

### Criteria for starlikeness in the unit disk

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**Abstract**

Let  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$  be analytic in the unit disk  $U$ . By the method of differential subordination for functions  $f(z)$  to be in the class  $S^*[a, b]$  we give a subordination relation for  $\frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha}$ .

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**1.0 Introduction**

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . For a function  $f(z) \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)CS^*CA$  we say that it is starlike of order  $\beta$  if and only if

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

for some  $\beta(0 \leq \beta < 1)$ , and for all  $z \in U$ , we denote by  $S^*(\beta)$  the class of such functions. We shall also introduce the following notations:

- (i)  $S_0 = \left\{ f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} > 0, z \in U \right\}$
- (ii)  $B(\beta) = \left\{ f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} > \beta, z \in U, 0 \leq \beta < 1 \right\}$
- (iii)  $\delta(0) = \{f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} f(z) > 0, z \in U\}$
- (iv)  $B_n(\alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} \right) > 0, z \in U, \alpha > 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \right\}$

These classes of functions are well known and have been investigated repeatedly cf [1, 2], 3, 4 and 5]. Furthermore, we denote by  $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$  a subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions satisfying the following conditions.

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D^n (f(z)^\alpha)}{z^\alpha} \right\} > \beta, \quad z \in U, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad \beta \leq 1 \quad (1.3)$$

and the operator  $D$  is the same as in  $B_n(\alpha)$  namely the Salagean differential operator which is define as:

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ D^1 f(z) &= Df(z) = zf'(z) \\ D^n f(z) &= D \left( D^{n-1} f = z \left( D^{n-1} f(z) \right)' \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the unit disk  $U$ , then we say that the function  $g(z)$  is subordinate to  $f(z)$  in  $U$  if there exists an analytic function  $w(z)$  in the unit disk  $U$  such that  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ) and  $g(z) = f(w(z))$ . For this relation the symbol  $g(x) \prec f(z)$  is used. In case  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $U$  we have that the subordination  $g \prec f$  is equivalent to  $g(0) = f(0)$  and  $g(U) \subset f(U)$ . For a function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $A$  we say that it belongs to the class  $S^*[a, b]$ ,  $-1 \leq b < a \leq 1$  if and only if

$$\frac{D^1 f(z)}{D^0 f(z)} = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+az}{1+bz}, \quad \text{that is by (1.4)} \quad (1.5)$$

This simply means that geometrically the image of  $U$  by  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is inside the open disk centred on the real axis with diameter and points  $\frac{(1-a)}{(1-b)} = \frac{(1+a)}{(1-b)}$ . From these and from (1.2) we conclude that  $S^*[a, b] \subset S^*\left(\frac{(1-a)}{(1-b)}\right)$ . Some special selections of  $a$  and  $b$  leads to the following classes:

$$S^*[1, -1] \equiv S^*, \quad S^*[1 - 2\beta, -1] \equiv S^*(\beta), \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1, \quad S^*[\beta, 0]$$

is the class defined by  $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < \beta$ , ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ) and  $S^*$  is the class of starlike functions.

The general theory of differential subordinations introduced by Miller and Molanu is given in [6]. The first order differential subordinations with many interesting applications are considered by the same author in [7]. Namely if  $\psi: \varphi^2 \rightarrow \varphi$  is analytic in a domain  $D$ , if  $h(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , and if  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$ ,  $z \in U$ , then  $p(z)$  is said to satisfy the first order differential subordination if

$$\Psi(p(z), zp'(z)) \prec h(z) \quad (1.6)$$

In this paper, we give a result for a function  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) for the image domain for functions  $\frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha}$ , where  $f(z) \in S^*[a, b]$ . For the proof of this result we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 1**

Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  of  $0 < |z| < 1$ , and let  $-1 \leq b \leq a \leq 1$ .

(i) Let  $b \neq 0$  and  $\mu$  be a complex number with  $\mu \neq 0$ ; let  $a, b$  and  $b \neq 0$  and  $\mu$  satisfies:

$$\left| \mu \frac{a-b}{b} - 1 \right| \leq 1 \text{ or } \left| \mu \frac{a-b}{b} + 1 \right| \leq 1 \tag{1.7}$$

if  $p(z)$  satisfies

$$1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{\mu p(z)} < \frac{1+az}{1+bz} \tag{1.8}$$

then  $p(z) < (1+bz)\mu^{(a-b)/b}$

(ii) Let  $b = 0$ ,  $\mu$  be a complex number with  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $|\mu a| < \pi$  satisfies

$$1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{\mu p(z)} < 1 + az \tag{1.9}$$

then  $p(z) < e^{\mu az}$

**Proof (i)**

The proof can be sourced from another Lemma which states that

**Lemma 2**

Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  and let  $\theta(\omega)$  and  $\phi(\omega)$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(z)$  with  $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$  when  $\omega \in q(U)$ . Set  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$ ,  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$  and suppose that

(i)  $Q(z)$  is starlike (Univalent in  $U$  with  $Q(0) = 0$ ,  $Q'(0) \neq 0$ ; and

(ii)  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} + \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} > 0, z \in U$

If  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $U$ , with  $p(0) = q(0)$ ,  $p(U) \subset D$  and

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'\phi(p(z)) < Q(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = h(z) \tag{1.10}$$

then  $p(z) < q(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best dormant of (1.10).

From Lemma 2, we choose  $\theta(\omega) = 1$ ,  $\phi(\omega) = \frac{1}{\mu\omega}$ , and  $q(z) = (1+bz)^{\mu \frac{a-b}{b}}$ . The function  $q(z)$

with (1.7) is univalent in  $U$ . We easily obtain that  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{(a-b)z}{1+bz}$  is starlike (but not normalized) in  $U$  and that  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \frac{1+az}{1+bz}$  the conditions in Lemma 2 are also satisfied, and the conclusion follows from Lemma 2.

**Proof (ii)**

The proof is similar to that of (i).

**2. Some Properties for  $S^*[a, b]$  and  $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$**

Let us give the following lemma first.

**Lemma 3**

Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and



$P(z) \neq 0$ , for  $0 < |z| < 1$ , and let  $-1 \leq b < a \leq 0$ .

If  $p(z)$  satisfies

$$1 - \frac{1}{p(z)} + \frac{zp'(z)}{P(z)^2} < (a-b) \frac{z(2+az)}{(1+az)^2} = h_1(z) \quad (2.1)$$

then  $p(z) < \frac{(1+az)}{(1+bz)}$

**Proof**

If we take  $q(z) = \frac{1+az}{1+bz}$ ,  $-1 \leq b < a \leq 0$ ,  $\theta(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega}$ , and  $\phi(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega^2}$  in Lemma 2, then it is easy to show that  $q(z)$ ,  $\theta(\omega)$  and  $\phi(\omega)$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 2, since

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{(a-b)z}{(1+az)^2}$$

is a starlike in  $U$  and  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = (a-b) \frac{z(2+az)}{(1+az)^2} = h_1(z)$  as defined before, which shows that the conditions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2 will be satisfied.

We denote by  $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$  a subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions satisfying the following conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{D^n (f(z)^\alpha)}{z^\alpha} \right] > \beta, \quad z \in U, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1. \quad (2.2)$$

We give the following remarks and some theorem by Opoola [10].

- (i) for  $n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0$  we obtain the class  $S^*(0)$
- (ii) for  $n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ , we obtain the class  $B(\beta)$
- (iii) for  $n = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ , we obtain the class  $\delta(\beta)$
- (iv) for  $\beta = 0$ , we obtain the class  $B_n(\alpha)$

We also give the following theorem as stated in [10].

**Theorem 2.1**

$$T_{n-1}^\alpha(\beta) \subset T_n^\alpha(\beta), \quad \text{for } n > 1.$$

**Theorem 2.2**

$$T_{n-1}^\alpha(\beta) \subset S \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \text{ where } S^* \text{ is the subclass of } A \text{ consisting of univalent function in } E.$$

**Theorem 2.3**

$$\text{If } f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta) \text{ then } \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} \right] > \beta, \quad z \in E$$

The main aim of this paper is to establish more properties for the subclass  $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$  using subordination method.

### 3. Result and Consequences

With the aid of Lemma 1, we show:

**Theorem 3.1**

Let  $f(z) \in T_n^\alpha(\beta) \subset S^*[a, b]$  where  $-1 \leq b < a < 1$  and  $b = 0$ . Then

$$\frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} < (1-bz)^{\frac{\alpha(a-b)}{b}} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0$  satisfying (1.7). In case  $b = 0$ , that is for  $f(z) \in S^*[a, b]$ ,  $0 < a \leq 1$ , we have

$$\frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} < e^{\alpha az}, \quad \text{where } \alpha \neq 0 \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof**

Let

$$P(z) = \frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} \quad (3.3)$$

then  $P(z)$  is analytic in  $U$ . For such  $p(z)$  from (i) and (ii) of Lemma 1, we get relation (3.1) and (3.2) of Theorem 3.1

From Theorem 3.1, in some special cases, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary (i)**

For  $a = 1 - 2\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , and  $b = -1$  we have

$$f(z) \in S^*[\beta] \Rightarrow \frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} < \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2\alpha(1-\beta)}} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0$  satisfies  $0, |2\alpha(1-\beta) - 1|$ . For example from (3.4) for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  we get

$$f(z) \in S^*[\beta] \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{f(z)}{z}} < \frac{1}{(1-z)(1-\beta)}, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1, \text{ for } \beta = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

we obtain the corresponding relation  $S^*$ , that is

$$f(z) \in S^* \Rightarrow \frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} < \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2\alpha}} \quad (3.6)$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $|2\alpha - 1| \leq 1$ . Especially for  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$f(z) \in S^* \Rightarrow \frac{f(z)}{z} < \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} \quad (3.7)$$

**Corollary (ii)**

For  $b = 0$  and  $a = \beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , that is for the class  $S^*[\beta, 0]$  defined by  $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < \beta$  we have

$$f(z) \in S^*[\beta, 0] \Rightarrow \frac{f(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} < e^{\alpha\beta z} \quad \text{where } \alpha \neq 0.$$

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