|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}}{1 - \left(\frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}\right)^2} = \frac{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k| |c_{p+1}|}{\left(a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|\right)^2 - |c_p|^2}$$

we take

$$\frac{2}{1 + \frac{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k| |c_{p+1}|}{\left(a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|\right)^2 - |c_p|^2}} \leq \frac{1 + \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}}{1 - \frac{|c_p|}{a(2-a) \prod_{k=1}^n |a_k|}} \left( \frac{2-a}{a} |f'(b)| - \left( p + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |a_k|^2}{|b - a_k|^2} \right) \right).$$

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

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