

NEW SUBCLASS OF MULTIVALENT
HYPERGEOMETRIC MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce a new class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ for $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ which consists hypergeometric meromorphic functions of the form $L_p^*(a, c) f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}$ in $U^* = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$. We determine sufficient conditions, distortion properties and radii of starlikeness and convexity for functions in the class $L_p^*(a, c) f(z)$.

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1. Introduction

Let Σ_p denote the class of meromorphic functions $f(z)$ normalized by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic and p -valent in the punctured unit disk $U^* = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$.

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For $0 \leq \beta < p$, we denote by $S_p^*(\beta)$ and $k_p(\beta)$, the subclasses of Σ_p consisting of all meromorphic functions which are, respectively, starlike of order β and convex of order β in U^* .

The classes $S_p^*(\beta)$, $k_p(\beta)$ and various other subclasses of Σ_p have been studied rather extensively by Aouf et al [1], [2], [3], Joshi and Srivastava [11], Kulkarni et al [12], Mogra [17], [18], Owa et al [19], Srivastava and Owa [20], Urale-gaddi and Somantha [22], and Yang [24].

For functions $f_j(z)(j = 1; 2)$ defined by

$$f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+p,j} z^{n+p-1}, \tag{1.2}$$

we denote the Hadamard product (or convolution) of $f_1(z)$ and $f_2(z)$ by

$$(f_1 * f_2) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+p,1} a_{n+p,2} z^{n+p}. \tag{1.3}$$

Let us define the function $\phi_p(a, c; z)$ by

$$\phi_p(a, c; z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1}} z^{n+p-1} \tag{1.4}$$

($c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$, and $a \in C/\{0\}, p \in N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$), where $(\lambda)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol. We note that

$$\phi_p(a, c; z) = \frac{1}{z^p} {}_2F_1(1, a, c; z), \tag{1.5}$$

where

$${}_2F_1(1, a, c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1)_{n+1} (a)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1}} \frac{z^n}{n!},$$

is the well-known Gaussian hypergeometric function. Corresponding to the function $\phi_p(a, c; z)$, using the Hadamard product for $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$, we define a new linear operator $L_p^*(a, c)$ on Σ_p

$$L_p^*(a, c) f(z) = \phi_p(a, c; z) * f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| a_{n+p} z^{n+p}. \tag{1.6}$$

The meromorphic functions with the generalized hypergeometric functions were considered recently by Dziok and Srivastava [7], [8], Liu [13], Liu and Srivastava [14], [15], [16], Cho and Kim [5].

Also for a function $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$, we define the integral operator $J_{\nu,p}$ by

$$J_{\nu,p}f(z) = \frac{\nu}{z^{\nu+p}} \int_0^z t^{\nu+p-1} f(t) dt \quad (\nu > 0). \tag{1.7}$$

There are many papers [23], [25], [2] in which the operator $J_{\nu,p}$ was investigated.

For a function $f \in \Sigma_p$ we define

$$I^0(L_p^*(a, c) f(z)) = L_p^*(a, c) f(z),$$

and for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} I^k(L_p^*(a, c) f(z)) &= z \left(I^{k-1} L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right)' + \frac{1+p}{z} \\ &= \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| a_{n+p} z^{n+p}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

We note that $I^k(L_1^*(a, c) f(z))$ studied by Ghanim, Daruas and Swaminathan [10] and $I^k(L_1^*(a, a) f(z))$ studied by Frasin and Darus [9].

Also, it follows from (1.6) that (see [13])

$$z(L_p^*(a, c) f(z))' = aL_p^*(a+1, c) f(z) - (a+p)L_p^*(a, c). \tag{1.9}$$

Now, let $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ and for all $z \in U^*$, a function $f \in \Sigma_p$ is said to be a member of the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ if it satisfies

$$\left| \frac{z(I^k L^*(a, c) f(z))' + p I^k L^*(a, c) f(z)}{Bz(I^k L^*(a, c) f(z))' + Ap(I^k L^*(a, c) f(z))} \right| < 1. \tag{1.10}$$

The class $\Sigma_1^*(A, B, 0) = \Sigma^*(A, B)$ was studied by Morga [18].

Note that, for $a = c, p=1, \Sigma^*(1 - 2\alpha, -1, k)$ with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, is the class introduced and studied in [9].

In Section 2, our first result will concern the coefficient estimates and distortion theorem for the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

2. Coefficient Estimates and Distortion Theorems

Our first result provides a sufficient condition for a function, analytic in U^* , to be in $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let the function f be defined by (1.6). If*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |a_{n+p}| \leq p(A-B), \quad (2.1)$$

where $k \in \mathbb{N}_0, p \in \mathbb{N}, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, then $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

Proof. Suppose that (2.1) holds true. Consider the expression

$$M(f, f') = \left| z \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right)' + p I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right| - \left| Bz \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right)' + Ap \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right) \right|.$$

Then for $0 < |z| = r < 1$ we have

$$M(f, f') = \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| (n+2p) a_{n+p} z^{n+p} \right| - \left| \frac{p(A-B)}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| ((n+p)B + Ap) a_{n+p} z^{n+p} \right|.$$

This gives

$$r^p M(f, f') \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |a_{n+p}| r^{n+2p} - p(A-B). \quad (2.2)$$

The inequality in (2.2) holds true for all r ($0 < r < 1$). Therefore, by letting $r \rightarrow 1$ in (2.2), we have

$$M(f, f') \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |a_{n+p}| - p(A-B) \leq 0$$

by the hypothesis (2.1). Hence it follows that

$$\left| z \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right)' + p I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right| \leq \left| Bz \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right)' + Ap \left(I^k L_p^*(a, c) f(z) \right) \right|,$$

so that $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

Hence the theorem. □

Our assertion in Theorem 2.1 is sharp for functions of the form:

$$f_{n+p}(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{p(A - B) |(c)_{n+2}|}{(n + p)^k [(n + p)(1 - B) + p(1 - A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} z^n \tag{2.3}$$

($n \geq 0, k \in N_0, p \in N, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1$).

Corollary 2.1. *Let the function f be defined by (1.6) and let $f \in \Sigma_p$. If $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$. Then*

$$|a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{p(A - B) |(c)_{n+2}|}{(n + p)^k [(n + p)(1 - B) + p(1 - A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} \tag{2.4}$$

($n \geq 0, k \in N_0, p \in N, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1$).

The result (2.4) is sharp for functions f_{n+p} given by (2.3).

Corollary 2.2. *For $k = 0, A = 1$ and $B = -1$ in Theorem 2.1, we have*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| (n + p) |a_n + p| \leq 1$$

and therefore the function $L_p^*(a, c)f(z)$ is starlike in U^* .

Corollary 2.3. *For $k = 1, A = 1$ and $B = -1$ in Theorem 2.1, we have*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| (n + p)^2 |a_n + p| \leq 1$$

and therefore the function $L_p^*(a, c)f(z)$ is convex in U^* .

The growth and distortion property for functions in the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ are given in the following result.

Theorem 2.2. *If the function f be defined by (1.6) is in the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$, then for $0 < |z| = r < 1$, we have*

$$\frac{1}{r^p} - \frac{p(A - B)}{[2p - p(A + B)]} r^p \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{1}{r^p} + \frac{p(A - B)}{[2p - p(A + B)]} r^p \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\frac{p}{r^{p+1}} - \frac{p(A - B)}{[2p - p(A + B)]} r^{p-1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + \frac{p(A - B)}{[2p - p(A + B)]} r^{p-1} \tag{2.6}$$

with equality for

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{p(A - B)}{[2p - p(A + B)]} z^p.$$

Proof. Since $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$, Theorem 2.1 readily yields the inequality

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} a_{n+p} \leq \frac{p(A-B)}{(p)^k [2p-p(A+B)]}. \quad (2.7)$$

Thus, for $0 < |z| = r < 1$, and making use of (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{|z|^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{r^p} + r^p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{1}{r^p} + \frac{p(A-B)}{[2p-p(A+B)]} r^p \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{|z|^p} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{r^p} - r^p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p}| \geq \frac{1}{r^p} - \frac{p(A-B)}{[2p-p(A+B)]} r^p. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Also from Theorem 2.1, it follows that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} (n+p) |a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{p(A-B)}{(p)^{k-1} [2p-(A+B)]}. \quad (2.10)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq \frac{p}{|z|^{p+1}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} (n+p) |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p-1} \\ &\leq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + r^{p-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} (n+p) |a_{n+p}| \\ &\leq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + \frac{p(A-B)}{[2p-p(A+B)]} r^{p-1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\geq \frac{p}{|z|^{p+1}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} (n+p) |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p-1} \\ &\geq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + r^{p-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} (n+p) |a_{n+p}| \\ &\geq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + \frac{p(A-B)}{[2p-p(A+B)]} r^{p-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

3. Radii of Starlikeness and Convexity

The radii of starlikeness and convexity for the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ is given by the following theorems.

Theorem 3.1. *If the function f is defined by (1.6) in the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$, then f is meromorphically starlike of order δ ($0 \leq \delta < 1$) in $|z| < r_1$,*

$$r_1 = r_1(A, B, k) = \inf_{n \geq 0} \left\{ \frac{(n+p)^k (p-\delta) [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)]}{p(A-B)(n+3p-\delta)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{n+2p}}, \quad (3.1)$$

where the result is sharp for the functions f_n given by (2.3).

Proof. It suffices to prove that

$$\left| \frac{z (L_p^*(a, c) f(z))'}{L_p^*(a, c) f(z)} + p \right| \leq p - \delta, \quad (3.2)$$

for $|z| < r_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z (L_p^*(a, c) f(z))'}{L_p^*(a, c) f(z)} + p \right| &= \left| \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} (n+2p) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}}{\frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| (n+2p) |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+2p}}{1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+2p}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Hence (3.3) holds true if

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| (n+2p) |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+2p} \\ &\leq (p-\delta) \left(1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+2p} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| \frac{(n+3p-\delta)}{(p-\delta)} |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+2p} \leq 1. \quad (3.5)$$

With the aid of (2.1) and (3.5) it is true if

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{(a)_{n+2}}{(c)_{n+2}} \right| \frac{(n+3p-\delta)}{(p-\delta)} |z|^{n+2p} \\ & \leq \frac{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|}{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|} \quad (n \geq 0). \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Solving (3.6) for $|z|$, we obtain

$$|z| < \left\{ \frac{(n+p)^k (p-\delta) [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)]}{p(A-B)(n+3p-\delta)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{n+2p}} \quad (n \geq 0). \tag{3.7}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

Theorem 3.2. *If the function f is defined by (1.6) in the class $\Sigma^*(A, B, k)$, then f is meromorphically convex of order δ ($0 \leq \delta < 1$) in $|z| < r_2$, where*

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 &= r_2(A, B, k) \\ &= \inf_{n \geq 0} \left\{ \frac{(n+p)^{k-1} (p-\delta) [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)]}{p(A-B)(n+3p-\delta)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{n+2p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

The result is sharp for the functions f_n given by (2.3).

Proof. By using the technique employed in the proof of Theorem 3.1, with the aid of Theorem 2.1, we can show that

$$\left| \frac{z (L_p^*(a, c) f(z))''}{(L_p^*(a, c) f(z))'} + p + 1 \right| \leq (p - \delta), \tag{3.9}$$

for $|z| < r_2$. Thus we have the assertion of Theorem 3.2. □

4. Convex Linear Combinations

Our next results involves a linear combination of several functions of the type (2.3).

Theorem 4.1. *Let*

$$f_{p-1}(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$f_{n+p}(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|}{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} z^{n+p} \tag{4.2}$$

($n \geq 0, k \in N_0$). Then $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ if and only if it can be expressed in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n-1} f_{p+n-1}(z), \tag{4.3}$$

where $\lambda_{p+n-1} \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n-1} = 1$.

Proof. From (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3), it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n-1} f_{p+n-1}(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}| \lambda_{n+p}}{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} z^{n+p} \\ &=: \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{n+p} z^{n+p}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|}{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|} \lambda_{n+p} \\ &\frac{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|}{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{n+p} = 1 - \lambda_{p-1} \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

it follows from Theorem 2.1 that the function $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

Conversely, let us suppose that $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$. Since

$$|a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|}{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|} \quad (n \geq 0, k \in N_0).$$

Setting

$$\lambda_{n+p} = \frac{(n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] |(a)_{n+2}|}{p(A-B) |(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p}|,$$

($n \geq 0, k \in N_0, p \in N$) and

$$\lambda_{p-1} = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{n+p},$$

it follows that $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n-1} f_{p+n-1}(z)$. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1. □

Theorem 4.2. *The class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$ is closed under convex linear combinations.*

Proof. Suppose that the functions $f_1(z)$ and $f_2(z)$ defined by

$$f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_{n+p,j}| z^{n+p} \quad (j = 1, 2; z \in U^*) \quad (4.5)$$

are in the class $\Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$.

Setting

$$f(z) = \mu f_1(z) + (1 - \mu) f_2(z) \quad (0 \leq \mu \leq 1), \quad (4.6)$$

we find from (4.6) that

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} \{|\mu a_{n+p,1} + (1 - \mu) a_{n+p,2}|\} z^{n+p}, \quad (4.7)$$

$0 \leq \mu \leq 1, p \in N, z \in U^*$.

In view of Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left((n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] \right) \\ & \quad \times \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} \{|\mu a_{n+p,1} + (1 - \mu) a_{n+p,2}|\} \\ & = \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p,1}| \\ & \quad + (1 - \mu) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+p)^k [(n+p)(1-B) + p(1-A)] \frac{|(a)_{n+2}|}{|(c)_{n+2}|} |a_{n+p,2}| \\ & \leq \mu p(A-B) + (1 - \mu) p(A-B) = p(A-B), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $f \in \Sigma_p^*(A, B, k)$. Hence the theorem is proved. \square

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