

A NOTE ON UNIVALENCY FOR ANALYTIC FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT. Let $\mathcal{N}$ be the class of functions $p(z)$ which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U}$ with $p(0) = 1$. Further, $\mathcal{A}$ denotes the class of analytic functions in $\mathbb{U}$ with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$. In 1989, Nunokawa, Obradović and Owa gave a condition for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ to be univalent in $\mathbb{U}$. The object of the present paper is to consider some conditions for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ to be in the class $S(\alpha)$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$).

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathcal{N}$ be the class of functions $p(z)$ which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < 1\}$ with $p(0) = 1$.

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

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

which are analytic in $\mathbb{U}$. For analytic functions $g(z)$ and $G(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$, we say that $g(z)$ is subordinated to $G(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$, written $g(z) \prec G(z)$, if there exists an analytic function $w(z)$ in $\mathcal{N}$ such that $g(z) = G(w(z))$ with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). If $G(z)$ is univalent in $\mathcal{N}$, then $g(z) \prec G(z)$ is equivalent to $g(0) = G(0)$ and $g(\mathbb{U}) \subset G(\mathbb{U})$ (see Pommerenke [6], Duren [1]).

Ozaki and Nunokawa [5] gave the following result for univalence of $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$.

Theorem 1.1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$(1.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)^2}{z^2 f'(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then $f(z)$ is univalent in $\mathbb{U}$.

The condition (1.1) for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ is equivalent to

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} - 1 \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

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Using (1.2), Nunokawa, Obradović and Owa [4] gave

Theorem 1.2. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$ ($0 < |z| < 1$) and*

$$\left| \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then $f(z)$ is univalent in $\mathbb{U}$.

Let $S(\alpha)$ be the subclass of $\mathcal{A}$ consisting of $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ which satisfy

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} - 1 \right| \leq 1 - \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some real α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$). Considering (1.2) and (1.3), we know that $S(\alpha)$ is the subclass of S which is the subclass of $\mathcal{A}$ consisting of univalent functions $f(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$, that is, that $S(\alpha) \subset S$. To discuss for $f(z) \in S(\alpha)$, we have to recall here the following result due to Suffridge [7] (or Miller and Mocanu [3]).

Lemma 1.1. *Let $h(z)$ be starlike in $\mathbb{U}$ with $h(0) = 0$. If $p(z) \in \mathcal{N}$ satisfies*

$$zp'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$p(z) \prec g(z) = 1 + \int_0^z \frac{h(t)}{t} dt \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The function $g(z)$ is convex in $\mathbb{U}$.

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Applying Lemma 1.1, we derive

Theorem 2.1. *If $p(z) \in \mathcal{N}$ satisfies*

$$zp'(z) \prec (1 - \alpha)z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then

$$p(z) \prec 1 + (1 - \alpha)z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Proof. It is clear that $(1 - \alpha)z$ is starlike in $\mathbb{U}$. Therefore, Lemma 1.1 gives us that

$$p(z) \prec 1 + \int_0^z \frac{(1 - \alpha)t}{t} dt = 1 + (1 - \alpha)z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

Remark 2.1. *If $\alpha = 0$ in Theorem 2.1, then we have the result by Miller and Mocanu [2].*

Theorem 2.2. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$ ($0 < |z| < 1$) and*

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \right| \leq 1 - \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then $f(z) \in S(\alpha)$.

Proof. Define a function $p(z)$ by

$$(2.2) \quad p(z) = \frac{z}{f(z)} - z \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)' = \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Then $p(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $p(0) = 1$. Thus we see that $p(z) \in \mathcal{N}$. It follows from (2.2) that

$$p'(z) = -z \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)''.$$

Therefore, our condition (2.1) gives us that

$$\left| -z^2 \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \right| \leq (1 - \alpha) |z|^2 < 1 - \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

This means that

$$-z^2 \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \prec (1 - \alpha) z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Applying Theorem 2.1, we have that if

$$-z^2 \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \prec (1 - \alpha) z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f(z)^2} \prec 1 + (1 - \alpha) z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The subordination (2.3) shows us that

$$\left| \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)^2} - 1 \right| \leq (1 - \alpha) |z| < 1 - \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

that is, that $f(z) \in S(\alpha)$. This completes the proof of the theorem. $\square$

Remark 2.2. Letting $\alpha = 0$ in Theorem 2.2, we obtain Theorem 1.2 by Nunokawa, Obradović, and Owa [4].

Remark 2.3. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

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

for some real β ($0 \leq \beta < 1$), then $f(z)$ is starlike of order β in $\mathbb{U}$. We denote by $S^*(\beta)$ the class of starlike functions of order β in $\mathbb{U}$. It is well known that $S^*(\beta) \subset S^*(0) \subset \mathcal{A}$.

Let us now consider a function $f(z)$ given by

$$(2.4) \quad f(z) = \frac{2z}{2 + (1 - \alpha)z^2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Since $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$, $f(z)$ is in the class $\mathcal{A}$ with $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$ ($0 < |z| < 1$). It follows from (2.4) that

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

Therefore, $f(z)$ satisfies the condition (2.1). Thus Theorem 2.2 shows us that $f(z) \in S(\alpha)$. For such a function $f(z)$, we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = 1 - \frac{2(1-\alpha)z^2}{2 + (1-\alpha)z^2}.$$

Letting $z = e^{-i\theta}$ ($0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left(1 - \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{2e^{-i2\theta} + (1-\alpha)} \right) \\ &= 1 - 2(1-\alpha) \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{((1-\alpha) + 2\cos 2\theta) - i2\sin 2\theta} \right) \\ &= 1 - 2(1-\alpha) \frac{(1-\alpha) + 2\cos 2\theta}{((1-\alpha) + 2\cos 2\theta)^2 + 4\sin^2 2\theta} \\ &= 1 - 2(1-\alpha) \frac{(1-\alpha) + 2\cos 2\theta}{(1-\alpha)^2 + 4 + 4(1-\alpha)\cos 2\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider a function $h(t)$ by

$$h(t) = \frac{(1-\alpha) + 2t}{(1-\alpha)^2 + 4 + 4(1-\alpha)t} \quad (t = \cos 2\theta).$$

Since $h'(t) > 0$, we have that

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

This means that $f(z) \in S^* \left(\frac{2-\alpha}{3-\alpha} \right)$.

From the above, we have

Problem 1. Find some real β ($0 \leq \beta < 1$) such that $S(\alpha) \subset S^*(\beta)$. The function $f(z)$ given by (2.4) gives us that $f(z) \in S(\alpha)$ and $f(z) \in S^* \left(\frac{2-\alpha}{3-\alpha} \right)$.

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