

# Relative Order of Functions of Several Complex Variables Analytic in the Unit Polydisc

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**Abstract.** Throughout the paper we consider relative order of functions of several complex variables analytic in the unit poly disc with respect to an entire function and after proving several theorems, we show that relative order of analytic function and its partial derivatives are same.

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## 1. Introduction

A function f analytic in the unit disc  $U : \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , is said to be of finite Nevanlinna order [7] (Juneja and Kapoor 1985) if there exists a number  $\mu$  such that Nevanlinna characteristic function T(r, f) of f defined by

$$T(r,f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \log^{+} \left| f\left(re^{i\theta}\right) \right| d\theta$$

satisfies

$$T(r,f) = (1-r)^{-\mu}$$

for all *r* in  $0 < r_0(\mu) < r < 1$ .

The greatest lower bound of all such numbers  $\mu$  is called Nevanlinna order of f. Thus the Nevanlinna order  $\rho(f)$  of f is given by

$$\rho(f) = \limsup_{r \to 1} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{-\log(1-r)}.$$

In [1] Banerjee and Dutta introduced the idea of relative order of an entire function which as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** If f be analytic in U and g be entire, then the relative order of f with respect to g, denoted by  $\rho_g(f)$  is defined by

$$\rho_{g}(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0: T_{f}(r) < T_{g}\left[\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\mu}\right] \text{ for all } 0 < r_{0}(\mu) < r < 1\}.$$

Note 1.2. When  $g(z) = \exp z$  then the Definition 1.1 coincides with the definition of Nevanlinna order of f.

Also in [2] Banerjee and Dutta introduced the idea of relative order of an entire function of two complex variables which as follows:

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $f(z_1, z_2)$  be a non-constant analytic function of two complex variables  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  holomorphic in the closed unit poly disc  $P:\{(z_1, z_2): | z_j | \le 1; j = 1, 2\}$  and  $g(z_1, z_2)$  be an entire function then relative order of f with respect to g denoted by  $\rho_g(f)$  and is defined by

$$\rho_{g}(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0 : F(r_{1}, r_{2}) < G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\mu}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\mu}}\right) \text{ for all } 0 < r_{0}(\mu) < r_{1}, r_{2} < 1\}.$$

In a resent paper [3] Dutta introduced the following definition.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $f(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  and  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be two entire functions of n complex variables  $z_1, z_n, ..., z_n$  with maximum modulus functions  $F(r_1, r_2, ..., r_n)$  and  $G(r_1, r_2, ..., r_n)$  respectively then relative order of f with respective to g, denoted by  $\rho_g(f)$  and is defined by

$$\rho_g(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0 : F(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) < G(r_1^{\mu}, r_2^{\mu}, \dots, r_n^{\mu}) \text{ for } r_i \ge R(\mu); i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

Also in a paper [4] Dutta introduced the following definition.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n=0}^{\infty} c_{m_1 m_2, \dots, m_n} z_1^{m_1} z_2^{m_2} \dots z_n^{m_n}$  be a function of *n* complex variables

 $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  holomorphic in the unit polydisc

$$P = \{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) : | z_j | \le 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

and

$$F(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = \max\{|f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)| : |z_j| \le r_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\},\$$

be its maximum modulus. Then the order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$  are defined as

$$\frac{\rho}{\lambda} = \lim_{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \to 1} \sup_{\text{inf}} \frac{\log \log F(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)}{-\log(1 - r_1)(1 - r_2) \dots (1 - r_n)}$$

Now we introduce the following definition.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $f(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be a non-constant analytic function of several complex variables  $z_1, z_n, ..., z_n$  holomorphic in the closed unit polydisc

$$P:\{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n): | z_j | \le 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

and  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be an entire function then relative order of f with respect to g denoted by  $\rho_g(f)$  and defined by

$$\rho_{g}(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0: F(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) < G\left(\frac{1}{(1 - r_{1})^{\mu}}, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{2})^{\mu}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{n})^{\mu}}\right)$$
  
for all  $0 < r_{0}(\mu) < r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n} < 1\}$ 

where  $G(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = \max\{|g(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)|: |z_j| = r_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$ 

Note 1.7. When  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n) = e^{z_1 z_2, ..., z_n}$  then Definition 1.6 coincides with the Definition 1.5 and if n=2 then coincide with Definition 1.3.

We require the following definition.

**Definition 1.8.** An entire function  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  is said to have the property (R) if for any  $\sigma > 1, \lambda > 0$  and for all  $r_i$  sufficiently close to 1; i = 1, 2, ..., n,

$$\left[G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)\right]^{2} < G\left(\frac{1}{\left((1-r_{1})^{\lambda}\right)^{\sigma}},\frac{1}{\left((1-r_{2})^{\lambda}\right)^{\sigma}},\dots,\frac{1}{\left((1-r_{n})^{\lambda}\right)^{\sigma}}\right).$$

Note 1.9. The function  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n) = e^{z_1 z_2 ..., z_n}$  has the property (R) but  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n) = z_1 z_2 ..., z_n$  has not.

Throughout we shall assume that  $f, f_1, f_2$  etc, to be functions analytic in P and  $g, g_1, g_2$  etc, are non-constant entire functions of several complex variables. We do no explain stander notations and definitions of analytic functions those are available in [5] and [6].

## 2. Lemmas

We require the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be an entire function which has the property (R). Then for any positive integer n and for all  $\sigma > 1, \lambda > 0$ ,

 $r_i, 0 < r_i < 1$  sufficiently close to 1;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The Lemma 2.1 follows from Lemma 2.1 in [3] on replacing  $r_i$  by  $\frac{1}{(1-r_i)^{\lambda}}$ , where i = 1, 2, ..., n.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be an entire and  $\alpha > 1, 0 < \beta < \alpha$  then

$$G\left(\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right) > \beta G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)$$

for all  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$  sufficiently close to 1; i = 1, 2, ..., n.

The Lemma 2.2 follows from Lemma 2.2 in [3] on replacing  $r_i$  by  $\frac{1}{(1-r_i)^{\lambda}}$ , where i = 1, 2, ..., n.

## 3. Sum and Product Theorems

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f_1(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  and  $f_2(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be analytic in the unit polydisc P having relative order  $\rho_g(f_1)$  and  $\rho_g(f_2)$  respectively, where  $g(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  is an entire function having the property (R). Then

(a)
$$\rho_{g}(f_{1} + f_{2}) \leq \max(\rho_{g}(f_{1}), \rho_{g}(f_{2}))$$
 and  
(b)  $\rho_{g}(f_{1}f_{2}) \leq \max(\rho_{g}(f_{1}), \rho_{g}(f_{2}))$ .

The same inequality holds for the quotient. The equality holds in (a) if  $\rho_{g}(f_{1}) \neq \rho_{g}(f_{2})$ .

**Proof.** We may assume that  $\rho_g(f_1)$  and  $\rho_g(f_2)$  both are finite, because if one of them or both are infinite then inequalities are evident.

Let  $f = f_1 + f_2$ ,  $\rho_1 = \rho_g(f_1)$ ,  $\rho_2 = \rho_g(f_2)$  and  $\rho_1 \le \rho_2$ . For arbitrary  $c \ge 0$  and for all  $r = 0 \le r \le 1$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and

For arbitrary  $\mathcal{E} > 0$  and for all  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , sufficiently close to 1, we have

$$F_{1}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) < G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}}\right)$$
$$\leq G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}\right)$$

and

$$F_{2}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) < G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}\right).$$

Now for all  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  sufficiently close to 1,

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$$F(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) = F_{1}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) + F_{2}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n})$$

$$\leq 2G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}\right)$$

$$\leq G\left(\frac{3}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{3}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{3}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}\right) by Lemma 2.2$$

$$\leq G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+3\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+3\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+3\varepsilon}}\right).$$

Therefore  $\rho \leq \rho_2 - 3\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, so  $\rho \le \rho_2$ . Therefore

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$$\rho_{\mathrm{g}}(\mathbf{f}_1 + \mathbf{f}_2) \leq \rho_2 = \max\left(\rho_{\mathrm{g}}(\mathbf{f}_1), \rho_{\mathrm{g}}(\mathbf{f}_2)\right)$$

which proves (a).

Next let  $\rho_1 < \rho_2$  and suppose  $\rho_1 < \mu < \lambda < \rho_2$ .

Then for all  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$ ; i = 1, 2, ..., n, sufficiently close to 1, we have

$$F_1(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) < G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_1)^{\mu}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_2)^{\mu}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_n)^{\mu}}\right)$$
(1)

and there exist non-decreasing sequence  $\{r_{ik}\}$ ;  $r_{ik} \rightarrow 1_{k} \rightarrow \infty$  such that

$$F_{2}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) > G\left(\frac{1}{(1 - r_{1k})^{\lambda}}, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{2k})^{\lambda}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{nk})^{\lambda}}\right)$$
(2)

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ 

We see that  

$$G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right) > 2G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\mu}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\mu}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\mu}}\right)$$
(3)

for all  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ., sufficiently close to 1.

From (1), (2) and (3) we get

$$F_2(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk}) > 2F_1(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk})$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ Therefore

$$F(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk}) \ge F_2(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk}) - F_1(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk})$$
  

$$> \frac{1}{2}F_2(r_{1k}, r_{2k}, \dots, r_{nk})$$
  

$$> \frac{1}{2}G\left(\frac{1}{(1 - r_{1k})^{\lambda}}, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{2k})^{\lambda}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1 - r_{nk})^{\lambda}}\right) from(2)$$
  

$$> G\left(\frac{1}{3(1 - r_{1k})^{\lambda}}, \frac{1}{3(1 - r_{2k})^{\lambda}}, \dots, \frac{1}{3(1 - r_{nk})^{\lambda}}\right) \text{ for all large } k \text{ and by Lemma 2.2}$$

$$> G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1k})^{\lambda-\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2k})^{\lambda-\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{nk})^{\lambda-\varepsilon}}\right)$$

where  $\mathcal{E} > 0$  is arbitrary.

This gives  $\rho \ge \lambda - \varepsilon$  and since  $\rho_1 < \mu < \lambda < \rho_2$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we get  $\rho \ge \rho_2$ .

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Therefore

$$\rho_{g}(f_{1} + f_{2}) = \rho_{2} = \max{(\rho_{g}(f_{1}), \rho_{g}(f_{2}))}$$

For (b), we consider  $f = f_1 \cdot f_2$ ,  $\rho = \rho_g(f)$  and  $\rho_1 \le \rho_2$ . Then for any arbitrary  $\mathcal{E} > 0$ ,

$$F(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) = F_{1}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) \cdot F_{2}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n})$$

$$\leq \left[G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{2}+\varepsilon}}\right)\right]^{2}$$

$$\leq G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\sigma(\rho_{2}+\varepsilon)}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\sigma(\rho_{2}+\varepsilon)}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\sigma(\rho_{2}+\varepsilon)}}\right) by Lemma 2.1,$$

for every  $\sigma > 1$ . So

$$o \leq \sigma(\rho_2 + \varepsilon)$$
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Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we obtain by letting  $\sigma \to 1_+$ ,

$$\rho \leq \rho_2$$

Therefore

$$\rho_{g}(f_{1},f_{2}) \leq \max\left(\rho_{g}(f_{1}),\rho_{g}(f_{2})\right)$$

This proves the theorem.

## 4. Asymptotic Behavior

**Definition 4.1.** Two entire functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are said to be asymptotic equivalent in the unit polydisc P if there exists l,  $0 < l < \infty$  such that

$$\frac{G_{1}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)}{G_{2}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)} \to l \text{ as } r_{i} \to 1_{-}; i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is any number and in this case we write  $g_1 \sim g_2$ .

**Note 4.2.** If  $g_1 \sim g_2$  then clearly  $g_2 \sim g_1$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be entire functions having property (R) and  $g_1 \sim g_2$  then  $\rho_{g_1}(f) = \rho_{g_2}(f)$ , where f is analytic in P.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{E} > 0$  any arbitrary number and for  $r_i$ ,  $0 < r_i < 1$ ; i = 1, 2, ..., n, sufficiently close to 1, we have

$$G_{1}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right) \leq (l+\varepsilon)G_{2}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)$$
$$\leq G_{2}\left(\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{1})^{\lambda}},\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{2})^{\lambda}},\dots,\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{n})^{\lambda}}\right)$$

where  $\lambda >0$  and  $\alpha >1$  is such that  $l + \varepsilon < \alpha$ . Next let  $\rho_{g_1}(f) = \rho_1$  and  $\rho_{g_2}(f) = \rho_2$ . Then

$$\begin{split} F\left(r_{1},r_{2},...,r_{n}\right) &< G_{1}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}},....,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}}\right) \\ &\leq G_{2}\left(\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}},\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}},....,\frac{\alpha}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{1}+\varepsilon}}\right) \\ &\leq G_{2}\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})^{\rho_{1}+2\varepsilon}},\frac{1}{(1-r_{2})^{\rho_{1}+2\varepsilon}},....,\frac{1}{(1-r_{n})^{\rho_{1}+2\varepsilon}}\right). \end{split}$$

Therefore

$$\rho_2 \le \rho_1 + 2\varepsilon \, .$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, so  $\rho_2 \le \rho_1$ . Therefore

$$\mathcal{O}_{g_2}(f) \le \mathcal{O}_{g_1}(f)$$

Also from  $g_2 \square g_1$ , we obtain  $\rho_{g_1}(f) \le \rho_{g_2}(f)$ . This proves the theorem.

Note 4.4. The converse of the above theorem is not always true.

**Example 4.5.** Consider the functions  $g_1(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = e^{z_1 z_2, \dots, z_n}$ ,  $g_2(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = e^{2z_1 z_2, \dots, z_n}$  and  $f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = e^{z_1 z_2, \dots, z_n}$  then  $g_1$  is not asymptotic equivalent to  $g_2$  but  $\rho_{g_1}(f) = \rho_{g_2}(f)$ .

## 5. Relative Order of the Partial Derivatives

**Theorem 5.1:** If f is analytic in the unit polydisc P and g be transcendental entire having the property (R),

then 
$$\rho_g\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right) = \rho_g(f).$$

To prove the theorem we require the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.2.** Let  $f(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$  be a transcendental entire function then

$$\frac{F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}\right)}{r_{1}} \leq \overline{F}\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}\right) \leq \frac{F\left(2r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}\right)}{r_{1}}$$

where

$$\overline{F}(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = \max_{|z_i|=r_i; i=1,2,\dots,n} \left| \frac{\partial f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)}{\partial z_1} \right|$$

**Proof.** Let  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$  be such that

$$|f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)| = \max\{|f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)| : |z_j| = r_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

With out loss of generality we may assume that  $f(0, z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0$ . Otherwise we set

 $h(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = z_1 f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n).$ 

Then  $h(0, z_2, \dots, z_n) = 0$  and  $\rho_g(f) = \rho_g(h)$ . We may write for fixed  $z_i$  on |z| = r; i = 2, n

e may write for fixed 
$$z_i$$
 on  $|z| = r_i$ ;  $i = 2....n$ 

$$f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \int_0^{z_1} \frac{\partial f(t, z_2, \dots, z_n)}{\partial t} dt,$$

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where the line of integration is the segment from z = 0 to  $z = re^{i\theta_0}$ , r > 0. Now

$$F(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) = |f(z_{1}^{'}, z_{2}^{'}, \dots, z_{n}^{'})|$$

$$= \left| \int_{0}^{z_{1}} \frac{\partial f(t, z_{2}^{'}, \dots, z_{n}^{'})}{\partial t} dt \right|$$

$$\leq r_{1} \max_{|z_{1}|=r_{1}} \left| \frac{\partial f(z_{1}, z_{2}^{'}, \dots, z_{n}^{'})}{\partial z_{1}} \right|$$

$$= r_{1} \overline{F}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}). \qquad (4)$$

Let  $(z_1^{''}, z_2^{''}, ..., z_n^{''})$  be such that

$$\left|\frac{\partial f(z_1^{"}, z_2^{"}, \ldots, z_n^{"})}{\partial z_1}\right| = \max_{|z_i|=r_i; i=1,2,\ldots,n} \left|\frac{\partial f(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n)}{\partial z_1}\right|.$$

Let C denote the circle  $|t - z_1^{"}| = r_1$ . So,

$$\overline{F}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) = \max_{|z_{i}|=r_{i}; i=1,2,\dots,n} \left| \frac{\partial f(z_{1}, z_{2}, \dots, z_{n})}{\partial z_{1}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\partial f(z_{1}^{''}, z_{2}^{''}, \dots, z_{n}^{''})}{\partial z_{1}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \iint_{C} \frac{f(t, z_{2}^{''}, \dots, z_{n}^{''})}{(t-z_{1}^{''})^{2}} dt \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{F(2r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n})}{r_{1}^{2}} 2\pi r_{1}$$

$$(5)$$

From (4) and (5) we obtain

$$\frac{F\left(r_{1},r_{2},\ldots,r_{n}\right)}{r_{1}}\leq\overline{F}\left(r_{1},r_{2},\ldots,r_{n}\right)\leq\frac{F\left(2r_{1},r_{2},\ldots,r_{n}\right)}{r_{1}}.$$

This proves the lemma.

**Proof of the theorem 5.1:** Let us consider any arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  then from definition of  $\rho_g\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right)$ , we have for

all  $r_i, 0 < r_i < 1; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  sufficiently close to 1,

$$\overline{F}(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) \leq G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_1)^{\rho_s\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right)+\varepsilon}}, \frac{1}{(1-r_2)^{\rho_s\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right)+\varepsilon}}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_n)^{\rho_s\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right)+\varepsilon}}\right).$$

Now by Lemma 5.2

$$F(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n}) \leq r_{1}\overline{F}(r_{1}, r_{2}, \dots, r_{n})$$

$$\leq \left[G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})}, \frac{1}{\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})}, \frac{1}{\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})}, \frac{1}{\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon}\right)\right]^{2}$$

$$\leq G\left(\frac{1}{(1-r_{1})}, \frac{1}{\sigma\left(\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon\right)}, \frac{1}{(1-r_{2})}, \frac{1}{\sigma\left(\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon\right)}, \dots, \frac{1}{(1-r_{n})}, \frac{1}{\sigma\left(\rho_{g}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{1}}\right)+\varepsilon\right)}\right)$$

by Lemma 2.1 and for any  $\sigma > 1$ , since *g* has the property (R). So,

$$\rho_g(f) \leq \sigma \left( \rho_g \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} \right) + \varepsilon \right).$$

Letting  $\sigma \rightarrow 1_+$ , and since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary

$$\rho_g(f) \leq \rho_g\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right).$$

Using (5) we obtain similarly

$$\rho_g\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right) \leq \rho_g(f) \, .$$

So,

$$\rho_g\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}\right) = \rho_g(f).$$

This proves the theorem.

Note 5.3. Similar result hold for other partial derivatives.

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