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ON CERTAIN SUBCLASS OF STARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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There are many classes of starlike functions in the unit disk U . We consider a class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$ of univalent and starlike functions in the unit disk U . The purpose of this paper is to show a representation formula, a distortion theorem, a sufficient condition and an argument theorem for the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Furthermore, we give the radius of convexity for functions in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$.

I. Introduction. Let S denote the class of functions

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

analytic in the unit disk $U = \{ |z| < 1 \}$. Further, let $S(\alpha, \beta)$ denote the class of functions $f(z) \in S$ satisfying the condition

$$(1) \quad \left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1}{\alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1} \right| < \beta, \quad z \in U$$

for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ and $\beta (0 < \beta \leq 1)$. For this class T. V. Lakshminarasimhan [2] established some results. Moreover, M. L. Moga [3] and K. S. Padmanabhan [5] studies the class $S(1, \beta)$ of functions $f(z) \in S$ satisfying the condition (1), where $\alpha = 1$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$, and R. Singh [7] studied the class $S(0, 1)$ of functions $f(z) \in S$ satisfying the condition (1) for $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 1$.

In this paper, we consider the function

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

analytic in the unit disk U and satisfying the condition (1) for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ and $\beta (0 < \beta \leq 1)$. We denote the class of all such functions $f(z)$ by $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. The class $S_p(1, \beta)$ is precisely the class of functions studied by M. L. Moga [4].

2. A representation formula. Here, we obtain a representation formula for the functions of the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. In the first place, we require the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *Let the function $H(z) = 1 + b_p z^p + b_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$ ($p \in N$) be analytic in the unit disk U . Then $H(z)$ is analytic and satisfies the condition $\left| \frac{1-H(z)}{1+\alpha H(z)} \right| < \beta$, for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ and $\beta (0 < \beta \leq 1)$ if, and only if, there exists an analytic function $\Phi(z)$ in the unit disk U such that $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$ and*

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$$

Proof. We employ the technique used by K. S. Padmanabhan [5] Let the function $H(z) = 1 + b_p z^p + b_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots$, satisfies the condition

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

for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ and $\beta (0 < \beta \leq 1)$. Setting $z^{p-1} h(z) = \frac{1 - H(z)}{1 + \alpha H(z)}$, we note that the function $h(z)$ is analytic in the unit disk U , satisfies $|h(z)| < \beta$ for $z \in U$ and $h(0) = 0$. Consequently, using Schwarz's lemma, we have $h(z) = z\Phi(z)$, where $\Phi(z)$ is analytic in the unit disk U and satisfies $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$. Thus we obtain $H(z) = \frac{1 - z^{p-1} h(z)}{1 + \alpha z^{p-1} h(z)} = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$. On the other hand, if $H(z) = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$ and $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$, then the function $H(z)$ is analytic in the unit disk U . Furthermore, since $|z^p \Phi(z)| \leq \beta |z|^p < \beta$ for $z \in U$, we obtain

$$\left| \frac{1 - H(z)}{1 + \alpha H(z)} \right| = |z^p \Phi(z)| < \beta,$$

for $z \in U$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Theorem 1. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be a function, analytic in the unit disk U . Then the function $f(z)$ is in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$ if, and only if.

$$(2) \quad f(z) = z \exp \left\{ -(1 + \alpha) \int_0^z \frac{t^{p-1} \Phi(t)}{1 + \alpha t^p \Phi(t)} dt \right\},$$

where $\Phi(z)$ is an analytic function in the unit disk U and satisfies $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$.

Proof. Let $f(z)$ be in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then, since $f(z)$ satisfies the condition (1), we can write $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$ by using Lemma 1. Hence we have $\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{z} = \frac{-(1 + \alpha) z^{p-1} \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$ which at once gives (2) on integration from 0 to z .

Conversely, if $f(z)$ has the representation (2), it follows that $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)}$ holds with $\Phi(z)$ as in Lemma 1. Accordingly we obtain that $f(z) \in S_p(\alpha, \beta)$ with the aid of Lemma 1.

3. A distortion theorem.

Lemma 2. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then we have

$$\frac{1 - \beta |z|^p}{1 + \alpha \beta |z|^p} \leq \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} \leq \frac{1 + \beta |z|^p}{1 - \alpha \beta |z|^p}$$

for $z \in U$.

Proof. Let $f(z)$ be in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then, by Lemma 1, we have $w(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - Z}{1 + \alpha Z}$ with $|Z| < \beta |z|^p$ for $z \in U$, so that

$$\frac{1 - \beta |z|^p}{1 + \alpha \beta |z|^p} \leq \operatorname{Re}(w) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1 - Z}{1 + \alpha Z} \right\} \leq \frac{1 + \beta |z|^p}{1 - \alpha \beta |z|^p}.$$

This proves Lemma 2.

Theorem 2. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be analytic in the unit disk U and suppose $f(z) \in S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then we have

$$\frac{|z|}{(1+\alpha\beta|z|^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}} \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|}{(1-\alpha\beta|z|^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}}$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $z \in U$. Furthermore, we have

$$|z| \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{p}|z|^p\right) \leq |f(z)| \leq |z| \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{p}|z|^p\right)$$

for $\alpha = 0$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $z \in U$.

Proof. Since the function $f(z)$ is in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$, we have $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1-z^p\Phi(z)}{1+\alpha z^p\Phi(z)}$, where $\Phi(z)$ is an analytic function in the unit disk U and $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$. Hence we obtain

$$(3) \quad \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{z} = \frac{-(1+\alpha)z^{p-1}\Phi(z)}{1+\alpha z^p\Phi(z)}$$

Integrating both sides of (3) from 0 to z and taking the real parts on both sides of the resulting equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z \left\{ \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} - \frac{1}{t} \right\} dt = \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z \frac{-(1+\alpha)t^{p-1}\Phi(t)}{1+\alpha t^p\Phi(t)} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^{|z|} \frac{(1+\alpha)|\Phi(te^{i\theta})|t^{p-1}}{|1+\alpha t^p e^{ip\theta}\Phi(te^{i\theta})|} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \leq \int_0^{|z|} \frac{(1+\alpha)\beta t^{p-1}}{1-\alpha\beta t^p} dt = -\log(1-\alpha\beta|z|^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and

$$\log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \leq \int_0^{|z|} \beta t^{p-1} dt = \frac{\beta}{p}|z|^p$$

for $\alpha = 0$. Consequently we have $|f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|}{(1-\alpha\beta|z|^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}}$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $|f(z)| \leq |z| \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{p}|z|^p\right)$ for $\alpha = 0$.

On the other hand, by Lemma 2,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1-\beta|z|^p}{1+\alpha\beta|z|^p}$$

for $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $z \in U$. This gives

$$r \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right\} \geq \frac{1-\beta r^p}{1+\alpha\beta r^p} - 1 = \frac{-(1+\alpha)\beta r^p}{1+\alpha\beta r^p}$$

for $|z| = r$. Thus we obtain

$$\log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} \geq \int_0^r \frac{-(1+\alpha)\beta t^{p-1}}{1+\alpha\beta t^p} dt.$$

Hence, $\log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \geq -\log(1 + \alpha\beta r^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $\log \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \geq -\frac{\beta}{p} r^p$ for $\alpha = 0$. Consequently we have

$$|f(z)| \geq \frac{|z|}{(1 + \alpha\beta |z|^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}}$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and

$$|f(z)| \geq |z| \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{p} |z|^p\right)$$

for $\alpha = 0$. The equality is attained for $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - \alpha\beta z^p)^{(1+\alpha)/\alpha p}}$, when $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and for $f(z) = z \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{p} z^p\right)$, when $\alpha = 0$ and $0 < \beta \leq 1$.

4. A sufficient condition for the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$.

Theorem 3. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be analytic in the unit disk U . If we have

$$(4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(p+n-1) + \beta(1 + \alpha p + \alpha n)\} |a_{p+n}| \leq \beta(1 + \alpha)$$

for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ and $\beta (0 < \beta \leq 1)$, then the function $f(z)$ belongs to the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$.

Proof. Assume that the condition (4) holds. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |zf'(z) - f(z)| - \beta |azf'(z) + f(z)| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n-1) a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \right| \\ & - \beta \left| (1 + \alpha)z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + \alpha p + \alpha n) a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n-1) |a_{p+n}| |z|^{p+n} \\ & - \beta(1 + \alpha) |z| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta(1 + \alpha p + \alpha n) |a_{p+n}| |z|^{p+n} \\ & < \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(p+n-1) + \beta(1 + \alpha p + \alpha n)\} |a_{p+n}| - \beta(1 + \alpha) \right] |z| \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for $z \in U$. Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem, the function $f(z)$ belongs to the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$.

5. An argument theorem.

Theorem 4. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then we have

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\beta(1 + \alpha) |z|^p}{1 + \alpha\beta^2 |z|^{2p}} \right).$$

Proof. We use a method of R. M. Goel and N. S. Sohi [1]. Since $f(z)$ is in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$, by Lemma 1, we obtain

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - z^p \Phi(z)}{1 + \alpha z^p \Phi(z)},$$

where $\Phi(z)$ is a function analytic in the unit disk U and $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$. After a simple calculation, we have

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1+\alpha\beta^2|z|^{2p}}{1-\alpha^2\beta^2|z|^{2p}} \right| \leq \frac{\beta(1+\alpha)|z|^p}{1-\alpha^2\beta^2|z|^{2p}}.$$

Consequently,

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\beta(1+\alpha)|z|^p}{1+\alpha\beta^2|z|^{2p}} \right).$$

Corollary I. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be a starlike function of order γ ($0 \leq \gamma < 1$) in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$. Then we have

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

Proof. Since $f(z)$ is a starlike function of order γ ($0 \leq \gamma < 1$), using a result of B. Pinchuk [6], we obtain

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \leq 2(1-\gamma) \sin^{-1} |z|.$$

Hence we have the corollary with the aid of Theorem 4.

6. The radius of convexity for functions of the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$.

Theorem 5. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$ be in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$ with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $0 < \beta \leq 1$. Then $f(z)$ map the disk

$$|z| < \left(\frac{2+(1+\alpha)p - \sqrt{(1+\alpha)p\{(1+\alpha)p+4\}}}{2\beta} \right)^{1/p}$$

onto a convex domain if $C(\alpha, p) \leq \beta \leq 1$, where $C(\alpha, p)$ is the value of β which satisfies the equation

$$2\beta a_1^{p+2} - 2\beta a_1^p - \{2+(1+\alpha)p\} a_1^2 - 2(1+\alpha)a_1 + 2+(1+\alpha)p = 0$$

and

$$a_1 = \left(\frac{2+(1+\alpha)p - \sqrt{(1+\alpha)p\{(1+\alpha)p+4\}}}{2\beta} \right)^{1/p}.$$

Proof. Since $f(z)$ is in the class $S_p(\alpha, \beta)$, by Theorem 1, we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1-z^p \Phi(z)}{1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z)},$$

where $\Phi(z)$ is an analytic function in the unit disk U and satisfies $|\Phi(z)| \leq \beta$ for $z \in U$. Differentiating logarithmically the both sides of the above equality with respect to z , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{1-z^p \Phi(z)}{1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z)} - \frac{(1+\alpha)(pz^p \Phi(z) + z^{p+1} \Phi'(z))}{(1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z))(1-z^p \Phi(z))}.$$

Moreover, we have

$$(5) \quad \left| \frac{\Phi'(z)}{\beta} \right| \leq \frac{1-|\Phi(z)|\beta}{1-|z|^2}$$

for the analytic function $\Phi(z)$ in the unit disk U . Since

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1-z^p \Phi(z)}{1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z)} \right\} = \frac{1-\alpha|z^p \Phi(z)|^2 - (1-\alpha) \operatorname{Re}(z^p \Phi(z))}{|1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z)|^2}$$

$$\geq \frac{(1+\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|)(1-|z^p \Phi(z)|)}{|1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z)|^2} \geq \frac{1-|z^p \Phi(z)|}{1+\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{pz^p \Phi(z) + z^{p+1} \Phi'(z)}{(1+\alpha z^p \Phi(z))(1-z^p \Phi(z))} \right\} &\leq \frac{p |z^p \Phi(z)| + |z^{p+1} \Phi'(z)|}{(1-\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|)(1-|z^p \Phi(z)|)} \\ &\leq \frac{p |z^p \Phi(z)| + |z^{p+1} \Phi'(z)|}{(1-\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1-|z^p \Phi(z)|}{1+\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|} - \frac{(1+\alpha)(p |z^p \Phi(z)| + |z^{p+1} \Phi'(z)|)}{(1-\alpha |z^p \Phi(z)|)^2}.$$

Assume that

$$(6) \quad 1 + |z^p \Phi(z)|^2 - \{2 + (1+\alpha)p\} |z^p \Phi(z)| - (1+\alpha) |z^{p+1} \Phi'(z)| > 0$$

Then we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > 0.$$

Now, in virtue of (5), the condition (6) will be satisfied

$$1 + |z^p \Phi(z)|^2 - \{2 + (1+\alpha)p\} |z^p \Phi(z)| - (1+\alpha) |z|^{p+1} \frac{\beta - |\Phi(z)|^{2/\beta}}{1-|z|^2} > 0.$$

Writing $a = |z|$ and $t = |z^p \Phi(z)|$, the above condition can be re-written as

$$(1-a^2)[1+t^2 - \{2+(1+\alpha)p\}t] - (1+\alpha)(\beta a^{p+1} - \frac{t^2}{\beta a^{p-1}}) > 0,$$

that is,

$$(7) \quad t^2 \left\{ (1-a^2) + \frac{1+\alpha}{\beta a^{p-1}} \right\} - t \{2+(1+\alpha)p\} + 1 - a^2 - (1+\alpha)\beta a^{p+1} > 0,$$

where $0 < a < 1$ and $0 \leq t \leq a^p \beta$. Let $G(t)$ denote the left hand member of (7). Then we see that

$$G'(z) = 2t \left\{ (1-a^2) + \frac{1+\alpha}{\beta a^{p-1}} \right\} - (1-a^2) \{2+(1+\alpha)p\} = 0$$

for $t = t_1 = (1-a^2) \{2+(1+\alpha)p\} / 2(1-a^2) + (1+\alpha)/\beta a^{p-1}$.

Further

$$G''(z) = 2 \left\{ (1-a^2) + \frac{1+\alpha}{\beta a^{p-1}} \right\} > 0,$$

because $0 < a < 1$. Now t_1 is positive and negative with $2\beta a^{p+2} - 2\beta a^p - \{2+(1+\alpha)p\}a^2 - 2(1+\alpha)a + 2+(1+\alpha)p$, respectively. Let

$$E(a) = 2\beta a^{p+2} - 2\beta a^p - \{2+(1+\alpha)p\}a^2 - 2(1+\alpha)a + 2+(1+\alpha)p$$

and let a_0 be the positive root of $E(a) = 0$ lying in the open interval $(0, 1)$. Then $E(a)$ is positive for $0 < a < a_0$ and so $t_1 > a^p \beta$. Therefore $G'(t)$ is negative for $0 \leq t \leq a^p \beta$, $G(a^p \beta) < G(t)$ and the condition (7) is satisfied if $G(a^p \beta) > 0$. This is equivalent to

$$(1 - \alpha^2) [\alpha^{2p} \beta^2 - \alpha^p \beta \{2 + (1 + \alpha)p\} + 1] > 0$$

which holds for $\alpha < A^{1/p}$, where we have denoted

$$A^{1/p} = \left(\frac{2 + (1 + \alpha)p - \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)p \{(1 + \alpha)p + 4\}}}{2\beta} \right)^{1/p}.$$

Furthermore, we can show that $\alpha_0 > A^{1/p}$ if $\frac{2 + (1 + \alpha)p - \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)p \{(1 + \alpha)p + 4\}}}{2} \leq \beta \leq 1$. The condition for β implies $A < 1$, and so $\alpha_1 = A^{1/p} < \alpha_0$ if $E(\alpha_1)$ is positive. If $E(\alpha_1) = 0$, then $\alpha_0 = A^{1/p}$. This shows that

$$|z| < \left(\frac{2 + (1 + \alpha)p - \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)p \{(1 + \alpha)p + 4\}}}{2\beta} \right)^{1/p}$$

is mapped onto a convex domain by $f(z)$ provided $C(\alpha, p) \leq \beta \leq 1$, where $C(\alpha, p)$ is the value of β which satisfies the equation $E(\alpha_1) = 0$.

Finally, the estimate is sharp. Choose the function $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 + \alpha \beta z^p)^{(1 + \alpha)/\alpha p}}$ so that $f(z) \in S_p(\alpha, \beta)$ while $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = 0$, when $z = A^{1/p}$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $0 < \beta \leq 1$ so that $f(z)$ is not convex in any disk $|z| < R$ if R exceeds

$$\left(\frac{2 + (1 + \alpha)p - \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)p \{(1 + \alpha)p + 4\}}}{2\beta} \right)^{1/p}.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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