

ON A SUBFAMILY OF  $p$ -VALENT FUNCTIONS  
WITH NEGATIVE COEFFICIENTS

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**Abstract.** Sharp results concerning coefficients, distortion theorem and the radius of convexity for the class  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  are determined. Furthermore it is shown that the class  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  is closed under convex linear combinations. The extreme points of  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  are also determined

1. Introduction

Let  $S_p$  ( $p$  a fixed integer greater than 0) denote the class of functions of the form  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n}$  that are holomorphic and  $p$ -valent in the unit disc  $|z| < 1$ . Also let  $T_p$  denote the subclass of  $S_p$  consisting of functions that can be expressed in the form  $f(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}| z^{p+n}$ . A function  $f \in T_p$  is in  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  if and only if

$$\left| \frac{f'(z)z^{1-p} - p}{2\xi(f'(z)z^{1-p} - \alpha) - (f'(z)z^{1-p} - p)} \right| < \beta,$$

$|z| < 1$ , for  $0 \leq \alpha < p/2\xi$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $1/2 < \xi \leq 1$ .

Such type of study was carried out by Aouf [1] for  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta)$ . We note that  $P_1^*(\alpha) = P_1^*(0, \alpha, 1)$  is precisely the class of functions in  $E$  studied by Caplinger [2]. The class  $P_1^*(\alpha, 1, \beta) = P_1^*(\alpha, \beta)$  is the class of holomorphic functions discussed by Juneja-Mogra [4]. Gupta-Jain [3] studied the family of holomorphic univalent functions that have the form  $f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n$  and satisfy the condition

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{f'(z) + (1 - 2\alpha)} \right| < \beta, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1.$$

Kulkarni [5] has studied above mentioned properties for the functions having Taylor series expansion of the type  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$

In this paper sharp results concerning coefficients, distortion theorem and the radius of convexity for the class  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  are determined. Finally we prove that

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the class  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  is closed under the arithmetic mean and convex linear combinations.

## 2. Coefficient Theorem

THEOREM 1. A function  $f(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}|z^{p+n}$  is in  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]|a_{p+n}| \leq 2\beta\xi(p - \alpha).$$

The result is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p - \alpha)}{(p+n)(2\xi - 1)\beta + 1} z^{p+n}. \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $|z| = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |f'(z)z^{1-p} - p| - \beta|2\xi(f'(z)z^{1-p} - \alpha) - (f'(z)z^{1-p} - p)| \\ &= \left| -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|z^n \right| - \beta \left| 2\xi(p - \alpha) - (2\xi - 1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|z^n \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + (2\xi - 1)\beta]|a_{p+n}| - 2\beta\xi(p - \alpha) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

by hypothesis. Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem  $f \in P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ .

For the converse we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f'(z)z^{1-p} - p}{2\xi(f'(z)z^{1-p} - \alpha) - (f'(z)z^{1-p} - p)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|z^n}{2\xi(p - \alpha) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|(2\xi - 1)z^n} \right| < \beta. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\Re(z)| \leq |z|$  for all  $z$  we have

$$\Re \left[ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|z^n}{2\xi(p - \alpha) - (2\xi - 1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|z^n} \right] < \beta.$$

We select the values of  $z$  on the real axis so that  $f'(z)z^{1-p}$  is real. Simplifying the denominator in the above expression and letting  $z \rightarrow 1$  through real values, we obtain

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

and it results in the required condition.

The result is sharp for the function (1). ■

### 3. Distortion Theorem

THEOREM 2. If  $f \in P_p^*(\alpha, \beta\xi)$ , then for  $|z| = 1$ ,

$$r^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}r^{p+1} \leq |f(z)| \leq r^p + \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}r^{p+1}, \quad (2)$$

and

$$pr^{p-1} - \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{1+\beta(2\xi-1)}r^p \leq |f'(z)| \leq pr^{p-1} + \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{1+\beta(2\xi-1)}r^p, \quad (3)$$

*Proof.* In view of theorem 1 we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}| \leq \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}.$$

Hence

$$|f(z)| \leq r^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}|r^{p+n} \leq r^p + \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}r^{p+1}$$

and

$$|f(z)| \geq r^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}|r^{p+n} \geq r^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}r^{p+1}.$$

In the same way we have

$$|f'(z)| \leq pr^{p-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|r^{p+n-1} \leq pr^{p-1} + \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{1+\beta(2\xi-1)}r^p$$

and

$$|f'(z)| \geq pr^{p-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)|a_{p+n}|r^{p+n-1} \geq pr^{p-1} - \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{1+\beta(2\xi-1)}r^p.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

The above bounds are sharp. Equalities are attained for the following function

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)(2\xi-1)\beta+1}z^{p+1}, \quad z = \pm r. \quad (4)$$

THEOREM 3. Let  $f \in P - p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ . Then the disc  $|z| < 1$  is mapped onto a domain that contains the disc

$$|w| < \frac{(p+1) + \beta[(2\xi-1) - p + 2\xi\alpha]}{(p+1)[1+\beta(2\xi-1)]}.$$

The result is sharp with extremal function (4).

*Proof.* The result follows upon letting  $r \rightarrow 1$  in (2). ■

THEOREM 4.  $f \in P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ , then  $f$  is convex in the disc  $|z| < r = r(p, \alpha, \beta, \xi)$ , where

$$r(p, \alpha, \beta, \xi) = \inf_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \left\{ \frac{p^2[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]}{(p+n)2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)} \right\}^{1/n}.$$

The result is sharp, the extremal function being of the form (1).

*Proof.* It is enough to show that

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

First we note that

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

Thus, the result follows if

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

or, equivalently,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+n}{p}\right)^2 |a_{p+n}||z|^n \leq 1$ .

But, in view of Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]|a_{p+n}| \leq 2\beta\xi(p-\alpha).$$

Thus  $f$  is convex if

$$\left(\frac{p+n}{p}\right)^2 |z|^n \leq \frac{(p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]}{2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

i.e.

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{p^2[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]}{(p+n)2\beta\xi(p-\alpha)} \right\}^{1/n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

which completes the proof. ■

#### 4. Closure Theorem

Next two results respectively show that the family  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  is closed under taking "arithmetic mean" and "convex linear combinations".

THEOREM 5. If  $f(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n}|z^{p+n}$  and  $g(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{p+n}|z^{p+n}$  are in  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ , then  $h(z) = z^p - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{p+n} + b_{p+n}|z^{p+n}$  is also in  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ .

*Proof.*  $f$  and  $g$  both being members of  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$ , we have in accordance with Theorem 1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]|a_{p+n}| \leq 2\beta\xi(p-\alpha) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]|b_{p+n}| \leq 2\beta\xi(p-\alpha). \quad (6)$$

To show that  $h$  is a member of  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  it is enough to show that

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)[1 + \beta(2\xi - 1)]|a_{p+n} + b_{p+n}| \leq 2\beta\xi(p - \alpha).$$

This is exactly an immediate consequence of (5) and (6). ■

THEOREM 6. Let  $f_p(z) = z^p$  and

$$f_{p+n}(z) = z^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p - \alpha)}{(p+n)(2\xi - 1)\beta + 1} z^{p+n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then  $f \in P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  if and only if it can be expressed in the form  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n} f_{p+n}(z)$ , where  $\lambda_{p+n} \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n} = 1$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem follows along the same lines as the proof of Theorem 3.3 in Kulkarni [5]. The details are omitted. ■

COROLLARY. The extreme points of  $P_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \xi)$  are the functions  $f_p(z) = z^p$  and  $f_{p+n}(z) = z^p - \frac{2\beta\xi(p - \alpha)}{(p+n)(2\xi - 1)\beta + 1} z^{p+n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

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