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## Differential Subordination Properties of Sokół-Stankiewicz Starlike Functions

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ABSTRACT. Let p(z) be an analytic function defined on the open unit disk **D** and p(0) = 1. Condition  $\beta$  in terms of complex numbers D and real E with -1 < E < 1 and  $|D| \le 1$  is determined such that  $1 + \beta z p'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ . Furthermore, the expression  $1 + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p(z)}$  and  $1 + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^2(z)}$  are considered in obtaining similar results.

## 1. Introduction

Let A denote the class of all analytic functions f in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{D} := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalised by f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1. An analytic function f is subordinate to an analytic function g, written  $f(z) \prec g(z)(z \in \mathbf{D})$ , if there exists an analytic function w in  $\mathbf{D}$  such that w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for |z| < 1 and f(z) = g(w(z)). In particular, if g is univalent in  $\mathbf{D}$ , then  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  is equivalent to f(0) = g(0) and  $f(\mathbf{D}) \subset g(\mathbf{D})$ .

Sokół and Stankiewicz [6] introduced the class  $SL^*$  consisting of normalised analytic functions f in **D** satisfying the condition  $\left| \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right]^2 - 1 \right| < 1, z \in \mathbf{D}$ . Geometrically, a function  $f \in SL^*$  if  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is in the interior of the right half of the lemniscate of Bernoulli  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 2(x^2 - y^2) = 0$ . A function in the class  $SL^*$  is

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called Sokół-Stankiewicz starlike function. Alternatively, we can also write

$$f \in SL^{\star} \Leftrightarrow \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

Properties of functions in  $SL^*$  have intensively been studied by authors in [4], [7], [8], [9] and [10].

Next, we denote  $S^*[A, B]$  as the class of Janowski starlike functions introduced by Janowski [1] and it consists of functions  $f \in A$  satisfying

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (-1 \le B < A \le 1).$$

For analytic function p(z) in **D** with p(0) = 1, Nunokawa et. al. [3] investigated and established the relation  $1 + zp'(z) \prec 1 + z$  implies  $p(z) \prec 1 + z$ . Ali et. al. [5] extended this result and obtained conditions for which  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$ . Recently, in [4], condition for which  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$  were determined. Motivated by these studies, this paper considers ascertaining condition so that  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ . Other results involving the expression  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p(z)}$  and  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p^2(z)}$  were also looked at.

## 2. Main Results

In proving our results, the following lemma proved by Miller and Mocanu is used.

**Lemma 2.1**([2], p. 135. Let q be univalent in **D** and let  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $q(\mathbf{D})$ . Let  $zq'(z)\varphi[q(z)]$  be starlike. If p is analytic in D, p(0) = q(0) and satisfies  $zp'(z)\varphi[p(z)] \prec zq'(z)\varphi[q(z)]$  then  $p \prec q$  and q is the best dominant.

Our first result is as follows:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let p be an analytic function on D and p(0) = 1. Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$  where -1 < E < 1 and  $|D| \le 1$ . If

$$1 + \beta z p'(z) \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \quad ,$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$  with  $q(0) = 1, q : \mathbf{D} \to C$ . Since  $q(\mathbf{D})$  is a convex set thus q is a convex function which implies zq'(z) is starlike with respect to 0.

Lemma 2.1 suggests

$$1 + \beta z p'(z) \prec 1 + \beta z q'(z) \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z),$$

so to prove our result, it is suffice to show

$$s(z) = \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez} \prec 1 + \beta z q'(z) = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2\sqrt{1+z}} = h(z)$$

Since  $s^{-1}(w) = \frac{w-1}{D-Ew}$ , then

$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2\sqrt{1+z}(D-E) - \beta E z}$$
.

For  $z=e^{i\theta}, \theta\in [-\pi,\pi]$  ,

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| = |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]|$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{|2\sqrt{1+e^{i\theta}}(D-E)-\beta E e^{i\theta}|}$$
$$\geq \frac{\beta}{2|\sqrt{1+e^{i\theta}}||(D-E)|+\beta|E|}$$
$$= \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2|\cos\frac{\theta}{2}|}|(D-E)|+\beta|E|}$$

It can be shown that the above expression is minimum when  $\theta=0$  .

Thus

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \ge \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2}|(D-E)|+\beta|E|} \ge 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}|(D-E)|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{D} \subset s^{-1}[h(\mathbf{D})]$  or  $s(\mathbf{D}) \subset h(\mathbf{D})$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ . Hence, the result is proven.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$  where -1 < E < 1,  $|D| \leq 1$ , and  $f \in A$ . i) If f satisfies the following

$$1 + \beta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez}$$

then  $f \in SL^{\star}$ .

ii) If  $1 + \beta z f''(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  then  $f'(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  and using Theorem 2.1, the first part of Corollary 2.1 is proved. The second part of our results in Corollary 2.1 can be derived by letting p(z) = f'(z).

**Theorem 2.2.** Let p be an analytic function in D and p(0) = 1. Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1 and  $|D| \le 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \sqrt{1 + z}$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ , q(0) = 1. Elementary calculation will show that  $\frac{\beta z q'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)}$  is starlike. Thus, Lemma 2.1 can be applied as

$$1+\beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec 1+\beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z).$$

Next, we prove the subordination

$$s(z) = \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)} = h(z).$$
$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)(D-E) - \beta Ez} \quad .$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| = |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]|$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})(D-E) - \beta E e^{i\theta}|}$$

$$\geq \frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})||(D-E)| + \beta |E|}$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{4|\cos\frac{\theta}{2}||(D-E)| + \beta |E|}$$

A straight forward computation verifies that the above expression is minimum when  $\theta=0$  . Then

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \ge \frac{\beta}{4|(D-E)|+\beta|E|} \ge 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{4|(D-E)|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Hence  $s(\mathbf{D}) \subset h(\mathbf{D})$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ .

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**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1 and  $|D| \le 1$ , *i*)

$$1 + \beta \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow f \in SL^{\star} .$$

ii)

$$1 + \beta \left[ \frac{(zf(z))^{''}}{f'(z)} - \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)} \prec \sqrt{1 + z} \quad .$$

*Proof.* Letting  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in (i) and  $p(z) = \frac{z^2f'(z)}{f^2(z)}$  in (ii) and applying Theorem 2.2 proves the results.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1 and  $|D| \le 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \sqrt{1 + z} \;.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ , which implies  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)}$  is starlike. Using Lemma 2.1,

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z) .$$

Next, let  $h(z) = 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ 

$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)^{\frac{3}{2}}(D-E) - \beta E z}$$

For  $z=e^{i\theta}, \theta\in [-\pi,\pi]$  ,

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| = |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]|$$
  
=  $\frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})^{\frac{3}{2}}(D-E) - \beta E e^{i\theta}|}$   
$$\geq \frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})^{\frac{3}{2}}||(D-E)| + \beta |E|}$$
  
=  $\frac{\beta}{2|(2\cos\frac{\theta}{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}||(D-E)| + \beta |E|}$ 

As in previous case, the above expression is minimum when  $\theta=0$  . Then

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \ge \frac{\beta}{4\sqrt{2}|(D-E)|+\beta|E|} \ge 1$$

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for  $\beta \geq \frac{4\sqrt{2}|(D-E)|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{D} \subset s^{-1}[h(\mathbf{D})]$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1,  $|D| \le 1$  and  $f \in A$ ,

$$1 - \beta + \beta \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow f \in SL^{\star}.$$

*Proof.* The result is obtained by taking  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in Theorem 2.3.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let *p* be an analytic function in **D** and p(0) = 1. Let  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{|1+A||1+B||D-E|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1,  $|D| \le 1$  and  $-1 \le B < A \le 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \left(\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}\right)^{\alpha} .$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right)^{\alpha}$ , Then

$$\frac{\beta z q'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{\beta \alpha z (A - B)}{(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)} = Q(z)$$

It can easily be verified that Q(z) is starlike. Lemma 2.1, we prove the subordination

$$s(z) = \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta \alpha z(A-B)}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)} = h(z)$$

Since  $s^{-1}(w) = \frac{w-1}{D-Ew}$  then

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| = \left| \frac{\beta \alpha z (A - B)}{[(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)(D - E)] - \beta \alpha z E(A - B)]} \right|$$
  
$$\geq \frac{|\beta \alpha z (A - B)|}{|[(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)(D - E)]| + |\beta \alpha z E(A - B)|}$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$|s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \ge \frac{\beta \alpha |(A-B)|}{|[(1+Ae^{i\theta})(1+Be^{i\theta})(D-E)]| + \beta \alpha |E(A-B)|}$$

with minimum value being attained at  $\theta = 0$ . Hence

$$|s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \ge \frac{\beta\alpha|(A-B)|}{|[(1+A)(1+B)(D-E)]| + \beta\alpha|E(A-B)|} \ge 1$$

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for  $\beta \geq \frac{|[(1+A)(1+B)(D-E)]|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$  and the result is obtained.  $\Box$ 

**Remark.** Theorem 2.4 is reduced to Theorem 2.2 when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , A = 1 and B = 0.

Finally, we state the next obvious result.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $\beta_0 = \frac{|1+A||1+B||D-E|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$ , -1 < E < 1,  $|D| \le 1$  and  $-1 \le B < A \le 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \left(\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}\right)^{\alpha} .$$

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