



A subclass of multivalent starlike functions with fixed second coefficient

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Abstract. We introduce and investigate a subclass of multivalent starlike functions with fixed second coefficient. Such results as an integral representation, an inclusion relationship, a convolution property, coefficient inequalities, a neighborhood property and partial sums for this function class are derived.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let $\mathcal{A}_p$ denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are *analytic* in the *open* unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} := \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

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Also, let $\mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha}$ denote the class of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ with fixed second coefficient and of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \alpha z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq p; z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1)$$

For two functions $f, g \in \mathcal{A}_p$, the convolution (Hadamard product) of f and g is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) := z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} b_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

As usual, we denote by $\mathcal{S}_p^*(\rho)$ the subclass of $\mathcal{A}_p$ consisting of functions which are starlike of order ρ ($0 \leq \rho < p$) in $\mathbb{U}$. For convenience, we write $\mathcal{S}_p^*(0) =: \mathcal{S}_p^*$. For some recent investigations on starlike functions, see [1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17–23] and the references cited therein.

Let $\mathcal{P}$ denote the class of functions p given by

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k, \quad (2)$$

which are analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ and satisfy the condition

$$\Re(p(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Assume that $f \in \mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha}$ with $0 \leq \alpha \leq p$, we say that $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ if it satisfies the condition

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

Recently, Gupta, Nagpal and Ravichandran [3, Corollary 3.2] proved that

$$\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}_p^*(p/2) \subset \mathcal{S}_p^*.$$

Indeed, it is a Marx-Strohhäcker type result for multivalent functions with fixed second coefficient (see also [9, 13, 16]). For more recent investigations on analytic functions with fixed second coefficient, we refer the reader to [5, 7, 8].

Motivated essentially by the above interesting assertion, we shall derive several basic properties of the starlike function class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$. In order to prove our main results, we need the following two lemmas.

Lemma 1.1. (See [2]) *If a function $p \in \mathcal{P}$ is given by (2), then*

$$|p_k| \leq 2 \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Lemma 1.2. *Let $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq p$. Suppose also that the sequence $\{A_{p+k}\}_{k=2}^{\infty}$ is defined by*

$$A_{p+2} = \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)[p + \alpha(p + 1)]}{2(p + 2)(p + \alpha)} \quad (4)$$

and

$$A_{p+k+1} = \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)}{(p + \alpha)(k + 1)(p + k + 1)} \left(p + \alpha(p + 1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p + k + 1 - l) A_{p+k+1-l} \right). \quad (5)$$

Then

$$A_{p+k} = \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)[p+\alpha(p+1)]}{2(p+2)(p+\alpha)} \prod_{j=2}^{k-1} \frac{(p+j)[(p+\alpha)(p+j)+2p]}{(p+\alpha)(j+1)(p+j+1)} \quad (k \geq 3). \quad (6)$$

Proof. By (5), we see that

$$(p+\alpha)(k+1)(p+k+1)A_{p+k+1} = p(p+\alpha+2) \left(p+\alpha(p+1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p+k+1-l)A_{p+k+1-l} \right) \quad (7)$$

and

$$(p+\alpha)k(p+k)A_{p+k} = p(p+\alpha+2) \left(p+\alpha(p+1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-2} (p+k-l)A_{p+k-l} \right). \quad (8)$$

It follows from (7) and (8) that

$$\frac{A_{p+k+1}}{A_{p+k}} = \frac{(p+k)[(p+\alpha)(p+k)+2p]}{(p+\alpha)(k+1)(p+k+1)}. \quad (9)$$

Therefore, for $k \geq 3$, we deduce from (9) that

$$A_{p+k} = \frac{A_{p+k}}{A_{p+k-1}} \cdot \frac{A_{p+k-1}}{A_{p+k-2}} \cdots \frac{A_{p+3}}{A_{p+2}} \cdot A_{p+2} = \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)[p+\alpha(p+1)]}{2(p+2)(p+\alpha)} \prod_{j=2}^{k-1} \frac{(p+j)[(p+\alpha)(p+j)+2p]}{(p+\alpha)(j+1)(p+j+1)}.$$

The proof of Lemma 1.2 is thus completed. $\square$

In this paper, we aim at deriving an integral representation, an inclusion relationship, a convolution property, coefficient inequalities, a neighborhood property and partial sums for the subclass $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ of multivalent starlike functions.

2. Main results

Firstly, we derive an integral representation for f belonging to the class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$. Then

$$f(z) = \int_0^z \zeta^{p-1} \cdot \exp \left(\frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{p+\alpha} \int_0^\zeta \frac{\omega(t)}{t(1-\omega(t))} dt \right) d\zeta, \quad (10)$$

where ω is a Schwarz function with $\omega(0) = 0$ and $|\omega| < 1$.

Proof. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$. It follows from (3) that

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} < \frac{p + \left(p - \frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{p+\alpha} \right) z}{1-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (11)$$

where “ $<$ ” denotes the familiar subordination in analytic functions theory. We easily find from (11) that

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{p + \left(p - \frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{p+\alpha} \right) \omega(z)}{1-\omega(z)} \quad (\omega(0) = 0; |\omega(z)| < 1; z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (12)$$

Now, by (12), we get

$$\frac{(zf'(z))'}{zf'(z)} - \frac{p}{z} = \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{p+\alpha} \cdot \frac{\omega(z)}{z(1-\omega(z))} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (13)$$

which, upon integration, yields

$$\log \left(\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \right) = \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{p+\alpha} \int_0^z \frac{\omega(t)}{t(1-\omega(t))} dt. \quad (14)$$

By (14), we readily get the desired result of Theorem 2.1. $\square$

Next, we give the following inclusion relationship.

Theorem 2.2. Let $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 \leq p$. Then

$$\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha_2) \subset \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha_1).$$

Proof. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha_2)$. Then

$$\Re \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \frac{p(p+\alpha_2-2)}{2(p+\alpha_2)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

By noting that $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 \leq p$, we obtain

$$\Re \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \frac{p(p+\alpha_2-2)}{2(p+\alpha_2)} > \frac{p(p+\alpha_1-2)}{2(p+\alpha_1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which implies that $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha_1)$. We thus conclude that the assertion of Theorem 2.2 holds. $\square$

Now, we derive a convolution property for the class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$.

Theorem 2.3. If $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ and $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$, then

$$f * \left\{ (1 - e^{i\theta})z \left(\frac{pz^p + (1-p)z^{p+1}}{(1-z)^2} \right)' - \left[p + \left(p - \frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{p+\alpha} \right) e^{i\theta} \right] \frac{pz^p + (1-p)z^{p+1}}{(1-z)^2} \right\} \neq 0. \quad (15)$$

Proof. If $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$, we see that (11) holds, it follows that

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \neq \frac{p + \left(p - \frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{p+\alpha} \right) e^{i\theta}}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 < \theta < 2\pi). \quad (16)$$

By observing that

$$f(z) = f(z) * \frac{z^p}{1-z}, \quad (17)$$

we get

$$zf'(z) = f(z) * \frac{pz^p + (1-p)z^{p+1}}{(1-z)^2}. \quad (18)$$

By (16) and (18), we deduce that the assertion (15) of Theorem 2.3 is true. $\square$

In what follows, we establish several coefficient inequalities for functions f in the class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$. Then

$$|a_{p+2}| \leq \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)[p + \alpha(p + 1)]}{2(p + 2)(p + \alpha)} \quad (19)$$

and

$$|a_{p+k}| \leq \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)[p + \alpha(p + 1)]}{2(p + 2)(p + \alpha)} \prod_{j=2}^{k-1} \frac{(p + j)[(p + \alpha)(p + j) + 2p]}{(p + \alpha)(j + 1)(p + j + 1)} \quad (k \geq 3). \quad (20)$$

Proof. Suppose that

$$\phi(z) := \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 - \frac{p(p + \alpha - 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}. \quad (21)$$

By the definition of the class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$, we see that $\phi(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ and $\Re(\phi(z)) > 0$ with

$$\phi(0) = p - \frac{p(p + \alpha - 2)}{2(p + \alpha)} = \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)}{2(p + \alpha)} > 0.$$

It follows from (21) that

$$\phi(z)f'(z) = zf''(z) + \left[1 - \frac{p(p + \alpha - 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}\right]f'(z). \quad (22)$$

By observing that

$$\varphi(z) := \frac{\phi(z)}{\frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}} \in \mathcal{P},$$

if we set

$$\phi(z) = p_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k \quad \left(p_0 = \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}\right),$$

by Lemma 1.1, we get

$$|p_k| \leq \frac{p(p + \alpha + 2)}{p + \alpha} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (23)$$

Now, we find from (22) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(p_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k\right) \left(pz^{p-1} + \alpha(p + 1)z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (p + k)a_{p+k}z^{p+k-1}\right) \\ &= p(p - 1)z^{p-1} + \alpha p(p + 1)z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (p + k)(p + k - 1)a_{p+k}z^{p+k-1} \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{p(p + \alpha - 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}\right) \left(pz^{p-1} + \alpha(p + 1)z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (p + k)a_{p+k}z^{p+k-1}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Comparing the coefficients of z^{p+1} and z^{p+k} ($k \geq 2$) of both sides of (24), respectively, we obtain

$$pp_2 + \alpha(p + 1)p_1 + p_0(p + 2)a_{p+2} = (p + 1)(p + 2)a_{p+2} + \left(1 - \frac{p(p + \alpha - 2)}{2(p + \alpha)}\right)(p + 2)a_{p+2} \quad (25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p_0(p+k+1)a_{p+k+1} + pp_{k+1} + \alpha(p+1)p_k + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p+k+1-l)p_l a_{p+k+1-l} \\ = (p+k)(p+k+1)a_{p+k+1} + \left(1 - \frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{2(p+\alpha)}\right)(p+k+1)a_{p+k+1} \quad (k \geq 2). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

By (23) and (25), we readily get (19). Furthermore, we find from (23) and (26) that

$$|a_{p+k+1}| \leq \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{(p+\alpha)(k+1)(p+k+1)} \left[p + \alpha(p+1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p+k+1-l) |a_{p+k+1-l}| \right]. \quad (27)$$

Now, we consider the sequence $\{A_{p+k}\}_{k=2}^{\infty}$ defined in Lemma 1.2. To prove

$$|a_{p+k}| \leq A_{p+k} \quad (k \geq 2),$$

we shall make use of the principle of mathematical induction. By noting that

$$|a_{p+2}| \leq A_{p+2} = \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)[p+\alpha(p+1)]}{2(p+2)(p+\alpha)},$$

moreover, we assume that

$$|a_{p+l}| \leq A_{p+l} \quad (l = 2, 3, \dots, k; k \geq 2).$$

Combining (4), (5) and (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+k+1}| &\leq \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{(p+\alpha)(k+1)(p+k+1)} \left(p + \alpha(p+1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p+k+1-l) |a_{p+k+1-l}| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{p(p+\alpha+2)}{(p+\alpha)(k+1)(p+k+1)} \left(p + \alpha(p+1) + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (p+k+1-l) A_{p+k+1-l} \right) \\ &= A_{p+k+1} \quad (k \geq 2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, we see that

$$|a_{p+k}| \leq A_{p+k} \quad (k \geq 2) \quad (28)$$

as desired. By (6) and (28), we deduce that the assertion (20) of Theorem 2.4 holds. $\square$

Theorem 2.5. If $f \in \mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha}$ with $0 \leq \alpha < \beta$ satisfies the condition

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + 2k \right) (p+k) |a_{p+k}| \leq p^2 \left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1 \right) - \alpha(p+1) \left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p \right), \quad (29)$$

where

$$\beta := \frac{p}{2(p+1)} \left(\sqrt{p^2 + 8p + 8} - p - 2 \right),$$

then $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$.

Proof. To prove $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$, it suffices to show that

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p \right| < \left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \left(\frac{p(p+\alpha-2)}{p+\alpha} - p \right) \right| = \left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \frac{2p}{p+\alpha} \right|.$$

By (29), we find that

$$(p+1)\alpha + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(p+k) |a_{p+k}| \leq p^2 \left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1 \right) - \left(\frac{3p+\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p \right) (p+1)\alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p+k \right) (p+k) |a_{p+k}|. \quad (30)$$

Now, by the maximum modulus principle, we deduce from (1) and (30) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p}{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \frac{2p}{p+\alpha}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{(p+1)\alpha z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(p+k)a_{p+k}z^{p+k-1}}{p^2 \left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1 \right) z^{p-1} + \left(\frac{3p+\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p \right) (p+1)\alpha z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p+k \right) (p+k)a_{p+k}z^{p+k-1}} \right| \\ &< \frac{(p+1)\alpha + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(p+k) |a_{p+k}|}{p^2 \left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1 \right) - \left(\frac{3p+\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p \right) (p+1)\alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p+k \right) (p+k) |a_{p+k}|} \\ &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5. $\square$

In view of the earlier works (based upon the familiar concept of a neighborhood of analytic functions) by Goodman [2] and Ruscheweyh [11], we begin by introducing here the δ -neighborhood of a function $f \in \mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha}$ of the form (1) by means of the following definition:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f) := & \left\{ g \in \mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha} : g(z) = z^p + \alpha z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_{p+k} z^{p+k} \text{ and} \right. \\ & \left. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p+2k \right) (p+k)}{p^2 \left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1 \right) - \alpha(p+1) \left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p \right)} |a_{p+k} - b_{p+k}| \leq \delta \quad (\delta \geq 0; 0 \leq \alpha < \beta) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Theorem 2.6. If $f \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ satisfies the condition

$$\frac{f(z) + \varepsilon z^p}{1 + \varepsilon} \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha) \quad (\varepsilon \in \mathbb{C}, |\varepsilon| < \delta; \delta > 0), \quad (32)$$

then

$$\mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f) \subset \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha). \quad (33)$$

Proof. By observing that the condition (3) is equivalent to

$$\left| \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p}{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \frac{2p}{p+\alpha}} \right| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (34)$$

we readily find from (34) that a function $g \in \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ if and only if

$$\frac{1 + \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} - p}{1 + \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} + \frac{2p}{p+\alpha}} \neq \sigma \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \sigma \in \mathbb{C}, |\sigma| = 1), \quad (35)$$

which can be rewritten as follows:

$$\frac{(g * h)(z)}{z^p} \neq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (36)$$

where

$$h(z) = z^p + \alpha z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq p; z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (37)$$

with

$$c_{p+k} := \frac{k(p+k) - \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + k\right)(p+k)\sigma}{\left[p^2\left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1\right) - \alpha(p+1)\left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p\right)\right]\sigma}.$$

By (37), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |c_{p+k}| &= \left| \frac{k(p+k) - \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + k\right)(p+k)\sigma}{\left[p^2\left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1\right) - \alpha(p+1)\left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p\right)\right]\sigma} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{k(p+k) + \left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + k\right)(p+k)|\sigma|}{\left[p^2\left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1\right) - \alpha(p+1)\left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p\right)\right]|\sigma|} = \frac{\left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + 2k\right)(p+k)}{p^2\left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1\right) - \alpha(p+1)\left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p\right)} \quad (|\sigma| = 1). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

If $f \in \mathcal{A}_{p,\alpha}$ satisfies the condition (32), we deduce from (36) that

$$\frac{(f * h)(z)}{z^p} \neq -\varepsilon \quad (|\varepsilon| < \delta; \delta > 0),$$

or equivalently,

$$\left| \frac{(f * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| \geq \delta \quad (\delta > 0; z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (39)$$

We now assume that

$$q(z) = z^p + \alpha z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} d_{p+k} z^{p+k} \in \mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f).$$

It follows from (31) that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{((q - f) * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (d_{p+k} - a_{p+k}) c_{p+k} z^k \right| \\ &\leq |z| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{2p}{p+\alpha} + p + 2k\right)(p+k)}{p^2\left(\frac{2}{p+\alpha} + 1\right) - \alpha(p+1)\left(\frac{4p+2\alpha}{p+\alpha} + p\right)} |d_{p+k} - a_{p+k}| \\ &< \delta. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

By (38) and (40), we find that

$$\left| \frac{(q * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| = \left| \frac{([f + (q - f)] * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| \geq \left| \frac{(f * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| - \left| \frac{((q - f) * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| > 0, \quad (41)$$

it follows that

$$\left| \frac{(q * h)(z)}{z^p} \right| \neq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Thus, we deduce that

$$q(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\delta(f) \subset \mathcal{H}(p, \alpha).$$

The proof of Theorem 2.6 is completed. $\square$

Finally, we derive the partial sums of functions f belong to the class $\mathcal{H}(p) := \mathcal{H}(p, 0)$.

Theorem 2.7. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}_{p,0}$ be given by (1) and define the partial sums $f_n(z)$ of f by

$$f_n(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^n a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq 2). \quad (42)$$

If

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(p+2k+2)(p+k)}{p(p+2)} |a_{p+k}| \leq 1, \quad (43)$$

then

1. $f \in \mathcal{H}(p)$;
- 2.

$$\Re \left(\frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)} \right) \geq \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) - p(p+2)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)} \quad (44)$$

and

$$\Re \left(\frac{f_n(z)}{f(z)} \right) \geq \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) + p(p+2)}. \quad (45)$$

The bounds of (44) and (45) are sharp.

Proof. (i) Assume that $f_1(z) = z^p \in \mathcal{H}(p)$, it follows that

$$\frac{f_1(z) + \varepsilon z^p}{1 + \varepsilon} = z^p \in \mathcal{H}(p).$$

By (43), we easily find that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(p+2k+2)(p+k)}{p(p+2)} |a_{p+k} - 0| \leq 1, \quad (46)$$

which implies that $f \in \mathcal{N}_1(z)$. By Theorem 2.6, we conclude that

$$f \in \mathcal{N}_1(z) \subset \mathcal{H}(p).$$

(ii) It is easy to check that

$$\frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} > \frac{(p+2n+2)(p+n)}{p(p+2)} > 1 \quad (n \geq 2).$$

Thus, we know that

$$\sum_{k=2}^n |a_{p+k}| + \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_{p+k}| \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(p+2k+2)(p+k)}{p(p+2)} |a_{p+k}| \leq 1. \quad (47)$$

Now, we suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) &:= \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)} - \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) - p(p+2)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)} \right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^k}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^n a_{p+k} z^k}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

It follows from (47) and (48) that

$$\left| \frac{\phi(z) - 1}{\phi(z) + 1} \right| \leq \frac{\frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_{p+k}|}{2 - 2 \sum_{k=2}^n |a_{p+k}| - \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_{p+k}|} \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which implies that

$$\Re(\phi(z)) \geq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (49)$$

By (48) and (49), we deduce that the assertion (44) of Theorem 2.7 holds.

Furthermore, if we take

$$f(z) = z^p + \frac{p(p+2)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)} z^{p+n+1} \quad (n \geq 1), \quad (50)$$

then for $z = re^{in/(n+1)}$, we get

$$\frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)} = 1 + \frac{p(p+2)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)} z^{n+1} = \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) - p(p+2)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)} \quad (r \rightarrow 1^-),$$

which shows that the bound in (44) is the best possible for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Similarly, we suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z) &:= \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) + p(p+2)}{p(p+2)} \left\{ \frac{f_n(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)}{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) + p(p+2)} \right\} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1) + p(p+2)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^k}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^k}. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

By (47) and (51), we deduce that

$$\left| \frac{\psi(z) - 1}{\psi(z) + 1} \right| \leq \frac{\frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)+p(p+2)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_{p+k}|}{2 - 2 \sum_{k=2}^n |a_{p+k}| - \frac{[p+2(n+1)+2](p+n+1)-p(p+2)}{p(p+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_{p+k}|} \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which shows that

$$\Re(\psi(z)) \geq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (52)$$

By (51) and (52), we readily get the assertion (45) of Theorem 2.7. The bound in (45) is sharp for the extremal function f given by (50). $\square$

Remark 2.8. When $0 < \alpha \leq p$, results on the partial sums of class $\mathcal{H}(p, \alpha)$ tend to be far more complex. Interested readers are encouraged to explore this further.

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