# ON THE STARLIKENESS BOUND OF UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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#### 1. Introduction

Let S denote the class of analytic functions of the form

$$(1.1) f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

which are univalent in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A function f(z) belonging to S is said to be in the class  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  [1], [3] if and only if it satisfies

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{\alpha f'(z) + (1 - \gamma)} \right| < \beta$$

for some  $\alpha(0 \le \alpha \le 1)$ ,  $\beta(0 < \beta \le 1)$ ,  $\gamma(0 \le \gamma < 1)$ .

In particular, the class  $L(1,\beta,0) \equiv D(\beta)$  is studied by Padamanabhan [6], the class  $L(0,\beta,0) \equiv G(\beta)$  is studed by Singh [4], [8] and the class  $L(0,1,\gamma) \equiv F(\gamma)$  is studed by Nunokawa, Fukui, Owa, Saitoh and Sekine [5]. Let  $P(\delta)$  denote the subclass of S consisting of all functions f satisfying the condition

(1.3) 
$$\operatorname{Re}\{f'(z)\} > \delta$$

for some  $\delta(0 \le \delta < 1)$  [8].

In the present paper, we show that the starlikeness bound of functions f(z) belonging to the subclass  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of S in the unit disk, which is an improvement of the result by Nunokawa, Fukui, Owa, Saitoh and Sekine [5] when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ . Furthermore, some considerations for starlikeness of functions with negative coefficients are shown.

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## 2. Boundary of Starlikeness

We begin with the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. If a function f(z) belongs to the class  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  with  $\beta(2\alpha - \gamma + 1) < 1$ , then

$$(2.1) |z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2 \le |f(z)| \le |z| + \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2,$$

(2.2) 
$$\left|\arg f'(z)\right| \leq \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{1-\alpha\beta}|z|\right\},\,$$

and

(2.3) 
$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{2(1 - \alpha\beta)} |z| \right\},$$

for  $z \in U$ .

*Proof.* From the condition (1.2) and the Schwarz Lemma, we get

$$(2.4) |f'(z) - 1| \le \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{1 - \alpha\beta} |z|$$

and

$$|f(z)-z| \leq \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2.$$

It follows that

$$(2.6) |z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{2(1 - \alpha\beta)}|z|^2 \le |f(z)| \le |z| + \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{2(1 - \alpha\beta)}|z|^2$$

and

$$(2.7) |\arg f'(z)| \leq \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{1-\alpha\beta} |z| \right\}.$$

From the condition (2.5), we have

(2.8) 
$$\left|\arg\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)\right| \leq \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|\right\}, \quad (z \in U).$$

Hence, we complete the assertion of Lemma 1.

COROLLARY 2. If a function f(z) belongs to the class  $D(\beta)(0 \le \beta \le \frac{1}{3})$ , then

(2.9) 
$$|z| - \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} |z|^2 \le |f(z)| \le |z| + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} |z|^2,$$

and

$$|\arg f'(z)| \leq \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{2\beta}{1-\beta}|z|\right\},\,$$

for  $z \in U$ .

COROLLARY 3. If a function f(z) belongs to the class  $G(\beta)(0 < \beta \leq 1)$ , then

(2.11) 
$$|z| - \frac{\beta}{2}|z|^2 \le |f(z)| \le |z| + \frac{\beta}{2}|z|^2,$$

and

(2.12) 
$$|\arg f'(z)| \le \sin^{-1}\{\beta|z|\}$$

for  $z \in U$ .

COROLLARY 4. If a function f(z) belongs to the class  $F(\gamma)(0 \le \gamma < 1)$ , then

$$|z| - \frac{1-\gamma}{2}|z|^2 \le |f(z)| \le |z| + \frac{1-\gamma}{2}|z|^2,$$

and

$$|\arg f'(z)| \le \sin^{-1}\{(1-\gamma)|z|\}$$

for  $z \in U$ .

From the above Lemma, we derive

THEOREM 5. If a function f(z) is in the class  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  with  $\beta(2\alpha - \gamma + 1) < 1$ , then f(z) is starlike in  $|z| < r_0 < 1$ , where  $r_0$  is the root of the equation

(2.15) 
$$\log \left( \frac{1 - \left\{ \frac{2(1-\alpha\beta)}{2-\beta(\alpha-1+\gamma)} \right\}^2 \left\{ |z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)} |z|^2 \right\}^2}{1 - |z|^2} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{1-\alpha\beta} |z| \right\} = \pi.$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 1, for f(z) in the class  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , we get

(2.16) 
$$|f(z)| < 1 + \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{2(1 - \alpha\beta)} |z| \quad (z \in U).$$

By using Loewner's differential equation and the same manner in [2], we define the function g(z) by

(2.17) 
$$f(z) = e^{t_0} g(z) \equiv \frac{2 - \beta(\alpha - 1 + \gamma)}{2(1 - \alpha\beta)} g(z).$$

Then g(z) is analytic in U, and satisfies g(0) = 0 and |g(z)| < 1 for  $z \in U$ . Thus, by the Schwarz Lemma, we get  $|g(z)| \le |z|$  for  $z \in U$ . From (2.1) and (2.17), we have

$$|g(z)| = \frac{2(1-\alpha\beta)}{2-\beta(\alpha-1+\gamma)}|f(z)|$$

$$\geq \frac{2(1-\alpha\beta)}{2-\beta(\alpha-1+\gamma)}\left\{|z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2\right\}.$$

Hence, we get

(2.19) 
$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} \right) \right| = \left| \arg \left( \frac{z^2 g'(z)}{g(z)^2} \right) \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_{\arg[1/z^2]}^{\arg[g'(z)/g(z)^2]} d \arg \left( \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)^2} \right) \right|$$

$$\le \int_{|z|}^{|g(z)|} \frac{-2|g(z)|}{1 - |g(z)|^2} d|g(z)|$$

$$\le \int_{|z|}^{\frac{2(1-\alpha\beta)}{2-\beta(\alpha-1+\gamma)}} \frac{|z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2}{1 - |g(z)|^2} \frac{-2|g(z)|}{1 - |g(z)|^2} d|g(z)|$$

$$= \log \left( \frac{1 - \left\{ \frac{2(1-\alpha\beta)}{2-\beta(\alpha-1+\gamma)} \right\}^2 \left\{ |z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{2(1-\alpha\beta)}|z|^2 \right\}^2}{1 - |z|^2} \right)$$

for 0 < |z| < 1. From (2.7) and (2.19), we get (2.20)

$$\begin{split} \left| 2 \arg \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \right| &\leq \left| \arg \left( \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} \right) \right| + |\arg(f'(z))| \\ &\leq \log \left( \frac{1 - \left\{ \frac{2(1 - \alpha \beta)}{2 - \beta(\alpha - 1 + \gamma)} \right\}^2 \left\{ |z| - \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{2(1 + \alpha \beta)} |z|^2 \right\}^2}{1 - |z|^2} \right) \\ &+ \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\beta(\alpha + 1 - \gamma)}{1 - \alpha \beta} |z| \right\} < \pi. \end{split}$$

for some  $|z| < r_0 < 1$ . This completes the proof of Theorem.

COROLLARY 6. If a function f(z) is in the class  $D(\beta)(0 < \beta \le \frac{1}{3})$ , then f(z) is starlike in  $|z| < r_0 < 1$ , where  $r_0$  is the root of the equation

$$(2.21) \log \left( \frac{1 - (1 - \beta)^2 \left\{ |z| - \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} |z|^2 \right\}^2}{1 - |z|^2} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2\beta}{1 - \beta} |z| \right\} = \pi.$$

COROLLARY 7. If a function f(z) is in the class  $G(\beta)(0 < \beta \le 1)$ , then f(z) is starlike in  $|z| < r_0 < 1$ , where  $r_0$  is the root of the equation

(2.22) 
$$\log\left(\frac{1-\left\{\frac{2}{(2+\beta)^2}\right\}\left\{|z|-\frac{\beta}{2}|z|^2\right\}^2}{1-|z|^2}\right)+\sin^{-1}\{\beta|z|\}=\pi.$$

COROLLARY 8. If a function f(z) is in the class  $F(\gamma)(0 \le \gamma < 1)$ , then f(z) is starlike in  $|z| < r_0 < 1$ , where  $r_0$  is the root of the equation

$$(2.23) \log \left( \frac{1 - \left\{ \frac{2}{3 - \gamma} \right\}^2 \left\{ |z| - \frac{1 - \gamma}{2} |z|^2 \right\}^2}{1 - |z|^2} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left\{ (1 - \gamma) |z| \right\} = \pi.$$

### 3. Starlikeness of Functions with Negative Coefficients.

Denoting by T the subclass of S consisting of functions of the form

(3.1) 
$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \ge 0).$$

We define the class  $T^*(\delta)$  and  $L^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  by

$$T^*(\delta) = T \cap S^*(\delta) \quad (0 \le \delta < 1), \qquad L^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = T \cap L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma),$$

where  $S^*(\delta)$  is the subclass of S consisting of all atarlike functions of order  $\delta$ .

In order to give our result, we have to recall here the following lemma due to Silverman [7].

LEMMA 9. A function f(z) defined by (3.1) is in the class  $T^*(\delta)(0 \le \delta < 1)$  if and only if

(3.2) 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-\delta)a_n \le 1-\delta.$$

LEMMA 10. [1],[3]. A function f(z) defined by (3.1) is in the class  $L^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  if and only if

(3.3) 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1+\alpha\beta)n|a_n| \leq \beta(\alpha+1-\gamma).$$

THEOREM 11. A function f(z) defined by (3.1) is in the class  $L^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , then f(z) is in the class  $T^*(\delta)$ , where

$$\delta = \frac{1 + \beta \gamma - \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta}.$$

Proof. From Lemma 10, we note that

(3.4) 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n| \leq \frac{\beta(\alpha+1-\gamma)}{1+\alpha\beta},$$

and from Lemma 9, we get

(3.5) 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-\delta)|a_n| \leq 1-\delta.$$

Hence, f(z) is in the class  $T^*(\delta)$  for

$$\delta \le \frac{1 + \beta \gamma - \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta}.$$

The author have proved the same result for  $L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in [3].

COROLLARY 12. [5]. A function f(z) is in the class  $T \cap F(\gamma)(0 \le \gamma < 1)$ , then f(z) belongs to the class  $T^*(\gamma)$ , that is, f(z) is starlike of order  $\gamma$  in U.

**Proof.** Since  $F(\gamma) \equiv L(0,1,\gamma)$ , f(z) is in the class  $T^*(\delta)$  for  $\delta \leq \gamma$ .

In [1], Kim and Lee proved that  $P^*(\delta) = L^*(\delta, \frac{1-\delta}{1+\delta^2}, 0)$  for some  $\delta(0 \le \delta < 1)$ . From this fact, we have the following corollary.

COROAALRY 13. [5]. If a function  $f(z) \in T$  satisfies  $\text{Re}[f'(z)] > \delta$   $(0 \le \delta < 1)$ , then  $f(z) \in T^*(\delta)$ , that is f(z) is starlike of order  $\delta$  in U.

**Proof.** Assume that f(z) is in the class  $P^*(\delta)$ . By Theorem 11, we have

$$f(z) \in L^*\left(\delta, \frac{1-\delta}{1+\delta^2}, 0\right) = T^*\left(\frac{1-\frac{1-\delta}{1+\delta^2}}{1+\frac{1-\delta}{1+\delta^2}}\right) = T^*(\delta).$$

COROAALRY 14. [5]. If a function f(z) defined by (3.1) is close-to-convex in U, then f(z) is starlike in U.

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