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**ON THE RADUIS OF ALPHA-STARLIKENESS  
FOR STARLIKE FUNCTIONS OF ORDER  
BETA AND FIXED SECOND COEFFICIENT**

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Let  $K(\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  which are regular in the unit disc  $E$  and for which

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ p(z) + \frac{\alpha z p'(z)}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p(z)} \right\} > 0,$$

where  $p(z) = z f'(z)/f(z)$  and  $f(z) f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in E - \{0\}$ . The aim of this note is to determine the largest disc centered in the origin for which all starlike functions of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , and second coefficient  $2b(1 - \beta)$  are in class  $K(\alpha)$ .

Let  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  be a regular function in the unit disc and let for  $\alpha \in C$  :

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

where  $p(z) = z f'(z)/f(z)$ .

We denote by  $K(\alpha)$  the class of functions for which  $\operatorname{Re} K(\alpha, f(z)) > 0$  for  $z \in E$  and  $f(z) f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in E - \{0\}$ . The elements of the class  $K(\alpha)$  are called alpha-starlike functions. It is known [1] that for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D} = \{\alpha : \operatorname{Re} \alpha \geq |\alpha|^2\}$  there are univalent starlike functions in  $E$ . Let  $S^*(\beta)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , be the class of regular and starlike functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  of order  $\beta$  in  $E$  (for such functions  $\operatorname{Re} z f'(z)/f(z) > \beta$  in  $E$ ).

The largest disc centered in the origin in which any starlike function of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , is  $\alpha$ -starlike, was determined by Pascu and Podaru [2]. The radius of this disc is called  $\alpha$ -starlikeness radius for the starlike functions of order  $\beta$ .

Let  $S_b^*(\beta)$  be the class of functions  $f(z) = z + 2b(1 - \beta)z^2 + \dots$ ,  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ , which are starlike of order  $\beta$ . For the functions of the class  $S_b^*(\beta)$  we shall study the behaviour of the radius of  $\alpha$ -starlikeness with respect to the second coefficient of the series expansion.

The radius of  $\alpha$ -starlikeness for the class  $S_b^*(\beta)$  is defined by

$$R_b(\alpha, \beta) = \sup \{ r : \operatorname{Re} K(\alpha, f(z)) > 0, |z| < r, f(z) \in S_b^*(\beta) \}.$$

Pascu and Podaru determined the radius of  $\alpha$ -starlikeness for the class  $S^*(\beta)$  making use of a result due to Robertson which relies on variational techniques, while in this note we shall use a lemma of Dieudonné.

We introduce the following functional classes:

Let  $\Omega$  be the class of functions  $w(z)$  regular in  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and satisfying the conditions  $w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1$  in  $E$ .

For fixed  $A, B$  satisfying the conditions  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$  let  $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$  be the class of functions  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + \dots$  defined by

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}$$

for some  $w(z) \in \Omega$  and  $z \in E$ . This class was introduced by Janowski [3].

Let  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + \dots \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  and put  $\theta = \arg p_1$ . Then  $p(e^{-i\theta}z) = 1 + |p_1|z + \dots$  and for the studying the class  $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$  there is no loss of generality if one takes the first coefficient  $p_1$  to be nonnegative. Also it is known that  $|p_1| \leq A - B$  [4].

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$  the following subclass of  $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$ :

$$\mathcal{P}_b(A, B) = \{p(z) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B) : p'(0) = b(A - B), 0 \leq b \leq 1\}.$$

Let  $S_b^*(A, B)$  be a class of univalent functions associated with  $\mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$  as follows:

$$S_b^*(A, B) = \left\{ f(z) = z + b(A - B)z^2 + \dots ; \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \in \mathcal{P}_b(A, B), z \in E \right\}.$$

By special choices of  $A, B$  this class can be reduced to the class  $S_b^*(\beta)$ . Precisely,  $S_b^*(1 - 2\beta, -1) \equiv S_b^*(\beta)$ . We have also

$$S^*(\beta) = S_1^*(1 - 2\beta, -1).$$

First we shall determine the expression

$$\min_{|z|=r < 1} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \lambda p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \right\}, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad \mu \geq 0,$$

over  $\mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$ . We need the following lemmas:

Lemma 1 [5]. *If  $w(z) \in \Omega$  then for  $z \in E$*

$$|zw'(z) - w(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^2 - |w(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

Lemma 2 [6]. *If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$  then for each  $b \in [0, 1]$  we have that  $p(z)$  maps the disc  $|z| \leq r$  onto the disc*

$$\Delta(\zeta) \equiv \{ \zeta : |\zeta - a_b| \leq d_b \},$$

where

$$a_b = \frac{(1 + br)^2 - AB r^2 (r + b)^2}{(1 + br)^2 - B^2 r^2 (r + b)^2}, \quad d_b = \frac{(B - A)r(r + b)(1 + br)}{(1 + br)^2 - B^2 r^2 (r + b)^2}$$

and  $|z| = r < 1$ .

From Lemma 2 it follows immediately that if  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$ , then

$$\frac{1 + br - Ar(r + b)}{1 + br - Br(r + b)} \leq \operatorname{Re} p(z) \leq |p(z)| \leq \frac{1 + br + Ar(r + b)}{1 + br + Br(r + b)}$$

on  $|z| = r < 1$ .

The first inequality is sharp for the function

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + b(A - 1)z - Az^2}{1 + b(B - 1)z - Bz^2} \quad \text{at } z = -r.$$

The third inequality is sharp for the function

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + b(1 + A)z + Az^2}{1 + b(1 + B)z + Bz^2} \quad \text{at } z = -r.$$

Also for a fixed  $r$  in  $(0, 1)$  we have:

$$(1) \quad a_b - d_b \geq a_1 - d_1, \quad a_b + d_b \geq a_0 + d_0.$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ , then:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \lambda p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \right\} \geq \begin{cases} N_1 + \frac{1}{(A - B)(1 - r^2)} \frac{D_1}{D_4} & \text{for } R_1 \leq R_2, \\ N_1 + \frac{2}{(A - B)(1 - r^2)} D_5 & \text{for } R_2 \leq R_1, \end{cases}$$

on  $|z| = r < 1$ , where

$$N_1 = \frac{(1 - \lambda\mu)A + (\lambda\mu + 2\mu + 1)B}{A - B}, \quad N_2 = \mu + 1 - \mu B - A,$$

$$D_1 = N_2[\mu + 1 + (A + \mu B)r^2]D_2^2 + [\lambda(A - B)(1 - r^2) + (1 - B)(1 + Br^2)]D_3^2 - 2[\mu + 1 - (A + \mu B)Br^2]D_2D_3,$$

$$D_2 = -Br^2 + b(1 - B)r + 1,$$

$$D_3 = -(A + \mu B)r^2 + N_2br + \mu + 1,$$

$$D_4 = D_2D_3,$$

$$D_5 = \sqrt{N_2[\mu + 1 + (A + \mu B)r^2][\lambda(A - B)(1 - r^2) + (1 - B)(1 + Br^2)]}$$

$$- [\mu + 1 - (A + \mu B)Br^2],$$

$$R_1 = \sqrt{\frac{N_2[\mu + 1 + (A + \mu B)r^2]}{\lambda(A - B)(1 - r^2) + (1 - B)(1 + Br^2)}}, \quad R_2 = \frac{D_3}{D_2}.$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. For  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(A, B)$  we may write:

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad z \in E,$$

for some  $w(z) \in \Omega$ .

From this formula we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} &= \lambda \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} + \frac{(A - B)zw'(z)}{[1 + Bw(z)][1 + \mu + (A + \mu B)w(z)]} \\ &= \lambda \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} + (A - B) \frac{w(z)}{[1 + Bw(z)][1 + \mu + (A + \mu B)w(z)]} \\ &\quad + (A - B) \frac{zw'(z) - w(z)}{[1 + Bw(z)][1 + \mu + (A + \mu B)w(z)]}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1 to the last term of the right-hand side we find

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \lambda p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \right\} \\ & \geq N_1 + \frac{1}{A + B} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (\lambda A - \lambda B - B)[p(z) + \mu] - \frac{\mu^2 B + \mu(A + B) + A}{p(z) + \mu} \right\} \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{(A - B)(1 - r^2)} \frac{r^2 |Bp(z) - A|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{|p(z) + \mu|}. \end{aligned}$$

If we put  $p(z) = a_b + u + iv$ ,  $|p(z)| = R = \sqrt{(a_b + u)^2 + v^2}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 |Bp(z) - A|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2 &= -(1 - B^2 r^2)R^2 + 2(1 - AB r^2)(a_b + u) - (1 - A^2 r^2) \\ &= -(1 - B^2 r^2)R^2 + 2a_1(1 - B^2 r^2)(a_b + u) - (1 - B^2 r^2)(a_1^2 - d_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

Denoting the right-hand side of (2) by  $F(u, v)$  we get:

$$F(u, v) = N_1 + \frac{1}{A-B} \left\{ (\lambda A - \lambda B - B)(a_b + u + \mu) - \frac{\mu^2 B + (A+B)\mu + A}{R^2 + 2\mu(a_b + u) + \mu^2} (a_b + u + \mu) + \frac{1 - B^2 r^2}{1 - r^2} \frac{R^2 - 2a_1(a_b + u) + a_1^2 - d_1^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + 2\mu(a_b + u) + \mu^2}} \right\}.$$

Now our problem is to determine the absolute minimum of  $F(u, v)$  on the disc  $u^2 + v^2 \leq d_b^2$ .

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial F(u, v)}{\partial v} = \frac{vS(u, v)}{(A-B)[R^2 + 2\mu(a_b + u) + \mu^2]^2},$$

where

$$S(u, v) = 2(\mu + 1)(A + \mu B)(a_b + u + \mu) + \frac{1 - B^2 r^2}{1 - r^2} [R^2 + 2(2\mu + a_1)(a_b + u) + 2\mu^2 - a_1^2 + d_1^2] \sqrt{R^2 + 2\mu(a_b + u) + \mu^2}.$$

In view of (1):  $S(u, v) > 0$ . Using (3) we see that for every fixed  $u$ ,  $F(u, v)$  is an increasing function of  $v$  for positive  $v$ , it is a decreasing function of  $v$  for negative  $v$  and  $\partial F(u, v)/\partial v = 0$  for  $v = 0$ . Thus, the minimum of  $F(u, v)$  inside the disc  $u^2 + v^2 \leq d_b^2$  is attained on the diameter lying on the real axis. Setting  $v = 0$  we get:

$$F(u, 0) = N_1 + \frac{1}{A-B} \left\{ (\lambda A - \lambda B - B)(a_b + u + \mu) - \frac{\mu^2 B + \mu(A+B) + A}{a_b + u + \mu} + \frac{1 - B^2 r^2}{1 - r^2} [a_b + u + \mu - 2(\mu + a_1) + \frac{\mu^2 + 2a_1\mu + a_1^2 - d_1^2}{a_b + u + \mu}] \right\},$$

$$\frac{dF(u, 0)}{du} = (\lambda A - \lambda B - B)(1 - r^2) + 1 - B^2 r^2$$

$$- \frac{\mu^2(1 - B) + 1 - A + \mu(2 - A - B) + r^2[\mu^2 B(1 - B) + \mu(A + B - 2AB) + A(1 - A)]}{(a_b + u + \mu)^2}.$$

The solution providing the minimum of  $F(u, 0)$  is

$$u_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2(1 - B) + 1 - A + \mu(2 - A - B) + r^2[\mu^2 B(1 - B) + \mu(A + B - 2AB) + A(1 - A)]}{(\lambda A - \lambda B - B)(1 - r^2) + 1 - B^2 r^2}} - a_b - \mu.$$

It is clear that the absolute minimum of  $F(u, v)$  is attained in the point  $u_0$ , if  $u_0$  lies in  $[-d_b, d_b]$  and its value is  $N_1 + 2D_5/(A - B)(1 - r^2)$ . In view of (1) and from the

conditions  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , we see that  $u_0 < d_b$ . For the case  $u_0 \leq -d_b$ , that is, if  $R_1 \leq R_2$ , the absolute minimum of  $F(u, v)$  is attained at the point  $u = -d_b$ , the value of which is

$$F(-d_b, 0) = N_1 + \frac{1}{(A-B)(1-r^2)} \frac{D_1}{D_4}.$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$p_1(z) = \frac{1 + \mu + b[A - 1 + \mu B - \mu]z - (A + \mu B)z^2}{(1 + \mu)[1 + b(B - 1)z - Bz^2]}.$$

An application of Theorem 1 gives:

Theorem 2. The radius of  $\alpha$ -starlikeness for the class  $S_b^*(\beta)$  is:

$$R_b(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} r_1 & \text{if } R_1 \leq R_2, \\ r_2 & \text{if } R_2 \leq R_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are as in Theorem 1 with  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\mu = (1 - \alpha)/\alpha$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\beta$ ,  $B = -1$ .

The radius  $r_1$  is given by the smallest root in  $(0, 1]$  of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & (r^2 + 2br + 1)[(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha)r^2 + (2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha + 2)br + 1][(2\alpha - 2\alpha\beta + \beta - 3) \\ & - r^2(4\alpha - 4\alpha\beta + \beta - 3)] + (\alpha\beta - \alpha + 1)[1 + (2\alpha - 2\alpha\beta - 1)r^2](r^2 + 2br + 1)^2 \\ & + (2 - \beta)(1 - r^2)[(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha)r^2 + (2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha + 2)br + 1]^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The radius  $r_2$  is given by the smallest root in  $(0, 1]$  of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & (4\alpha - 4\alpha\beta + \beta - 3)r^2 + 2\alpha - 2\alpha\beta + \beta - 3 \\ & + 2\sqrt{(2 - \beta)(\alpha\beta - \alpha + 1)(1 - r^2)[1 + (2\alpha - 2\alpha\beta - 1)r^2]} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. Let  $f(z) \in S_b^*(\beta)$ . Then  $zf'(z)/f(z) = p(z)$ , where  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(1 - 2\beta, -1)$ .

Now  $K(\alpha, f(z)) = p(z) + zp'(z)/p(z) + \mu$ , where  $\mu = (1 - \alpha)/\alpha$  and  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(1 - 2\beta, -1)$  and hence the radius of  $\alpha$ -starlikeness  $R_b(\alpha, \beta)$  for the class  $S_b^*(\beta)$  is the smallest positive root of the equation  $Q_b(r) = 0$ , where

$$Q_b(r) = \min \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \right] : |z| = r < 1, p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(1 - 2\beta, -1) \right\}.$$

Applying Theorem 1 with  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\mu = (1 - \alpha)/\alpha$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\beta$ ,  $B = -1$  we complete the proof of Theorem 2.

The result is sharp for the function  $f_1(z) = \int_0^z p_1(\xi) d\xi$ , where  $p_1(z)$  is an extremal function for Theorem 1.

By the substituting  $b=1$  we get the result of Pascu and Podaru [2].

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