

ON CERTAIN SUBCLASS OF
MULTIVALENT STARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract: The object of the present paper is to introduce two interesting subclasses $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ of p -valent starlike functions in the open unit disc $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and prove various coefficient inequalities and distortion theorems for functions belonging to these subclasses. The radii of convexity for functions belonging to the classes $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ are also determined.

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1. Introduction

Let $A(p)$ denote class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (p \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and p -valent in the unit disc $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. A function

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$f(z) \in A(p)$ is called p -valent starlike of order α if $f(z)$ satisfies the conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} d\theta = 2p\pi \quad (1.3)$$

for $0 \leq \alpha < p$, $p \in N$, and $z \in U$. We denote by $S(p, \alpha)$ the class of all p -valent starlike functions of order α . Also a function $f(z) \in A(p)$ is called p -valent convex order α if $f(z)$ satisfies the following conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} d\theta = 2p\pi \quad (1.5)$$

for $0 \leq \alpha < p$, $p \in N$, and $z \in U$. We denote by $K(p, \alpha)$ the class of all p -valent convex functions of order α . We note that: $f(z) \in K(p, \alpha)$ if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S(p, \alpha), \quad 0 \leq \alpha < p. \quad (1.6)$$

The class $S(p, \alpha)$ was introduced by Partil and Thakare [4] and the class $K(p, \alpha)$ was introduced by Owa [3].

Let $T(p)$ denote the subclass of $A(p)$ consisting of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (a_{p+n} \geq 0, p \in N). \quad (1.7)$$

We denote by $T^*(p, \alpha)$ and $C(p, \alpha)$ the classes obtained by taking intersections, respectively, of the classes $S(p, \alpha)$ and $K(p, \alpha)$ with $T(p)$ that is,

$$T^*(p, \alpha) = S(p, \alpha) \cap T(p)$$

and

$$C(p, \alpha) = K(p, \alpha) \cap T(p).$$

The classes $T^*(p, \alpha)$ and $C(p, \alpha)$ were introduced by Owa [3].

In particular, the classes $S^*(1, \alpha) = S^*(\alpha)$ and $C(1, \alpha) = C(\alpha)$ when $p = 1$ were studied by Silverman [5].

Let the function $g(z)$ be defined by

$$g(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (b_{p+n} \geq 0, p \in N). \tag{1.8}$$

Then a function $f(z) \in T(p)$ is said to be in the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ if

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - p}{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - Ap - (1 - A)\beta} \right| < \gamma \quad (z \in U), \tag{1.9}$$

for $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$, $(0 \leq \alpha < p)$, where $(0 \leq \beta < p)$, $(-1 \leq A < 1)$, and $(0 < \gamma \leq 1)$. If a function $f(z)$ belonging to the class $T(p)$ satisfies the condition (1.9) for $g(z) \in C(p, \alpha)$ $(0 \leq \alpha < p)$, $(0 \leq \beta < p)$, $(-1 \leq A < 1)$ and $(0 < \gamma \leq 1)$, we say that the function $f(z)$ is in the class $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$.

We note that the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, -1)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, -1)$ have been studied rather extensively by Aouf and Hossen [1].

2. Coefficient Inequalities

We begin by recalling the following lemmas from Owa [3].

Lemma 1. *Let the function $g(z)$ defined by (1.8). Then $g(z)$ is in the class $T^*(p, \alpha)$ if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n - \alpha) b_{p+n} \leq (p - \alpha). \tag{2.1}$$

Lemma 2. *Let the function $g(z)$ defined by (1.8). Then $g(z)$ is in the class $C(p, \alpha)$ if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n) (p + n - \alpha) b_{p+n} \leq p (p - \alpha). \tag{2.2}$$

Applying the above lemmas, we now prove our first result on the coefficient inequalities for functions belonging to the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, given by

Theorem 2.1. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (1 + \gamma) (p + n) a_{p+n} - \frac{(p - \alpha) [p + \gamma (Ap + (1 - A)\beta)]}{(p + n - \alpha)} \right\} \leq \gamma (1 - A) (p - \beta). \tag{2.3}$$

Proof. Since $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, there exists a function $g(z)$ belonging to the class $T^*(p, \alpha)$ such that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z) - pg(z)}{zf'(z) - Ap g(z) - (1-A)\beta g(z)} \right| < \gamma \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.4)$$

Since $\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq |z|$, it follows from (2.4) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} z^{p+n} - p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} z^{p+n}}{(1-A)(p-\beta)z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(p+n)a_{p+n} + (Ap + (1-A)\beta)b_{p+n}\} z^{p+n}} \right\} < \gamma. \quad (2.5)$$

Choose values of z on the real axis so that $\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}$ is real.

Thus, upon clearing the denominator in (2.5) and letting $z \rightarrow 1$ through real values, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} - p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \\ & \leq \gamma \left\{ (1-A)(p-\beta) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} + (Ap + (1-A)\beta) b_{p+n} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Otherwise, equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - [p + \gamma(Ap + (1-A)\beta)]b_{p+n}\} \\ & \leq \gamma(1-A)(p-\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Note that, by using Lemma 1, $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$ implies

$$b_{p+n} \leq \frac{(p-\alpha)}{(p+n-\alpha)} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.8)$$

Making use of (2.8) in (2.7) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - \frac{(p-\alpha)[p + \gamma(Ap + (1-A)\beta)]}{(p+n-\alpha)} \right\} \\ & \leq \gamma(1-A)(p-\beta) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the theorem holds true. \square

Corollary 2.2. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class*

$T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$.

$$a_{p+n} \leq \frac{\gamma(p+n-\alpha)(1-A)(p-\beta) + (p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)]}{(1+\gamma)(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)}, \tag{2.9}$$

$n \geq 1$. Then result (2.9) is sharp for a function of the form

$$f(z) = z^p \tag{2.10}$$

$$+ \frac{\gamma(p+n-\alpha)(1-A)(p-\beta) + (p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)]}{(1+\gamma)(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)} z^{p+n},$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{(p-\alpha)}{(p+n-\alpha)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \tag{2.11}$$

Remark. (i) Letting $A = -1$, in Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2, we obtain the results proved by Aouf and Hossen [1], see Theorem 1 and Corollary 1.

(ii) Letting $p = 1$ and $A = -1$, in Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 1, we obtain the results proved by Srivastava and Owa [6], see Theorem 1 and Corollary 1.

(iii) Letting $p = 1$, $A = -1$ and $\alpha = 0$, in Corollary 2.2, we obtain a result proved by Gupta [2], see Theorem 3.

Theorem 2.3. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - \frac{p(p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)]}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)} \right\} \leq \gamma(1-A)(p-\beta). \tag{2.12}$$

Proof. In a similar manner of Theorem 2.1 and with Lemma 2, we can prove the theorem. □

Corollary 2.3. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then

$$a_{p+n} \leq \frac{\gamma(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)(1-A)(p-\beta) + p(p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)]}{(p+n)^2(1+\gamma)(p+n-\alpha)}, \tag{2.13}$$

$n \geq 1$. The result (2.13) is sharp for a function of the form

$$f(z) = z^p$$

$$+ \frac{\gamma (p+n) (p+n-\alpha) (1-A) (p-\beta) + p (p-\alpha) [p + \gamma (Ap + (1-A)\beta)]}{(p+n)^2 (1+\gamma) (p+n-\alpha)} \times z^{p+n}. \quad (2.14)$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.15)$$

3. Growth and Distortion Theorems

Applications of Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 lead to the following growth and distortion theorems for functions belonging to the classes $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$.

Theorem 3.1. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then*

$$|z|^p - Q_A^p |z|^{p+1} \leq |f(z)| \leq |z|^p + Q_A^p |z|^{p+1}, \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$p|z|^{p-1} - (p+1)Q_A^p |z|^p \leq |f'(z)| \leq p|z|^{p-1} + (p+1)Q_A^p |z|^p, \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$Q_A^p = \frac{(p-\alpha) [p + \gamma (Ap + (1-A)\beta)] + \gamma (p-\beta) (1-A) (p+1-\alpha)}{(p+1) (1+\gamma) (p+1-\alpha)}. \quad (3.3)$$

The results (3.1) and (3.2) are sharp.

Proof. For $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, (2.7) implies

$$(1+\gamma) (p+n) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} - [p + \gamma (Ap + (1-A)\beta)] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \gamma (1-A) (p-\beta). \quad (3.4)$$

For $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$, Lemma 1 implies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \frac{(p-\alpha)}{(p+1-\alpha)}. \quad (3.5)$$

So that (3.4) reduces to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\leq \frac{(p - \alpha) [p + \gamma (Ap + (1 - A) \beta)] + \gamma (p - \beta) (1 - A) (p + 1 - \alpha)}{(p + 1) (1 + \gamma) (p + 1 - \alpha)} = Q_A^p.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq |z|^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} |z|^{p+n} \geq |z|^p - |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ &\geq |z|^p - Q_A^p |z|^{p+1}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |z|^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} |z|^{p+n} \leq |z|^p + |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ &\leq |z|^p + Q_A^p |z|^{p+1}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Furthermore, we note from (2.7) that

$$(1 + \gamma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n) a_{p+n} - [p + \gamma (Ap + (1 - A) \beta)] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \gamma (1 - A) (p - \beta)$$

which, in view of (3.5), becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n) a_{p+n} \leq \tag{3.9}$$

$$\frac{(p - \alpha) [p + \gamma (Ap + (1 - A) \beta)] + \gamma (p - \beta) (1 - A) (p + 1 - \alpha)}{(1 + \gamma) (p + 1 - \alpha)} = (p + 1) Q_A^p.$$

Thus, we have

$$|f'(z)| \geq p |z|^{p-1} - |z|^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n) a_{p+n} \geq |z|^p - (p + 1) Q_A^p |z|^p \tag{3.10}$$

and

$$|f'(z)| \leq p |z|^{p-1} + |z|^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p + n) a_{p+n} \leq |z|^p + (p + 1) Q_A^p |z|^p. \tag{3.11}$$

Finally, we can prove that the bounds in (3.1) and (3.2) are sharp by taking the function

$$f(z) = z^p - Q_A^p z^{p+1}. \tag{3.12}$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{(p - \alpha)}{(p + 1 - \alpha)} z^{p+1}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

Remark. (i) Letting $A = -1$ in Theorem 3.1, we obtain a result proved

by Aouf and Hossen [1], Theorem 3.

(ii) Letting $p = 1$ and $A = -1$ in Theorem 3.1, we obtain a result proved by Srivastava and Owa [6], Theorem 3.

(iii) Letting $p = 1$, $A = -1$ and $\alpha = 0$ in Theorem 3.1, we obtain a result proved by Gupta [2], Theorem 4.

Theorem 3.2. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then*

$$|z|^p - F_A^p |z|^{p+1} \leq |f(z)| \leq |z|^p + F_A^p |z|^{p+1} \quad (3.13)$$

and

$$p |z|^{p-1} - (p+1) F_A^p |z|^p \leq |f'(z)| \leq p |z|^{p-1} + (p+1) F_A^p |z|^p \quad (3.14)$$

for $z \in U$, where

$$F_A^p = \frac{p(p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)] + \gamma(1-A)(p-\beta)(p+1-\alpha)(p+1)}{(p+n)^2(1+\gamma)(p+n-\alpha)}. \quad (3.15)$$

Proof. For $f(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, and by using Lemma 2, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1-\alpha)(p+1)} \quad (3.16)$$

since $g(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and applying (3.16) to (2.12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ & \leq \frac{p(p-\alpha)[p+\gamma(Ap+(1-A)\beta)] + \gamma(1-A)(p-\beta)(p+1-\alpha)(p+1)}{(p+n)^2(1+\gamma)(p+n-\alpha)} \\ & = F_A^p. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| & \geq |z|^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} |z|^{p+n} \geq |z|^p - |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ & \geq |z|^p - F_A^p |z|^{p+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| & \leq |z|^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} |z|^{p+n} \leq |z|^p + |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ & \leq |z|^p + F_A^p |z|^{p+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

The assertions (3.13) and (3.14) of Theorem 3.2 follow if we apply (3.16) to (2.7).

The bounds in (3.13) and (3.14) are attained by the function

$$f(z) = z^p - F_A^p z^{p+1} \tag{3.20}$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)} z^{p+1}. \tag{3.21}$$

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 3.2. □

4. Convexity of Functions in $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$

In view of Lemma 1, we know that the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) is p -valent starlike in the unit disc U if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \leq p. \tag{4.1}$$

For $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, we find from (2.7) and (3.5) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \leq (p+1) Q_A^p \leq p, \tag{4.2}$$

where Q_A^p is defined by (3.3).

Furthermore, for $f(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, we

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \leq (p+1) F_A^p \leq p, \tag{4.3}$$

where F_A^p is defined by (3.15). Thus we observe that $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$, and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ are subclasses of p -valent starlike functions. Naturally, therefore, we are interested in finding the radii of convexity for functions in $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ and $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. We first state:

Theorem 4.1. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then $f(z)$ is p -valent convex in the $|z| < r_1$, where*

$$r_1 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left[\frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n) Q_A^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}, \tag{4.4}$$

where Q_A^p is defined by (3.3). The result is sharp.

Proof. It suffices to prove

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p \right| \leq p \quad (|z| < r_1). \quad (4.5)$$

Indeed, we have

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p \right| = \left| \frac{-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n)a_{p+n}z^n}{p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)a_{p+n}z^n} \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n)a_{p+n}|z|^n}{p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)a_{p+n}|z|^n}.$$

Hence (4.5) holds true if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n)a_{p+n}|z|^n \leq p^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(p+n)a_{p+n}|z|^n,$$

that is, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)^2 a_{p+n} |z|^n \leq p^2. \quad (4.6)$$

With the aid of (3.9) and (4.6) is true if

$$(p+n)|z|^{p+n} \leq \frac{p^2}{(p+1)Q_A^p}. \quad (4.7)$$

It follows from (4.7) that

$$|z| \leq \left[\frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)Q_A^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}},$$

for $|z| < r$, we get

$$r_1 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left[\frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)Q_A^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}},$$

where is given by (4.4).

In order to complete the proof of Theorem 4.1, we note that the result is sharp for the function $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{(p+1)Q_A^p}{(p+n)} z^{p+n}, \quad (4.8)$$

for some integer $n \geq 1$. □

Similarly, we can prove Theorem 4.2.

Theorem 4.2. *Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.7) be in the class*

$C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$. Then $f(z)$ is p -valent convex in the disc $|z| < r_2$, where

$$r_2 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left[\frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)F_A^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (p \in N), \quad (4.9)$$

where F_A^p being given by (3.17). The result is sharp for the function $f(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A)$ of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{(p+1)F_A^p}{(p+n)}z^{p+1}, \quad (4.10)$$

for some integer $n \geq 1$.

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