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On Some Properties of an Integral Function f(z) * g(z). (**)

1. - Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

and

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$$

be two integral functions. Then

(1.3)
$$f(z) * g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n$$

will be an integral function. For

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\inf|a_n|^{-1/n}=+\infty, \qquad \lim_{n\to\infty}\inf|b_n|^{-1/n}=+\infty,$$

therefore

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty} |a_n b_n|^{-1/n} = +\infty.$$

Let $f^{(s)}(z)$ be the s-th derivative of f(z):

(1.4)
$$f^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n(n-1) \dots (n-s+1) a_n z^{n-s}.$$

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Similarly,

(1.5)
$$g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n(n-1) \dots (n-s+1) b_n z^{n-s}.$$

Further, let

$$M(r, s) = \max_{|z|=r} |f^{(s)}(z) *g^{(s)}(z)|$$

$$M^*(r, s) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z) *g(z)|^{(s)}|$$
 $(s = 0, 1, 2, ...),$

where $(f(z)*g(z))^{(s)}$ is the s-th derivative of f(z)*g(z), i. e. of the series (1.3). Let $\mu(r, s)$ be the maximum term of $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$ for |z| = r and $\nu(r, s)$ the rank of this term.

In this paper we have studied some of the growth properties of $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$.

2. - We first prove in this section the following

Lemma 1. If f(z)*g(z) be an integral function of finite order ϱ , then $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$ is an integral function of finite order ϱ .

Proof. It is known ([1], p. 9) that a function $F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ will be an integral function of finite order ρ , if and only if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \frac{\log (1/|c_n|)}{n \log n} = \frac{1}{\varrho}.$$
Now, for
$$f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n^2 (n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 |a_n| b_n |z^{n-s},$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \frac{\log \{ 1/(n^2 (n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 |a_n| b_n |) \}}{n \log n} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \frac{\log (1/|a_n| b_n|)}{n \log n} = \frac{1}{\varrho}.$$

Hence the lemma.

Theorem 1. If f(z) and g(z) be two integral functions of finite orders ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 respectively, then $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$ is an integral function of finite order ϱ

such that

$$(2.1) \frac{1}{\varrho} \geqslant \frac{1}{\varrho_1} + \frac{1}{\varrho_2}.$$

Proof. Since $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ are integral functions of finite orders ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 respectively and $f(z) * g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n$, therefore we have ([2], p. 421) the (2.1).

Further, we have proved in Lemma 1 that $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ is an integral function of the same order as f(z) * g(z). Hence the theorem.

3. - In this section we are going to prove another lemma which will be used in the proof of the next theorem.

Lemma 2. If f(z)*g(z) be an integral function of finite order ϱ and type $T(0 < T < \infty)$, then $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$ will be an integral function of order ϱ and type T.

Proof. In Lemma 1 we have proved that $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ is an integral function and of order ϱ .

It is known ([1], p. 11) that an integral function $F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ of finite order ϱ will be of type T (0 < T < ∞) if and only if

$$\limsup_{n o \infty} \left\{ rac{1}{e \; arrho} \; n \; | \; c_n \; |^{arrho/n}
ight\} = T.$$

Now, for

$$f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n^2(n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 a_n b_n z^{n-s},$$

$$\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{e \, \varrho} \, n \, \big| \, n^2 (n-1)^2 \ldots (n-s+1)^2 \, a_n \, b_n \, \big|^{\varrho/n} \right\} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{e} n \mid a_n b_n \mid^{\varrho/n} \right\} = T.$$

Theorem 2. If $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ be two integral functions of finite orders ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 and finite types T_1 and T_2 respectively, then $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ will be an integral function of finite order ϱ and finite type T, such that:

(i)
$$(eT\varrho)^{1/\varrho} \geqslant (eT_1 \varrho_1)^{1/\varrho_1} (eT_2 \varrho_2)^{1/\varrho_2}$$
;

(ii) if f(z) and g(z) are of regular growth and $|a_n/a_{n+1}|$, $|b_n/b_{n+1}|$ be non decreasing functions of n for $n > n_0$, then

$$(T\varrho)^{1/\varrho} = (T_1 \ \varrho_1)^{1/\varrho_1} \ (T_2 \ \varrho_2)^{1/\varrho_2} \, .$$

Proof. (i) Consider

$$\begin{split} n^{1/\varrho} \left[n^2 (n-1)^2 \ldots (n-s+1)^2 \, \big| \, a_n \, b_n \, \big| \right]^{1/n} \geqslant \\ \geqslant n^{1/\varrho_1 + 1/\varrho_2} \left[n^2 (n-1)^2 \ldots (n-s+1)^2 \, \big| \, a_n \, b_n \, \big| \right]^{1/n} = \\ = n^{1/\varrho_1} \left[n(n-1) \ldots (n-s+1) \, \big| \, a_n \, \big| \right]^{1/n} \cdot \\ & \cdot n^{1/\varrho_2} \left[n(n-1) \ldots (n-s+1) \, \big| \, b_n \, \big| \right]^{1/n} \, . \end{split}$$

Taking limits of both sides and using Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we have

$$(eT\varrho)^{1/\varrho} \geqslant (eT_1\;\varrho_1)^{1/\varrho_1}\;\;(eT_2\;\varrho_2)^{1/\varrho_2}\,.$$

(ii) If f(z) and g(z) are integral functions of regular growth and $|a_n/a_{n+1}|$, $|b_n/b_{n+1}|$ be a non-decreasing functions of n for $n > n_0$, then ([3], p. 26)

$$\frac{1}{\varrho} = \frac{1}{\varrho_1} + \frac{1}{\varrho_2}.$$

Consider

$$\begin{split} & n^{1/\varrho} \left[n^2 (n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 \mid a_n \, b_n \, | \, \right]^{1/n} = \\ & = & n^{1/\varrho_1 + 1/\varrho_2} \left[n^2 (n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 \mid a_n \, b_n \, | \, \right]^{1/n}. \end{split}$$

Proceeding to limits, we have

$$(T\varrho)^{1/\varrho} = (T_1 \varrho_1)^{1/\varrho_1} (T_2 \varrho_2)^{1/\varrho_2}.$$

4. – Here we obtain inequalities connecting the maximum modulus of $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$.

Theorem 3. It is

$$\frac{1}{r} \left\{ \ M(r,\, 0) - \ \big| \ F(0) \ \big| \right\} \leqslant M(r,\, 1) \leqslant \frac{R_1 \ M(R,\, 0)}{(R-R_1)(R_1-r)} \ ,$$

where

$$F(0) = f(0) * g(0)$$
 for $r < R_1 < R$.

Proof. We can easily see that

$$f^{(1)}(z)*g^{(1)}(z) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \left[z \ \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \left(f*g \right) \right].$$

Therefore

$$z \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} (f(z) * g(z)) = \int_{0}^{z} f^{(1)}(t) * g^{(1)}(t) dt,$$

where the integral may be taken along a straight line. Choosing z such that

$$\left| z \; \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \big(f(z) * g(z) \big) \; \right| = \left| \; z \; \right| \; M^*(\; \left| z \; \right|, \; 1) \; \; ,$$

we have

$$M^*(r, 1) \leq M(r, 1)$$
.

Again

$$f(z)*g(z) = \int_{0}^{z} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} [f(t)*g(t)] dt + f(0)*g(0),$$

therefore

$$M(r, 0) \leqslant r M*(r, 1) + |f(0)*g(0)|.$$

Hence

(4.1)
$$\frac{M(r, 0) - |F(0)|}{r} \leqslant M^*(r, 1) \leqslant M(r, 1).$$

On the otherhand by CAUCHY's integral formula

$$f^{(1)}(z) * g^{(1)}(z) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \left[z \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} (f * g) \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{t}{(t-z)^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} (f * g) \, \mathrm{d}t \,,$$

where C is the circle $|t-z| = R_1 - r$ ($|z| = r < R_1$).

Choosing z so that $|f^{(1)}(z)*g^{(1)}(z)| = M(r, 1)$ and knowing that $|t| < R_1$, we have

$$M(r, 1) \leqslant \frac{R_1 M^*(R_1, 1)}{R_1 - r}$$
.

Again

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} [f(z) * g(z)] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\omega) * g(\omega)}{(\omega - z)^2} \,\mathrm{d}\omega ,$$

where Γ is the circle $\mid \omega-z\mid=R-R_1$ ($\mid z\mid=R_1< R$). Therefore $M^*(R_1\,,\,1)\leqslant \frac{M(R,\,0)}{R-R_1}\,.$

Hence

$$(4.2) M(r, 1) \leqslant \frac{R_1 M^*(R_1, 1)}{R_1 - r} \leqslant \frac{R_1 M(R, 0)}{(R - R_1)(R_1 - r)}.$$

Combining (4.1) and (4.2), the result follows.

Remark. Taking R = 4r and $R_1 = 2r$ we can easily see that the order of f(z) * g(z) and $f^{(1)}(z) * g^{(1)}(z)$ are same.

Theorem 4. If f(z) and g(z) be two integral functions given by (1.1) and (1.2) of finite orders ρ_1 and ρ_2 respectively, then

$$M(r, s + 1) < M(r, s) r^{3\varrho - 1 + \varepsilon},$$

where ϱ is the order of f(z)*g(z) and for sufficiently large values of r and $\varepsilon>0$.

Proof. We know from Theorem 1 that if f(z) and g(z) are integral functions of finite orders ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 respectively, then $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ (s = 0, 1, 2, ...) is also an integral function of finite order ϱ such that

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \geqslant \frac{1}{\rho_1} + \frac{1}{\rho_2}$$
.

Since f(z)*g(z) is an integral function of finite order ϱ , therefore from a known result ([4], p. 34) we obtain

$$\mu(r, s) < M(r, s) < \mu(r, s) r^{\varrho + \varepsilon}$$

where $\mu(r, s)$ is the maximum term of $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ and $\nu(r, s)$ rank of this term.

Now for
$$f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n^2(n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 a_n b_n z^{n-s}$$
,

we have

$$\begin{split} \mu(r,\ s) &= [v(r,\ s) \left\{v(r,\ s) - 1\right\} ... \left\{v(r,\ s) - s \ + 1\right\}]^2 \left|\ a_{v(r,s)} \, b_{v(r,s)} \left|\ r^{v(r,s) - s} \right., \\ \\ \mu(r,\ s \ + 1) &= [v(r,\ s \ + 1) \left\{v(r,\ s \ + 1) - 1\right\} ... \left\{v(r,\ s \ + 1) - s\right\}]^2 \cdot \\ \\ &\cdot \left|\ a_{v(r,s+1)} \, b_{v(r,s+1)} \, \left|\ r^{v(r,s+1) - s} \right.. \right\} \end{split}$$

Therefore

(4.3)
$$\mu(r, s+1) \leqslant \frac{\mu(r, s)}{r} [\nu(r, s+1) - s]^2 \leqslant \frac{\mu(r, s)}{r} [\nu(r, s+1)]^2.$$

Hence

$$\begin{split} M(r,\ s\ +1) &< \mu(r,\ s\ +1)\ r^{\varrho+\varepsilon}\,, & \text{for}\quad \varepsilon > 0\,, \\ &\leqslant \mu(r,\ s)\ r^{3\varrho+\varepsilon-1}\,, & \text{for}\quad \text{large}\ r\,, \\ &\leqslant M(r,\ s)\ r^{3\varrho+\varepsilon-1}\,, & \text{for}\quad \text{large}\ r\,. \end{split}$$

Remarks:

(1) For large r and $0 < \varrho < 1/3$ it follows from the above theorem

$$M(r, 0) > M(r, 1) > ... > M(r, s) > ...$$

(2) If $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ are two integral functions of same order ϱ_1 and of regular growth and $|a_n/a_{n+1}|$, $|b_n/b_{n+1}|$ be non-decreasing sequences, then

$$M(r, s + 1) < M(r, s) r^{(3/2)\varrho_1 + \varepsilon - 1}$$

Since from Theorem 1 we have $1/\varrho=2/\varrho_1$, therefore from Theorem 4 the result follows.

(3) If $\varrho' = \max(\varrho_1, \varrho_2)$, then

$$M(r, s + 1) < M(r, s) r^{(3/2)\varrho' + \varepsilon - 1}$$
.

Since from Theorem 1 we have $1/\varrho \geqslant (1/\varrho_1) + (1/\varrho_2)$, therefore $1/\varrho \geqslant 2/\varrho'$, and the result follows from Theorem 4.

(4) If ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 satisfy the following conditions $0 < \varrho_1 < \frac{1}{2}$, $0 < \varrho_2 < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$M(r, 0) > M(r, 1) > ... > M(r, s) > ...$$

Since $1/\varrho \geqslant (1/\varrho_1) + (1/\varrho_2)$, therefore $\varrho < \frac{1}{4}$. Hence from Remark 1 the result follows.

5. - Next, we obtain inequalities involving the maximum term and its rank of

$$f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n^2(n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 a_n b_n z^{n-s}.$$

Theorem 5. If $\nu(r, s)$, $\nu(r, s + 1)$ denote the rank of the maximum term of $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ and $f^{(s+1)}(z) * g^{(s+1)}(z)$ respectively for |z| = r, then

(5.1)
$$\{\nu(r, s) - s\}^2 \leqslant r \frac{\mu(r, s+1)}{\mu(r, s)} \leqslant \{\nu(r, s+1) - s\}^2.$$

Proof. We have from (4.3)

$$r \frac{\mu(r, s+1)}{\mu(r, s)} \leq \{v(r, s+1) - s\}^2$$
.

Also

$$\begin{split} \mu(r,s+1) = & \big[\nu(r,s+1) \, \big\{\nu(r,s+1) - 1\big\} ... \big\{\nu(r,s+1) - s\big\}\big]^2 \, \big| \, a_{\nu(r,s+1)} b_{\nu(r,s+1)} \big| \, r^{\nu(r,s+1) - s - 1} \\ \geqslant & \big[\nu(r,s) \, \big\{\nu(r,s) - 1\big\} ... \, \big\{\nu(r,s) - s\big\}\big]^2 \, \big| \, a_{\nu(r,s)} \, b_{\nu(r,s)} \, \big| \, r^{\nu(r,s) - s - 1} \\ = & \big\{\nu(r,s) - s\big\}^2 \, \mu(r,s) / r \, , \end{split}$$

which leads to the required result.

Applications:

(i)
$$\limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{r \ \mu(r, s+1)/\mu(r, s)}{\log r} = 2\varrho ,$$

where ρ is the finite order of f(z) * g(z).

From the second inequality of (5.1) we have

$$\log\left\{r\,\frac{\mu(r,\ s\,+\,1)}{\mu(r,\ s)}\right\}\leqslant 2\,\log\bigl\{\mathit{p}(r\ s\,+\,1)\,-\,s\bigr\}$$

and, using Lemma 1 and $\limsup_{r\to\infty} \frac{\log \nu(r,\ s+1)}{\log r} = \varrho$, we get

(5.2)
$$\limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{\log \left\{ r \, \mu(r, \, s \, + \, 1) / \mu(r, \, s) \right\}}{\log r} \leqslant 2\varrho \, .$$

Similarly, from the first inequality of (5.1) we can deduce

(5.3)
$$\limsup_{r\to\infty} \frac{\log\left\{r\,\mu(r,\ s+1)/\mu(r,\ s)\right\}}{\log r} \geqslant 2\varrho.$$

Combining (5.2) and (5.3) the result follows:

(ii)
$$\liminf_{r\to\infty} \frac{\log \left\{r \, \mu(r, s+1)/\mu(r, s)\right\}}{\log r} = 2\lambda,$$

this follows from the inequalities in (5.1).

Theorem 6. If v(r, s) and v(r, s + 1) denote the rank of the maximum terms $\mu(r, s)$ and $\mu(r, s + 1)$ of $f^{(s)}(z) * g^{(s)}(z)$ and $f^{(s+1)}(z) * g^{(s+1)}(z)$ respectively for |z| = r, then, at the points of existence of $\mu'(r, s)$, r > 0,

$$\frac{v(r,\ s)-s}{v(r,\ s+1)-s}\leqslant \mu'(r,\ s)\left\{\frac{r}{\mu(r,\ s)\ \mu(r,\ s+1)}\right\}^{1/2}\leqslant 1.$$

Proof. We have

(5.4)
$$\log \mu(r, s) = \log \mu(r_0, s) + \int_{r_0}^{r} \frac{v(t, s) - s}{t} dt.$$

Differentiating we get

(5.5)
$$\frac{\mu'(r, s)}{\mu(r, s)} = \frac{\nu(r, s) - s}{r}$$

at the points of existence of $\mu'(r,s)$.

Again from (5.1)

(5.6)
$$v(r, s) - s \leqslant \left\{ \frac{r \, \mu(r, s+1)}{\mu(r, s)} \right\}^{1/2} \leqslant v(r, s+1) - s .$$

Hence from (5.6) and (5.5) we find

(5.7)
$$\frac{\mu'(r, s)}{\{\mu(r, s)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq \left\{ \frac{\mu(r, s+1)}{r} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Again, using (5.5) and (5.7), we have

$$\frac{v(r,\ s)-s}{v(r,\ s+1)-s} \leqslant \mu'(r,\ s) \left\{ \frac{r}{\mu(r,\ s)\ \mu(r,\ s+1)} \right\}^{\frac{r}{2}} \leqslant 1\ .$$

Corollary:

$$\lim_{r\to\infty} \left(\mu'(r,\ s)\left\{\frac{r}{\mu(r,\ s)\ \mu(r,\ s+1)}\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = 1\,.$$

This follows from $v(r, s) \sim v(r, s + 1)$.

Theorem 7. If f(z)*g(z) be an integral function of order ϱ (0 < ϱ < ∞) and lower order λ (0 < λ < ∞), then

$$\limsup_{r\to\infty}\frac{\log\mu(r,s)}{\nu(r,s)\log r}\leqslant 1-\frac{\lambda}{\varrho}.$$

Proof.

$$f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} n^2(n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 a_n b_n z^{n-s}.$$

Since f(z)*g(z) is an integral function of finite order ϱ , therefore, by Lemma 1, $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$ is also an integral function of finite order ϱ and so

$$\frac{1}{\varrho} = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{-\log \{n^2(n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 \mid a_n b_n \mid\}}{n \log n}.$$

Hence

$$-\log \left\{ n^2 (n-1)^2 \dots (n-s+1)^2 \left| a_n b_n \right| \right\} > ((1/\varrho) - \varepsilon) \ n \log n \quad \text{ for } n > n_0 \ .$$

Also

$$\begin{split} \log \mu(r,\ s) &= \log \left[\left\{ \nu(r,\ s) \right\}^2 \left\{ \nu(r,\ s) - 1 \right\}^2 \dots \left\{ \nu(r,\ s) - s \ + 1 \right\}^2 \left| \ a_{\nu(r,s)} b_{\nu(r,s)} \right| \right] + \\ &+ \left\{ \nu(r,\ s) - s \right\} \log r < \\ &< - \left((1/\varrho) - \varepsilon \right) \nu(r,\ s) \log \nu(r,\ s) \ + \nu(r,\ s) \log r \quad \text{ for } \quad r > r_0 \,, \end{split}$$

using the above inequality, or

$$\frac{\log \mu(r,\ s)}{\nu(r,\ s)\log r} \leqslant 1 - \frac{\log \nu(r,\ s)}{\log r} \bigg(\!\frac{1}{\varrho}\!-\!\varepsilon\,\bigg) \qquad \qquad \text{for} \qquad r > \!r_0$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{r\to\infty} \frac{\log \mu(r,\ s)}{r(r,\ s)\log r} \leqslant 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\rho}.$$

Theorem 8. If f(z) and g(z) be two integral functions, then

(i)
$$\limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{\log \left[r \, \mu'(r, \, s) / \mu'(r, \, s - 1) \right]}{\log r} \geqslant \varrho ,$$

(ii)
$$\limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{\log \left\{ r \left[\mu'(r, s) / \mu'(r, 0) \right]^{1/s} \right\}}{\log r} \geqslant \varrho ,$$

where ϱ is the order of f(z)*g(z) and $\mu(r, s)$ is the maximum term of $f^{(s)}(z)*g^{(s)}(z)$. Proof. We have from the second inequality of (5.1) and from (5.5)

(5.8)
$$\frac{\nu(r, s) - s}{r} < \frac{\mu'(r, s)}{\mu'(r, s - 1)}.$$

Therefore

$$\log \left\{ r \frac{\mu'(r, s)}{\mu'(r, s-1)} \right\} > \log \left[\nu(r, s) - s \right].$$

On proceeding to limits and using the result of Lemma 1, (i) follows. Again giving to s in (5.8) the values 1, 2, ..., s and multiplying together, we obtain

$$\frac{u'(r, s)}{\mu'(r, 0)} > \left\{\frac{v(r, s) - s}{r}\right\}^{s}.$$

From this result (ii) follows.

Theorem 9. If f(z) and g(z) be two integral functions, then

(5.9)
$$\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^{\nu(r_1,s)-s} \leqslant \frac{\mu(r_2,s)}{\mu(r_1,s)} \leqslant \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^{\nu(r_2,s)-s}, \qquad 0 < r_1 < r_2.$$

Proof. It is

$$\log \mu(r, s) = \log \mu(r_0, s) + \int_{r_0}^{r} \frac{\nu(x, s) - s}{x} dx.$$

From this we can write

$$(5.10) \qquad \log \mu(r_2\,,\;s) \leqslant \log \mu(r_1\,,\;s) \; + \left[\nu(r_2\,,\;s) - s\right] \, \log \frac{r_2}{r_1},$$

(5.11)
$$\log \mu(r_2, s) \geqslant \log \mu(r_1, s) + [\nu(r_1, s) - s] \log \frac{r_2}{r_1}.$$

(5.10) and (5.11) lead to (5.9).

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