

## UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS AND THE POMPEIU PROBLEM

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we prove a result on the Pompeiu problem. If the Schwarz function  $\Phi$  of the boundary of a simply-connected domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  extends meromorphically into a certain portion  $E$  of  $\Omega$  with a pole at some point  $z_0 \in E$ , then  $\Omega$  has the Pompeiu property unless  $\Phi$  is a Möbius transformation, in which case  $\Omega$  is a disk.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1929 the Rumanian mathematician D. Pompeiu formulated the following problem: “*To characterize those bounded domains  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  for which  $f \equiv 0$  is the only continuous function such that*

$$(1.1) \quad \int_{\sigma(D)} f \, dx = 0,$$

*for every rigid motion  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ”.*

One says that  $\Omega$  has the Pompeiu property if  $f \equiv 0$  is the only continuous function for which (1.1) holds. For a historical introduction to the problem we refer the reader to [GS1]. In that paper we conjectured that (modulo sets of measure zero) the disk is the only simply-connected domain that does not have the Pompeiu property. Chakalov [C] was the first one to realize that the disk fails to have the Pompeiu property. In fact, if one considers the function  $f(x_1, x_2) = \sin(ax_1)$ , then one has

$$\int_{B_r(x_0)} f(x) \, dx = \frac{2\pi r}{a} \sin(ax_{0,1}) J_1(ar),$$

where  $x_0 = (x_{0,1}, x_{0,2})$  is fixed,  $B_r(x_0) = \{x \mid |x - x_0| < r\}$ , and  $J_1$  is the Bessel function of order one. It is therefore enough to choose  $a > 0$ , such that  $J_1(ar) = 0$ , for (1.1) to hold.

This paper contains some progress toward the above conjecture. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a bounded simply-connected domain whose boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is a piecewise  $C^1$  Jordan curve. By the Riemann mapping theorem there exists a univalent function  $h: D \rightarrow \Omega$ , where  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ . Moreover,  $h$  can be extended in a one-to-one fashion to a continuous map of  $\overline{D}$  onto  $\overline{\Omega}$ . In order

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to state the main result in this paper we need to introduce some definitions. We consider the Schwarz function of  $\partial\Omega$  given by

$$\Phi(w) = h \left( \overline{\frac{1}{h^{-1}(w)}} \right).$$

A priori,  $\Phi$  is well defined on  $\partial\Omega$ . Given a straight line  $L \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and a point  $z_0 \notin L$ , we denote by  $\Lambda(L; z_0)$  the open half-plane lying on one side of  $L$  and containing  $z_0$ . We also let

$$E(L; z_0) = \Lambda(L; z_0) \cap \Omega.$$

The main result in this paper is given by the following

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that there exist  $z_0 \in \Omega$  and a straight line  $L \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that:*

(i)  $\Phi$  can be extended to a holomorphic function in  $E(L; z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$  having a pole in  $z_0$ ;

(ii)  $\Phi$  is not a Möbius transformation.

*Then,  $\Omega$  has the Pompeiu property.*

Figure 1 below illustrates the situation.

We now state two remarkable consequences of Theorem 1.

**Corollary 2.** *Suppose that  $h$  is univalent in  $D$  and meromorphic in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with at least one pole in  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{D}$ . If, moreover,  $h$  is not a Möbius transformation, then  $\Omega = h(D)$  has the Pompeiu property.*

If we specialize Theorem 1 to the class of convex domains we obtain the following partial solution of the Pompeiu problem.

**Corollary 3.** *Suppose that  $\Omega = h(D)$  be a convex set. Assume that  $h$  has a pole on the boundary of the circle of convergence relative to its Taylor expansion at  $z = 0$ . If  $h$  is not a Möbius transformation, then  $\Omega$  has the Pompeiu property.*

*Remark.* Corollary 2 contains the result in our paper [GS2] (see also [GS3]) concerned with the case

$$h(z) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^k.$$

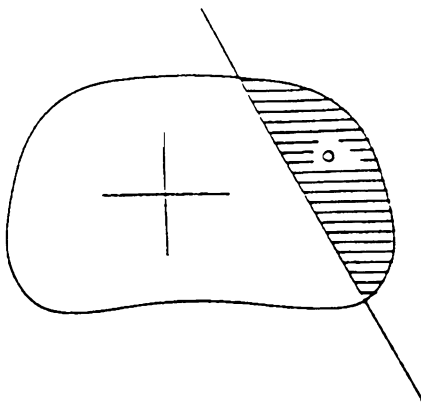


FIGURE 1

Furthermore, it contains a result in a recent paper by Ebenfelt [E]. The latter has proved that if  $h$  is a univalent function in  $D$  such that  $h(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$ , with  $p$  and  $q$  polynomials, then  $\Omega = h(D)$  has the Pompeiu property, unless  $h$  is a Möbius transformation.

Our strategy to prove Theorem 1 is to study, by Riemann's method of the steepest descent, the asymptotic behavior of the (complexified) Fourier transform of the characteristic function of  $\Omega$ ,  $\hat{\chi}_\Omega$ , along the algebraic variety of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $M_\alpha = \{\zeta_1^2 + \zeta_2^2 = \alpha\}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . This is due to an important characterization of the Pompeiu property established in 1973 by Brown, Schreiber, and Taylor [BST], see Theorem A in the next section. We mention that Berenstein [B] was the first one to use asymptotic expansions of  $\hat{\chi}_\Omega$  in connection with the Pompeiu problem.

## 2. PRELIMINARY REDUCTIONS

We begin this section by recalling the above-mentioned characterization of the Pompeiu property due to Brown, Schreiber, and Taylor [BST].

**Theorem A.** *A bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  has the Pompeiu property if and only if there exists no  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  such that the complexified Fourier transform of the characteristic function of  $\Omega$ ,  $\hat{\chi}_\Omega$ , vanishes identically on*

$$M_\alpha = \{(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \zeta_1^2 + \zeta_2^2 = \alpha\}.$$

It was observed by Berenstein [B] that, when  $\Omega$  is simply connected,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  in the statement of Theorem A can be replaced by  $\alpha > 0$ . Furthermore, when  $\partial\Omega$  is a rectifiable Jordan curve, then the divergence theorem allows to replace  $\hat{\chi}_\Omega$  with  $\hat{\chi}_{\partial\Omega}$ . Note that for  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$

$$(2.1) \quad \hat{\chi}_{\partial\Omega} = \int_{\partial\Omega} e^{i\langle \zeta, x \rangle} (dx_1 + idx_2)$$

where we have let  $\langle \zeta, x \rangle = \zeta_1 x_1 + \zeta_2 x_2$ . Changing  $\zeta$  in  $-i\zeta$  in (2.1) we are thus led to study the following oscillatory integral

$$(2.2) \quad \int_{\partial\Omega} e^{\langle \zeta, x \rangle} (dx_1 + idx_2)$$

for  $\zeta \in M_{-\alpha}$ , with  $\alpha > 0$ . We write  $\zeta$  in the form

$$\zeta = r(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + it(-\sin \theta, \cos \theta).$$

The condition  $\zeta \in M_{-\alpha}$  becomes

$$(2.3) \quad t^2 = \alpha + r^2.$$

We have

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle \zeta, x \rangle &= x_1(r \cos \theta - it \sin \theta) + x_2(r \sin \theta + it \cos \theta) \\ &= rx_1 e^{-i\theta} + irx_2 e^{-i\theta} - i(t-r)x_1 \sin \theta + i(t-r)x_2 \cos \theta \\ &= re^{-i\theta}(x_1 + ix_2) - i(t-r)(x_1 \sin \theta - x_2 \cos \theta). \end{aligned}$$

Since from our assumptions in the introduction  $\partial\Omega = h(\partial D)$ , where  $h$  is univalent in  $D = \{w \in \mathbb{C} \mid |w| < 1\}$ , we have for  $s \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$(2.5) \quad x_1(s) = \frac{1}{2}h(e^{is}) + \frac{1}{2}k(e^{is}).$$

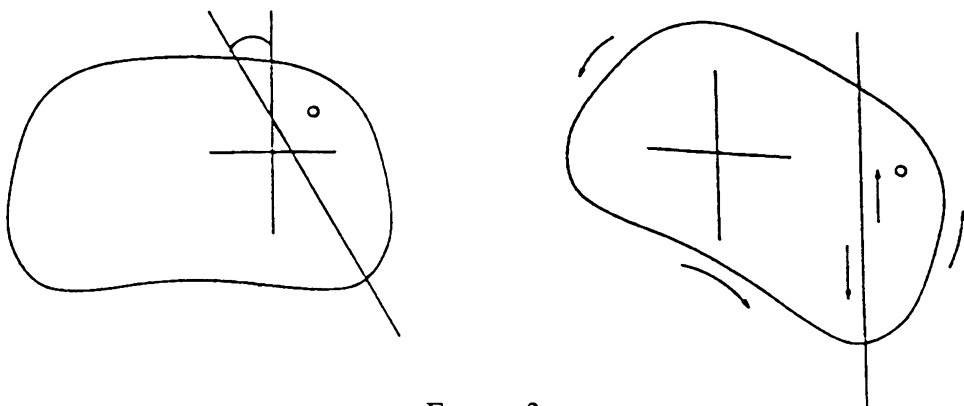


FIGURE 2

Here, we have let

$$(2.6) \quad k(w) = \overline{h\left(\frac{1}{\overline{w}}\right)}.$$

Analogously, we have

$$(2.7) \quad x_2(s) = \frac{1}{2i}h(e^{is}) - \frac{1}{2i}k(e^{is}).$$

Inserting (2.5), (2.7) in (2.4) we obtain

$$\langle \zeta, x \rangle = re^{-i\theta}h - i\frac{(t-r)}{2}[(h+k)\sin\theta + i(h-k)\cos\theta],$$

which, after some easy reductions, gives

$$(2.8) \quad \langle \zeta, x \rangle = \frac{t+r}{2}e^{-i\theta}h(e^{is}) - \frac{t-r}{2}e^{i\theta}k(e^{is}).$$

Taking (2.8) into account, we see that (up to a factor of  $i$ ) the integral in (2.2) becomes

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} I(r) &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \exp\left[\frac{t+r}{2}e^{-i\theta}w - \frac{t-r}{2}e^{i\theta}\Phi(w)\right] dw \\ &= e^{i\theta} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \exp\left[\frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w)\right] dw \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Sigma = e^{-i\theta}\Omega$ ,  $\Psi(w) = e^{i\theta}\Phi(e^{i\theta}w)$ . At this point we choose  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  in such a way that the straight line  $e^{-i\theta}L$ , where  $L$  is as in the statement of Theorem 1, becomes parallel to the imaginary axis. We let  $w_0 = e^{-i\theta}z_0$ ,  $M = e^{-i\theta}L$ , where  $z_0 \in \Omega$  is as in the assumption of Theorem 1, see Figure 2.

We now have from (2.9)

$$(2.10) \quad e^{-i\theta}I(r) = \left( \int_{\partial E(M; w_0)} + \int_{\partial[\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0)]} \right) \exp\left[\left(\frac{t+r}{2}\right)w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w)\right] dw.$$

### 3. ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSION OF $\hat{\chi}_{\partial\Omega}$ AND THE POMPEIU PROPERTY

The aim of this section is to establish the asymptotic behavior as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  of the integral in the right-hand side of (2.10). We begin by analyzing that

part of the integral on the set  $\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))$ . We let  $A = \max |\Psi|$  on  $\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w) \right] dw \right| \\ & \leq \int_{\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} \Re w + \frac{t-r}{2} A \right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

We now choose  $\beta > 0$  such that on the set  $\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))$  we have (see Figure 2)

$$\Re w \leq \Re w_0 - \beta.$$

Noting that (2.3) gives

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{t+r}{2} = r \left( 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right), \quad t-r = \frac{\alpha}{2r} \left( 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \right)$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that on the set  $\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))$  we have uniformly as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{t+r}{2} \Re w + \frac{t-r}{2} A \leq \frac{t+r}{2} (\Re w_0 - \beta) + \frac{t-r}{2} A = r (\Re w_0 - \beta) (1 + o(1)).$$

From this we derive the estimate for  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \int_{\partial(\Sigma \setminus E(M; w_0))} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w) \right] dw \right| \leq C \exp \left[ r \left( \Re w_0 - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \right].$$

We will now analyze the first integral in the right-hand side of (2.10). We have for  $\delta > 0$  small by Cauchy's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad & \int_{\partial E(M; w_0)} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w) \right] dw \\ & = \exp \left( \frac{t+r}{2} w_0 \right) \int_{|w-w_0|=\delta} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} (w - w_0) - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w) \right] dw \\ & = \exp \left( \frac{t+r}{2} w_0 \right) \int_{|w|=\delta} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w_0 + w) \right] dw. \end{aligned}$$

By the assumptions on  $\Phi$  in Theorem 1, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(3.4) \quad \Psi(w_0 + w) = \sum_{k=-m}^{\infty} a_k w^k$$

for  $|w| \leq \delta$ , with  $a_{-m} \neq 0$ . We now distinguish two cases.

*First case.*  $m \geq 2$ .

Using (2.3) we can write

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{t-r}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2(t+r)}.$$

By (3.4), (3.5) we have on the circle  $\{w \in \delta e^{i\tau} \mid -\pi \leq \tau \leq \pi\}$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad & \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w_0 + w) \\ & = \frac{t+r}{2} \delta e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{2(t+r)} \delta^{-m} e^{-im\tau} - \frac{\alpha}{2(t+r)} \sum_{k=-m+1}^{\infty} a_k \delta^k e^{ik\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

We now choose

$$\delta = \left( \frac{t+r}{2} \right)^{-2/(m+1)}.$$

Then, (3.6) becomes as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0 + w) = \left( \frac{t+r}{2} \right)^{(m-1)/(m+1)} \left[ e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{4} e^{-im\tau} + o(1) \right].$$

From the first equality in (3.1) we conclude that

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0 + w) = r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} q(r) \left\{ e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{4} e^{-im\tau} + o(1) \right\}$$

with  $q(r) \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly on the circle  $\{w = \delta e^{i\tau} \mid -\pi \leq \tau \leq \pi\}$ . Taking (3.7) into account, we obtain for (3.3) with some  $p(r) \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$(3.8) \quad \int_{\partial E(M; w_0)} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w) \right] dw = ir^{-2/(m+1)} p(r) \exp \left( \frac{t+r}{2}w_0 \right) \\ \cdot \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp \left\{ r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} q(r) \left[ e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{4} e^{-im\tau} + o(1) \right] \right\} e^{i\tau} d\tau.$$

At this point we observe that the integral on the right-hand side of (3.8) is of the type studied in the paper [GS2]. By virtue of the work done in [GS2] we can conclude that the asymptotic behavior, as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , of the above-mentioned integral is as follows

$$(3.9) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp \left\{ r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} q(r) \left[ e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{4} e^{-im\tau} + o(1) \right] \right\} e^{i\tau} d\tau \\ = r^{-(m-1)/2(m+1)} A(r) \exp[r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} B(r)],$$

where, having let  $\varphi(\tau) = e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha a_{-m}}{4} e^{-im\tau}$  for  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , one has for  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$A(r) \rightarrow \frac{e^{i\tau_0}}{\sqrt{2\varphi''(\tau_0)}} = A_0 \neq 0, \quad B(r) \rightarrow \varphi(\tau_0).$$

Here,  $\tau_0$  is a suitable simple critical point of the function  $\varphi$ . Inserting (3.9) in (3.8) and recalling (3.1), we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad \int_{\partial E(M; w_0)} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w) \right] dw \\ = r^{-(m+3)/2(m+1)} A_1(r) \exp[rw_0 + r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} B(r)],$$

where  $A_1(r) \rightarrow iA_0$ , as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

Using (3.2), (3.10) in (2.10) we finally conclude for  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$(3.11) \quad e^{-i\theta} I(r) = r^{-(m+3)/2(m+1)} A_1(r) \exp[rw_0 + r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} B(r)] \\ \cdot \left\{ 1 + O \left( r^{(m+3)/2(m+1)} \exp \left[ -\frac{\beta}{2}r + Cr^{(m-1)/(m+1)} \right] \right) \right\},$$

for some number  $C > 0$ . Observing now that  $0 < \frac{m-1}{m+1} < 1$ , we infer that

$$O \left( r^{(m+3)/2(m+1)} \exp \left[ -\frac{\beta}{2}r + Cr^{(m-1)/(m+1)} \right] \right) = o(1)$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . In conclusion, we obtain from (3.11)

$$(3.12) \quad e^{-i\theta} I(r) = r^{-(m+3)/2(m+1)} A_2(r) \exp[rw_0 + r^{(m-1)/(m+1)} B(r)],$$

where  $A_2(r) \rightarrow iA_0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

To conclude the study of the asymptotic behavior of the integral  $e^{-i\theta} I(r)$  in (2.10) we need to analyze the case in which  $\Psi$  has as simple pole in  $w_0$ , i.e., the case in which  $m = 1$  in (3.4).

*Second case.  $m = 1$ .*

We consider again the integral on the circle  $\{w \in \delta e^{i\tau} | -\pi \leq \tau \leq \pi\}$  in the right-hand side of (3.3). By the assumptions in Theorem 1, the function  $\Psi$  is not a Möbius transformation. If  $w = \sigma e^{i\tau}$ , with  $|\sigma| = \delta$ , then we have from (3.5)

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0+w) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (t+r)w - \frac{\alpha}{t+r}\Psi(w_0+w) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (t+r)\sigma e^{i\tau} - \frac{\alpha}{t+r} \left[ \frac{a_{-1}}{\sigma} e^{-i\tau} + a_0 + \sum_{k=q}^{\infty} a_k \sigma^k e^{ik\tau} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $a_q \neq 0$ . At this point we choose

$$(3.14) \quad \sigma = \frac{i\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}}{t+r}.$$

It follows from (3.13), (3.14) that for  $w = \sigma e^{i\tau}$  one has

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0+w) &= -\frac{\alpha a_0}{t+r} + i\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}} \cos \tau \\ &+ \frac{C}{(t+r)^{q+1}} e^{iq\tau} + O\left(\frac{1}{(t+r)^{q+2}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

for some  $C \neq 0$ . We conclude

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{|w|=\delta} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0+w) \right] dw \\ = i\sigma e^{-\alpha a_0/(t+r)} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}} \cos \tau} \left\{ 1 + \frac{C}{(t+r)^{q+1}} e^{iq\tau} + O\left(\frac{1}{(t+r)^{q+2}}\right) \right\} e^{i\tau} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

We now recall the integral representation of the Bessel function  $J_n$  (see [L])

$$J_n(z) = \frac{i^{-n}}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{iz \cos \tau} e^{in\tau} d\tau, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Using this we can rewrite (3.16) as follows

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{|w|=\delta} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2}w - \frac{t-r}{2}\Psi(w_0+w) \right] dw \\ = -\frac{\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}}{t+r} e^{-\alpha a_0/(t+r)} \left\{ 2\pi i J_1(\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2\pi C i^q J_q(\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}})}{(t+r)^{q+1}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(t+r)^{q+2}}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since, from (3.1),  $t + r(1 + o(1))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , and by a theorem of Siegel,  $J_1$  and  $J_q$  have no common zeros (see [W, p. 485]). (3.17) implies

$$(3.18) \quad \int_{|w|=\delta} \exp \left[ \frac{t+r}{2} w - \frac{t-r}{2} \Psi(w_0 + w) \right] dw \\ = \frac{E_1(r)}{r} \left[ J_1(\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}) + \frac{E_2}{r^{q+1}} J_q(\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}) \right],$$

where  $E_1(r) \rightarrow E_0 \neq 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $E_2 \neq 0$ . From (2.10), (3.2) and (3.18) we finally obtain

$$(3.19) \quad \varepsilon^{-i\theta} I(r) = \varepsilon^{rw_0} \frac{E_3(r)}{r} \left[ J_1(\sqrt{\alpha q_{-1}}) + \frac{E_2}{r^{q+1}} J_q(\sqrt{\alpha a_{-1}}) \right]$$

with  $E_3(r) \rightarrow E_0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  (of course, in this estimate we have used again (3.1)).

We are now ready to conclude the proof of Theorem 1. We recall that from the reductions in §2, the oscillatory integral  $\hat{\chi}_{\partial\Omega}(\zeta)$ , with  $\zeta$  moving out to infinity along a special path of  $M_{-\alpha}$ , was shown to equal  $e^{-i\theta} I(r)$  in (2.10) (up to a factor of  $i$ ).

From (3.12), (3.19) we see that, under the assumptions in Theorem 1, the latter cannot vanish identically on  $M_{-\alpha}$ . From Theorem A we conclude that  $\Omega$  has the Pompeiu property.  $\square$

#### 4. PROOFS OF COROLLARIES 2 AND 3

The proof of Corollary 2 follows immediately from Theorem 1 by observing that if  $\Phi$  is a Möbius transformation, then so is  $h$ . Moreover, if  $h$  has at least one pole, then  $\Phi$  has at least one pole and at most one essential singularity ( $w = 0$ ).

As for the proof of Corollary 3 we observe that if  $\Omega = h(D)$  is convex, then by Study's theorem [S, Theorem 2.4] so is  $h(D_r)$  for  $0 < r \leq 1$ , where  $D_r = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq r\}$ . Set  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < R\}$  with  $R > 1$ , and denote  $S^{-1} = \{\frac{1}{z} \mid z \in S\}$ . Assume that  $h$  is holomorphic in  $S$  with a pole  $z_0$  on  $\partial S$ . Then  $\Phi$  is holomorphic on  $h(S^{-1})$  and has a pole in  $h(\frac{1}{z_0})$ . Since  $h(S^{-1})$  is convex we are in a position to apply Theorem 1, see Figure 3.

We close this paper with an example of a one-parameter family of domains which fall within the scope of Theorem 1, but are not included in any previous result on the Pompeiu problem.

**Example.** Consider for  $0 < \lambda < 2$  the map  $h_\lambda : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $h_\lambda(x) = \frac{e^\lambda}{\lambda x - 2}$ . In Figure 4, we represent  $\Omega_\lambda = h_\lambda(D)$  for some values of  $\lambda$ . There exists  $\lambda_0 \in (0, 2)$  such that for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$  the domain  $\Omega_\lambda$  is convex. Furthermore, one verifies that for  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$

$$\min \text{diam } \Omega_\lambda > \frac{1}{2} \max \text{diam } \Omega_\lambda$$

so that the result in [BK] cannot be invoked.

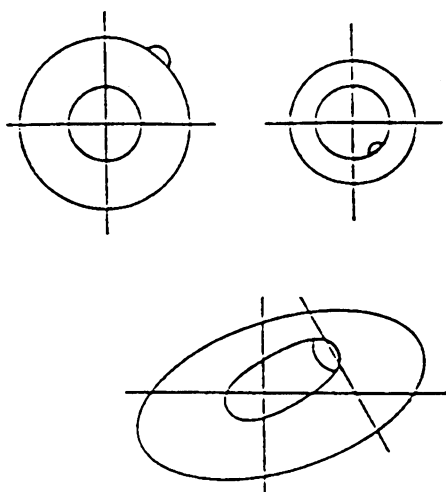


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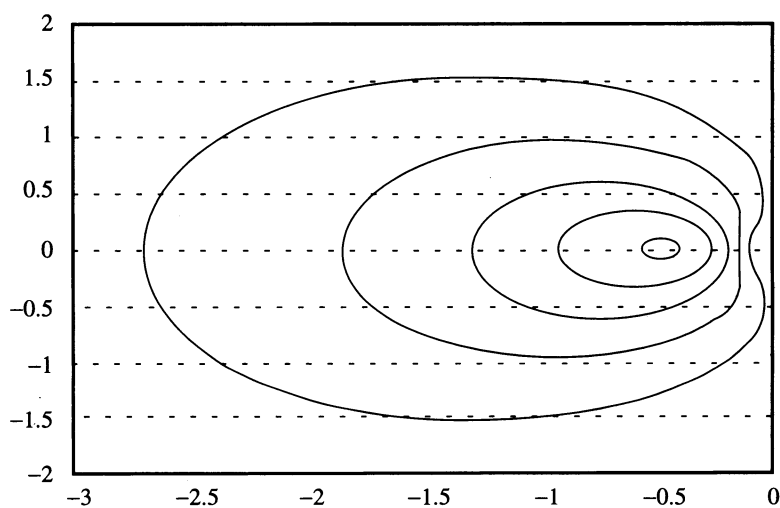


FIGURE 4

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