

A NOTE ON SUBORDINATIONS FOR CERTAIN ANALYTIC
FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. There are many results for subordinations of functions $f(z)$ which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U}$ with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$. The object of the present paper is to discuss some interesting conditions for $f(z)$ that satisfy some subordinations in $\mathbb{U}$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be the class of functions $f(z)$ of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies $f(z_1) \neq f(z_2)$ for any $z_1 \in \mathbb{U}$ and $z_2 \in \mathbb{U}$ with $z_1 \neq z_2$, then $f(z)$ is said to be univalent in $\mathbb{U}$ and denoted by $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the following inequality:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for some real α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), then we say that $f(z)$ is starlike of order α in $\mathbb{U}$ and denoted by $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$. If $\alpha = 0$, then we write that $\mathcal{S}^*(0) \equiv \mathcal{S}^*$.

Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be in the class $\mathcal{A}$. Then $f(z)$ is said to be subordinate to $g(z)$ if there exists an analytic function $w(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$ satisfying $w(0) = 0$, $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) and $f(z) = g(w(z))$. We denote this subordination by

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The basic tool for our paper is the following lemma due to Miller and Mocanu [2], [3] (also, due to Jack [1]).

Lemma 1. *Let $w(z)$ be analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $w(0) = 0$. Then, if $|w(z)|$ attains its maximum value on the circle $|z| = r < 1$ at a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$, then we have that*

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0),$$

where $k \geq 1$ is a real number.

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2. MAIN RESULTS

Let us consider a function $g(z)$ given by

$$g(z) = \frac{\alpha - z}{\alpha(1 - z)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some real $\alpha > 0$ and $\alpha \neq 1$. Then $g(0) = 1$ and $g(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$. Consider $z = e^{i\theta}$ for $g(z)$. Then

$$\operatorname{Re} g(z) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \frac{1}{(1 - \cos \theta) - i \sin \theta} \right) = \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha}.$$

Therefore, if $0 < \alpha < 1$, then $\operatorname{Re} g(z) < \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha}$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) and if $\alpha > 1$, then

$$\operatorname{Re} g(z) > \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Now, we derive

Theorem 1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$(2.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{1 + 3\alpha}{2\alpha(1 + \alpha)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$, then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha - z}{\alpha(1 - z)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \frac{1 + 3\alpha}{2\alpha(1 + \alpha)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for $\alpha > 1$, then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha - z}{\alpha(1 - z)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Proof. We consider a function $w(z)$ which is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$, $w(0) = 0$, and given by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha - w(z)}{\alpha(1 - w(z))},$$

where $f(z)$ satisfies conditions in the theorem. It follows that

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{\alpha - w(z)}{\alpha(1 - w(z))} - \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha - w(z)} + \frac{zw'(z)}{1 - w(z)}.$$

Let us suppose that there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$\operatorname{Max}_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1.$$

Then, applying Lemma 1, we can write that

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0) \quad (k \geq 1).$$

Noting that $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\alpha - w(z_0)}{\alpha(1 - w(z_0))} - \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{\alpha - w(z_0)} + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{1 - w(z_0)} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{\alpha - e^{i\theta}}{\alpha(1 - e^{i\theta})} - \frac{k e^{i\theta}}{\alpha - e^{i\theta}} + \frac{k e^{i\theta}}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} + \frac{k(1 - \alpha \cos \theta)}{1 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha \cos \theta} - \frac{k}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us define the function $p(t)$ by

$$p(t) = \frac{1 - \alpha t}{1 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha t} \quad (t = \cos \theta).$$

Then, we have that

$$p'(t) = \frac{\alpha(1 + \alpha)(1 - \alpha)}{(1 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha t)^2}.$$

Thus, $p'(t) > 0$ for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $p'(t) < 0$ for $\alpha > 1$. This gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) &\geq \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} + \frac{k}{1 + \alpha} - \frac{k}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} + \frac{k(1 - \alpha)}{2(1 + \alpha)} \geq \frac{1 + 3\alpha}{2\alpha(1 + \alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$, and that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) &\leq \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} + \frac{k}{1 + \alpha} - \frac{k}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} + \frac{k(1 - \alpha)}{2(1 + \alpha)} \leq \frac{1 + 3\alpha}{2\alpha(1 + \alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha > 1$. This contradicts the conditions (2.1) and (2.2) of the theorem. Therefore, there is no $w(z)$ such that $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z_0)| = 1$ for any $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$. It follows that $|w(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$. With this fact, we have that

$$|w(z)| = \left| \frac{\alpha \left(1 - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)}{1 - \alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}} \right| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

It follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for $\alpha > 1$. Consequently, we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha - z}{\alpha(1 - z)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Finally, if we take a function $f(z)$ given by

$$(2.3) \quad f(z) = z(1 - z)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then we know that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha - z}{\alpha(1 - z)}.$$

Thus, the result is sharp for $f(z)$ which is defined by (2.3). □

Example 1. Letting $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$ and considering

$$f(z) = z(1 - z)^2 = z - 2z^2 + z^3,$$

we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - 3z}{1 - z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which gives us that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < 2 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Example 2. Letting $\alpha = 2$ and considering

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-z}} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-3)}{2^{n-1}(n-1)!} z^n,$$

we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{z(3-2z)}{2(1-z)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which gives us that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > -\frac{5}{4} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

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