

ON CERTAIN CLASSES OF UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS IN THE UNIT DISK

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1. Introduction

Let A denote the class of functions

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

analytic in the unit disk $U = \{|z| < 1\}$. A function $f(z) \in A$ is said to be univalent and starlike if, and only if,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0$$

for $z \in U$. Recently, the general idea of order for a starlike function has been introduced in a number of ways as in M. S. Robertson [8], R. J. Libera [2], K. S. Padmanabhan [7] and F. Holland and D. K. Thomas [1]. According to K. S. Padmanabhan [7], a function $f(z) \in A$ is said to be starlike of order k in the unit disk U if the condition

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1} \right| < k$$

hold for some $k (0 < k \leq 1)$ and $z \in U$. The class of such functions we denote by $S(k)$. And let $C(k)$ denote the class of functions $f(z) \in A$ such that $zf'(z)$ is in the class $S(k)$.

For the class $S(k)$, K. S. Padmanabhan [7] has given representation formula, some distortion theorems and the radius of convexity. Moreover, M. L. Mogra [3] has shown a sufficient condition for a function in the class $S(k)$.

2. The necessary and sufficient conditions

THEOREM 1. *A function*

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

is in the class $S(k)$ if, and only if,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} a_n \leq 2k.$$

The equality holds for the function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{(n-1) + k(n+1)} z^n.$$

PROOF. Assume that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} a_n \leq 2k$$

and let $|z|=1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |zf'(z) - f(z)| - k|zf'(z) + f(z)| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1-n)a_n z^n \right| - k \left| 2z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n z^n \right| \\ &\leq |z| \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} a_n - 2k \right| \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem, we have $f(z) \in S(k)$.

For the converse, assume that

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1} \right| = \left| \frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)a_n z^n}{2z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n z^n} \right| < k.$$

Since $|\operatorname{Re}(z)| \leq |z|$ for any z , we have

$$(1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)a_n z^n}{2z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n z^n} \right\} < k.$$

Choose values of z on the real axis so that $zf'(z)/f(z)$ is real. Upon clearing the denominator in (1) and letting $z \rightarrow 1$ through real values, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)a_n \leq k \left(2 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n \right)$$

This inequality gives the required condition. Furthermore, the function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{(n-1) + k(n+1)} z^n$$

is an extremal function for the theorem.

THEOREM 2. *A function*

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

is in the class $C(k)$ if, and only if,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \{ (n-1) + k(n+1) \} a_n \leq 2k.$$

The equality holds for the function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{n \{ (n-1) + k(n+1) \}} z^n$$

The proof of Theorem 2 is obtained by using the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 1.

3. Some properties for the classes $S(k)$ and $C(k)$

THEOREM 3. *Let $0 < k_1 \leq k_2 \leq 1$. Then we have*

$$S(k_1) \supset S(k_2).$$

PROOF. Let a function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $S(k_2)$ and $k_1 = k_2 - \delta$. Then, by Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{ (n-1) + k_2(n+1) \} a_n \leq 2k_2$$

and

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{2k_2}{1+3k_2} < 1.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{ (n-1) + k_1(n+1) \} a_n \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{ (n-1) + (k_2 - \delta)(n+1) \} a_n \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{ (n-1) + k_2(n+1) \} a_n - 3\delta \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\leq 2k_2 - 3\delta \\ &\leq 2k_1. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem with the aid of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 4. Let $0 < k_1 \leq k_2 \leq 1$. Then we have

$$C(k_1) \supset C(k_2).$$

The proof of Theorem 4 is given in much the same way as Theorem 3 with the aid of Theorem 2.

4. Distortion theorems for the fractional calculus

There are many definitions of the fractional calculus. In 1978, S. Owa [6] gave the following definitions for the fractional calculus.

DEFINITION 1. The fractional integral of order α is defined by

$$D_z^{-\alpha} f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{(z-\zeta)^{1-\alpha}},$$

where $\alpha > 0$, $f(z)$ is an analytic function in a simply connected region of the z -plane containing the origin and the multiplicity of $(z-\zeta)^{\alpha-1}$ is removed by requiring $\log(z-\zeta)$ to be real when $(z-\zeta) > 0$. Moreover,

$$f(z) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} D_z^{-\alpha} f(z).$$

DEFINITION 2. The fractional derivative of order α is defined by

$$D_z^\alpha f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^z \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{(z-\zeta)^\alpha},$$

where $0 < \alpha < 1$, $f(z)$ is an analytic function in a simply connected region of the z -plane containing the origin and the multiplicity of $(z-\zeta)^{-\alpha}$ is removed by requiring $\log(z-\zeta)$ to be real when $(z-\zeta) > 0$. Moreover,

$$f(z) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} D_z^\alpha f(z).$$

DEFINITION 3. Under the conditions of Definition 2, the fractional derivative of order $(n+\alpha)$ is defined by

$$D_z^{n+\alpha} f(z) = \frac{d^n}{dz^n} D_z^\alpha f(z),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

For other definitions of the fractional calculus, see T.J. Osler [5], B. Ross [9], K. Nishimoto [4] and M. Saigo [10].

LEMMA 1. Let a function

$$(0 \leq k < \infty) \quad f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $S(k)$. Then we have

$$|z| - \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z|^2 \leq |f(z)| \leq |z| + \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z|^2$$

and

$$1 - \frac{4k}{1+3k} |z| \leq |f'(z)| \leq 1 + \frac{4k}{1+3k} |z|$$

for $z \in U$. The equalities hold for the function

$$f(z) = z - \frac{2k}{1+3k} z^2.$$

PROOF. By using Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{2k}{1+3k}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \leq \frac{4k}{1+3k}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |z| + |z|^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\leq |z| + \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq |z| - |z|^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\geq |z| - \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq 1 + |z| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{4k}{1+3k} |z| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\geq 1 - |z| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{4k}{1+3k} |z| \end{aligned}$$

for $z \in U$.

LEMMA 2. Let a function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $C(k)$. Then we have

$$|z| - \frac{k}{1+3k} |z|^2 \leq |f(z)| \leq |z| + \frac{k}{1+3k} |z|^2$$

and

$$1 - \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z| \leq |f'(z)| \leq 1 + \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z|$$

for $z \in U$. The equalities hold for the function

$$f(z) = z - \frac{k}{1+3k} z^2.$$

PROOF. By using Theorem 2, we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{k}{1+3k}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \leq \frac{2k}{1+3k}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |z| + |z|^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\leq |z| + \frac{k}{1+3k} |z|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq |z| - |z|^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\geq |z| - \frac{k}{1+3k} |z|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq 1 + |z| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\geq 1 - |z| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{2k}{1+3k} |z| \end{aligned}$$

for $z \in U$.

THEOREM 5. Let a function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $S(k)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)| &\leq \frac{|z|^{1+\alpha}(1+3k-2k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}, \\ |D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)| &\leq \frac{|z|^{1+\alpha}(1+3k+2k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}, \\ |D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)| &\leq \frac{|z|^\alpha \{(1+3k)(1-\alpha) - 2k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^\alpha \{(1+3k)(1+\alpha) + 2k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $z \in U$.

PROOF. Let

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \Gamma(2+\alpha) z^{-\alpha} D_z^{-\alpha} f(z) \\ &= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1+\alpha)} a_n z^n. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1+\alpha)} a_n \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} a_n \\ &\leq 2k, \end{aligned}$$

because

$$0 < \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1+\alpha)} < 1.$$

Consequently, the function $F(z)$ belongs to the class $S(k)$ by Theorem 1. Hence we have the theorem with the aid of Lemma 1.

COROLLARY 1. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 5, $D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)$ and $D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)$ are included in the disks with center at the origin and radii $(1+5k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)$ and $(1+\alpha+5k\alpha+7k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)$, respectively.

THEOREM 6. Let a function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $C(k)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)| &\geq \frac{|z|^{1+\alpha}(1+3k-k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}, \\ |D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)| &\leq \frac{|z|^{1+\alpha}(1+3k+k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}, \\ |D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)| &\geq \frac{|z|^\alpha \{(1+3k)(1-\alpha) - k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^\alpha \{(1+3k)(1+\alpha) + k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)}$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $z \in U$.

The proof of Theorem 6 is obtained by using the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 5 with the aid of Lemma 2.

COROLLARY 2. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 6, $D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)$ and $D_z^{1-\alpha} f(z)$ are included in the disks with center at the origin and radii $(1+4k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)$ and $(1+\alpha+4k\alpha+5k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2+\alpha)$, respectively.

THEOREM 7. Let a function

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0)$$

be in the class $C(k)$. Then we have

$$|D_z^\alpha f(z)| \geq \frac{|z|^{1-\alpha}(1+3k-2k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}$$

and

$$|D_z^\alpha f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^{1-\alpha}(1+3k+2k|z|)}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $z \in U$ and

$$|D_z^{1+\alpha} f(z)| \geq \frac{|z|^{-\alpha} \{(1+3k)(1-\alpha) - 2k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}$$

and

$$|D_z^{1+\alpha} f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^{-\alpha} \{(1+3k)(1+\alpha) + 2k(2+\alpha)|z|\}}{(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $z \in U - \{0\}$.

PROOF. Let

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= \Gamma(2-\alpha) z^\alpha D_z^\alpha f(z) \\ &= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1-\alpha)} a_n z^n. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1-\alpha)} a_n \\ \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \{(n-1) + k(n+1)\} a_n \\ \leq 2k, \end{aligned}$$

for

$$0 < \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1-\alpha)} < n$$

and $f(z) \in C(k)$. Accordingly, the function $G(z)$ is in the class $S(k)$ by means of Theorem 1. Therefore, we have the theorem by using Lemma 1.

COROLLARY 5. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 7, $D_z^\alpha f(z)$ and $D_z^{1+\alpha} f(z)$ are included in the disks with center at the origin and radii $(1+5k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)$ and $(1+\alpha+5k\alpha+7k)/(1+3k)\Gamma(2-\alpha)$, respectively.

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