



## Some general properties of analytic and $p$ -valent functions

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

$$f(z) = z^p + a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + a_{p+2}z^{p+2} + \dots, (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{U}$ . In this article, we consider some generalization properties of the functions in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  and generalize results by applying fractional derivatives.

### 1. Introduction

A function  $f(z)$  which is analytic or meromorphic in a region  $D$  is said to be  $p$ -valent in  $D$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ), if the equation  $f(z) = \omega$  has at most  $p$  roots in  $D$  for each complex  $\omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  be the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ .

Let  $S_p^*(\alpha)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  which satisfy

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

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ). Also  $C_p(\alpha)$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  consisting of  $f(z)$  which satisfy

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

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ). The subclasses  $S_p^*(\alpha)$  and  $C_p(\alpha)$  will be said to the class of  $p$ -valently starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $p$ -valently convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Especially, for  $p = 1$ , we have the well-known classes of normalized starlike and convex functions of order  $\alpha$ , respectively.

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The function

$$f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-z)^{2(p-\alpha)}}$$

is in the class  $S_p^*(\alpha)$  and the function  $f(z)$  given by

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

belongs to the class  $C_p(\alpha)$ .

Although  $p$ -valent functions are examined in terms of studies such as determining the bounds of coefficient estimates, the Fekete-Szegő problem, inclusion relationships, integral means and neighborhoods, it continues to attract attention as a current research topic with recent studies using operators such as the  $q$ -derivative operator,  $q$ -Bernardi integral operator; see, for example, [1–6]

For  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , Nunokawa [7] gave the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1 ([7]).** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$j + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right\} > 0, (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

then

$$j - 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf^{(j)}(z)}{f^{(j-1)}(z)} \right\} > 0, (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq p$ .

We require the following lemma given by Miller and Mocanu [8] to think about our problems.

**Lemma 1.2 ([8]).** *Let  $\alpha$  be real and  $M(z), N(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with the condition  $M(0) = N(0) = 0$ . If  $N(z)$  maps  $\mathbb{U}$  onto a (possibly many-sheeted) domain which is starlike with respect to the origin, then*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M'(z)}{N'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U}) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M(z)}{N(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The case of  $\alpha = 0$  for Lemma 1.2 is given by Sakaguchi [9] and Libera [10].

In this paper, we consider a few generalizations of Lemma 1.1 in the light of Lemma 1.2.

## 2. Main results

In the following theorem, we will give a proof of well-known inclusion relation for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  using Lemma 1.1 and Lemma 1.2.

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* The theorem means that if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

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

then

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

Considering  $j = 1$  in Lemma 1.1, we see that if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > 0, (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0, (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We consider  $M(z) = zf'(z)$  and  $N(z) = f(z)$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zN'(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0, (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

by  $f(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ . This means that  $N(z)$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Further, we have

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

by  $f(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ . Therefore, applying Lemma 1.2, we prove that

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

that is, that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** Theorem 2.1 is generalization of Lemma 1.1 for  $j = 1$ .

Next, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $F(z) = \frac{1}{p}zf'(z)$  for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ . If  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$  then  $f(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* We consider functions  $M(z) = zF'(z)$  and  $N(z) = F(z)$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zN'(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

by  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$  and Theorem 2.1. Thus  $N(z)$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$ . It follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M'(z)}{N'(z)} \right\} = 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ . Thus using Lemma 1.2, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} = 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and that  $f(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ .  $\square$

Using the same method, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $F(z) = \frac{(p-j)!}{p!}z^j f^{(j)}(z)$  for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  and  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p$ . If  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ , then

$$j + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{4}$$

*Proof.* Considering  $M(z) = zF'(z)$  and  $N(z) = F(z)$ , we see

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zN'(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha)$ . Also, we see that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M'(z)}{N'(z)} \right\} = 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

by  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ . Thus, Lemma 1.2 implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} = j + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

### 3. Applications for fractional derivatives

For  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} D_z^\lambda f(z) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\lambda)} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{(z-t)^\lambda} dt \right\}, \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p+1-\lambda)} z^{p-\lambda} + \sum_{k=p+1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-\lambda)} a_k z^{k-\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma(z)$  is the Gamma function. Further, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} D_z^{1+\lambda} f(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} (D_z^\lambda f(z)) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p-\lambda)} z^{p-\lambda-1} + \sum_{k=p+1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\lambda)} a_k z^{k-\lambda-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) &= \frac{d^j}{dz^j} (D_z^\lambda f(z)) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p+1-j-\lambda)} z^{p-\lambda-j} + \sum_{k=p+1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-j-\lambda)} a_k z^{k-j-\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p$ . The function  $D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)$  is the fractional derivative of order  $j + \lambda$  of  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , and is defined by Owa [11] and by Srivastava and Owa [12] (see also [13–16]).

Applying the fractional derivatives, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let*

$$F(z) = \frac{\Gamma(p+1-j-\lambda)}{\Gamma(p+1)} z^{j+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ . If  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$  then

$$j + \lambda + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zD_z^{j+\lambda+1} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

*Proof.* We define  $M(z) = zF'(z)$  and  $N(z) = F(z)$ . It follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zN'(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

by  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha)$ . This implies that  $N(z)$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Note that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M'(z)}{N'(z)} \right\} = 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

by  $F(z) \in C_p(\alpha)$ . Thus, applying Lemma 1.2, we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{M(z)}{N(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} = j + \lambda + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zD_z^{j+\lambda+1} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

**Remark 3.2.** If we take  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 3.1, then we have Theorem 2.4.

In order to consider our next problem, we must first remember the following lemma by Nunokawa, Sokol and Tuneski [18].

**Lemma 3.3 ([18]).** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  for  $p \geq 2$ . If  $f(z)$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{z} \right\} > 0, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

then, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad (|z| < \sqrt{2} - 1).$$

Further, we need the following lemma by MacGregor [17].

**Lemma 3.4 ([17]).** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_1$  satisfies  $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ),  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < \sqrt{2} - 1$  onto a convex domain.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  for  $p \geq 2$ . If  $f(z)$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_z^{p-1+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-\lambda}} \right\} > 0, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \tag{5}$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zD_z^{p+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{p-1+\lambda} f(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad \left( |z| < \frac{\sqrt{1 + (1 - \lambda)^2} - 1}{1 - \lambda} \right).$$

*Proof.* Let us consider a function  $g(z)$  by

$$g(z) = \frac{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)}{\Gamma(p + 1)z^{1-\lambda}} D_z^{p-1+\lambda} f(z),$$

then  $g(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $g(0) = 1$ . This implies that  $g(z)$  satisfies the condition (5). Thus, by using the manner in the proof of Lemma 3.4, we see that

$$\left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right| = \left| \frac{zD_z^{p+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{p-1+\lambda} f(z)} - (1 - \lambda) \right| \leq \frac{2|z|}{1 - |z|^2}. \tag{6}$$

Since

$$\frac{2|z|}{1-|z|^2} < 1 - \lambda$$

for

$$|z| < \frac{\sqrt{1 + (1 - \lambda)^2} - 1}{1 - \lambda},$$

we see that the inequality (6) shows

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z D_z^{p+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{p-1+\lambda} f(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad \left( |z| < \frac{\sqrt{1 + (1 - \lambda)^2} - 1}{1 - \lambda} \right).$$

□

**Remark 3.6.** If we consider  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 3.5, then Theorem 3.5 becomes Lemma 3.3 by Nunokawa, Sokol and Tuneski [18].

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