



## Some Remarks on Multivalent Functions of Higher-order Derivatives

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ABSTRACT: In this paper we give necessary conditions for a suitably normalized multivalent function  $f(z)$  to be in the class  $G_{p,q}(\beta)$  of  $p$ -valently starlike functions of higher-order derivatives. Also we drive some properties of functions belonging to the class  $J_{p,q}(\alpha, \beta, f(z))$  which consisting of multivalent  $\alpha$ -convex functions of higher-order derivatives in the unit disc.

Key Words:  $p$ -valent functions, Higher-order derivatives,  $\alpha$ -convex functions.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  be the open unit disc of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  denote the class of analytic and  $p$ -valent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}) \quad (1.1)$$

Also let  $\mathcal{A}_1 := \mathcal{A}$ . For two functions  $f, g$ , we say that the function  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , written as  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , (or simply  $f \prec g$ ) if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$  analytic  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$ , such that  $f(z) = g(\omega(z))$ . If the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , the subordination is equivalent to  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U})$  (see [8]). For  $0 \leq \beta < p - q, p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we say that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is in the class  $S_{p,q}^*(\beta)$  if it satisfies the following inequality

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{z f^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \right\} > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.2)$$

Also, for  $0 \leq \beta < p - q, p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we say that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is in the class  $K_{p,q}(\beta)$  if it satisfies the following inequality

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} \right\} > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.3)$$

It follows from (1.2) and (1.3) that

$$f(z) \in K_{p,q}(\beta) \iff F(z) \in S_{p,q}^*(\beta),$$

where  $F \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , such that  $F^{(q)}(z) = \frac{z f^{(q+1)}(z)}{p-q}$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). The classes  $S_{p,q}^*(\beta)$  and  $K_{p,q}(\beta)$  were introduced and studied by Aouf [2,3,4]. We note that  $S_{p,0}^*(\beta) \cong S_p^*(\beta)$  and  $K_{p,0}(\beta) \cong K_p(\beta)$  are, respectively, the class of  $p$ -valently starlike functions of order  $\beta$  and the class of  $p$ -valently convex functions of order  $\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < p$ ) see Owa [12] and Aouf [1].

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Let  $G_{p,q}(\beta)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

$$\frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \prec (p-q) + (p-q-\beta)z \quad (0 \leq \beta < p-q, p > q). \quad (1.4)$$

It is clear that (1.4) is equivalent to

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q) \right| < (p-q-\beta) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.5)$$

Therefore  $G_{p,q}(\beta)$  is a subclass of the class  $S_{p,q}^*(\beta)$ .

A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently  $\alpha$ -convex functions of higher order derivatives of order  $\beta$  if it satisfies

$$\Re \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} \right) \right\} > \beta \quad (1.6)$$

for some  $\alpha(\alpha \geq 0)$ ,  $\beta(0 \leq \beta < \delta(p,q))$  and for all  $(z \in \mathbb{U})$ , where

$$\delta(p,q) = \frac{p!}{(p-q)!} \quad (p > q).$$

Denoting by  $J_{p,q}(\alpha, \beta, f(z))$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  consisting of all such functions. We note that  $J_{p,q}(0, \beta, f(z)) \cong S_{p,q}^*(\beta)$  and  $J_{p,q}(1, \beta, f(z)) \cong K_{p,q}(\beta)$ . Also we note that  $J_{p,1-p}(\alpha, 0, f(z)) \cong A(p, \alpha)$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \geq 1$ ) was introduced and studied by Nunokawa [9], Saitoh et al. [14] and Nishimoto and Owa [11] and  $J_{p,0}(\alpha, \beta, f(z)) \cong M(p, 1, \alpha, \beta)$  was introduced and studied by Owa [13].

## 2. Main Results

In order to prove our results we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [6] Let  $\omega(z)$  be regular in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\omega(0) = 0$ . Then if  $|\omega(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  at a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ , we have  $z_0\omega(z_0) = m\omega(z_0)$ , where  $m \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [7] Let  $\phi(z)$  be a complex valued function

$$\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad D \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \quad (\mathbb{C} \text{ is the complex plane}).$$

and let  $u = u_1 + iu_2$ ,  $v = v_1 + iv_2$ . Suppose that the function  $\phi(u, v)$  satisfies

- (i)  $\phi(u, v)$  is continuous in  $D$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 0) \in D$  and  $\Re\{\phi(1, 0)\} > 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$  such that  $v_1 \leq -\frac{(1+u_2^2)}{2}$ ,  $\Re\{\phi(iu_2, v_1)\} \leq 0$ .

Let  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$  be regular in the unit disc  $\mathbb{U}$ , such that  $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . If

$$\Re\{\phi(p(z), zp'(z))\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

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

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \lambda \left( \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q) \right) + (1-\lambda) \left( \frac{z^2f^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q)(p-q-1) \right) \right| < (p-q-\beta)[\lambda + (1-\lambda)(p-q+\beta)] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.1)$$

for some  $(0 \leq \beta < p-q, p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N}_0)$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ , then  $f(z) \in G_{p,q}(\beta)$ .

**Proof:** Define the function  $\omega(z)$  by

$$\frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} = (p-q) + (p-q-\beta)\omega(z). \quad (2.2)$$

Then,  $\omega(z)$  is regular in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\omega(0) = 0$ . Differentiating (2.2) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{zf^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} - (p-q) = (p-q-\beta)\omega(z) + \frac{(p-q-\beta)z\omega'(z)}{(p-q) + (p-q-\beta)\omega(z)} \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z^2 f^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q)(p-q-1) &= (p-q-\beta)\omega(z)[2(p-q)-1 \\ &\quad + (p-q-\beta)\omega(z) + \frac{z\omega'(z)}{\omega(z)}]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.2) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda \left( \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q) \right) + (1-\lambda) \left( \frac{z^2 f^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q)(p-q-1) \right) \\ &= (p-q-\beta)\omega(z) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \lambda + (1-\lambda)[2(p-q)-1 + (p-q-\beta)\omega(z) + \frac{z\omega'(z)}{\omega(z)}] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |\omega(z)| = |\omega(z_0)| = 1.$$

Then by using Lemma 2.1, and letting  $\omega(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \lambda \left( \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z_0)}{f^{(q)}(z_0)} - (p-q) \right) + (1-\lambda) \left( \frac{z^2 f^{(q+2)}(z_0)}{f^{(q)}(z_0)} - (p-q)(p-q-1) \right) \right| \\ &= |(p-q-\beta)\omega(z_0)| \\ &\quad \left| \left\{ \lambda + (1-\lambda)[2(p-q)-1 + \frac{z\omega'(z_0)}{\omega(z_0)}] + (1-\lambda)(p-q-\beta)\omega(z_0) \right\} \right| \\ &= (p-q-\beta) \left| \lambda + (1-\lambda)[2(p-q)-1 + k] + (1-\lambda)(p-q-\beta)e^{i\theta} \right| \\ &\geq (p-q-\beta)[\lambda + (1-\lambda)(p-q+\beta)]. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the condition (2.1). Therefore  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . This implies that

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q) \right| < p-q-\beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

that is  $f(z) \in G_{p,q}(\beta)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3 □

Taking  $q = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.4.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$\left| \lambda \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) + (1-\lambda) \left( 1 + \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} - p(p-1) \right) \right| < (p-\beta)[\lambda + (1-\lambda)(p+\beta)] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then  $f(z) \in G_p(\beta) := \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p : \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right| < p - \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \right\}$ .

Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2.4, we have

**Corollary 2.5.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| \lambda \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) + (1-\lambda) \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} \right| < (1-\beta)[\lambda + (1-\lambda)(1+\beta)] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then  $f(z) \in G(\beta) := \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A} : \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < 1 - \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \right\}$ .

This corollary is an improvement of the results obtained by Fukui [5, Theorem1] and Nunokawa and Hoshino [10, Theorem 1].

Putting  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.6.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{z^2 f^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} - (p-q)(p-q-1) \right| < (p-q-\beta)(p-q+\beta) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for some  $(0 \leq \beta < p-q, p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}_0)$ , then  $f(z) \in G_{p,q}(\beta)$ .

Putting  $q = 0$  in Corollary 2.6, we obtain the following corollary

**Corollary 2.7.** *if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

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

for some  $(0 \leq \beta < p)$ , then  $f(z) \in G_p(\beta)$ .

**Remark 2.8.** *Our result in Corollary 2.7 when  $p = 1$  is an improvement of the results obtained by Fukui [5, Corollary1] and Nunokawa and Hoshino [10, Corollary 2].*

Putting  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  in Corollary 2.4, we obtain

**Corollary 2.9.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

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

for some  $(0 \leq \beta < p)$ , then  $f(z) \in G_p(\beta)$ .

**Remark 2.10.** *Our result in Corollary 2.9 when  $p = 1$  is an improvement of the results obtained by Fukui [5, Corollary2] and Nunokawa and Hoshino [10, Corollary 3].*

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $J_{p,q}(\alpha, f(z))$  with  $p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{-\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8\delta(p, q))}}{4}. \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof:** Define the function  $g(z)$  by

$$\frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} = \beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]g(z), \quad 0 \leq \beta < \delta(p, q) \quad (2.7)$$

for  $f(z) \in J_{p,q}(\alpha, f(z))$ , where

$$\beta = \frac{-\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8\delta(p, q))}}{4}. \quad (2.8)$$

It follows from (2.7) that  $g(z)$  is regular in  $\mathbb{U}$  and that  $g(z) = 1 + g_1z + g_2z^2 + \dots$ . Differentiating (2.7) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{zf^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} = \beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]g(z) + \frac{[\delta(p, q) - \beta]zg'(z)}{\beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]g(z)}. \quad (2.9)$$

From (2.7) and (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} \right) \right\} \\ &= \Re \left\{ \beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]g(z) + \frac{\alpha[\delta(p, q) - \beta]zg'(z)}{\beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]g(z)} \right\} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Letting  $u = u_1 + iu_2, v = v_1 + iv_2$  and

$$\phi(u, v) = \beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]u + \frac{\alpha[\delta(p, q) - \beta]v}{\beta + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]u}, \quad (2.11)$$

we know that

- (i)  $\phi(u, v)$  is continuous in  $D = \left( C - \frac{\beta}{\beta - \delta(p, q)} \right) \times C$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 0) \in D$  and  $\Re\{\phi(1, 0)\} = \delta(p, q) > 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$  such that  $v_1 \leq -\frac{(1+u_2^2)}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Re\{\phi(iu_2, v_1)\} &= \beta + \frac{\alpha[\delta(p, q) - \beta]v_1}{\beta^2 + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]^2u_2^2} \\ &\leq \beta - \frac{\alpha\beta[\delta(p, q) - \beta](1 + u_2^2)}{2(\beta^2 + [\delta(p, q) - \beta]^2u_2^2)} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the function  $\phi(u, v)$  defined by (2.11) satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.2. It follows from this fact that  $\Re\{g(z)\} > 0$ , that is that

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf^{(q+1)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{-\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8\delta(p, q))}}{4}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.11. □

Putting  $q = 1 - 1(p \in \mathbb{N})$  in Theorem 2.11, we obtain the following corollary

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) belongs to the class*

$$J_{p,1-p}(\alpha, f(z)) = J_p(\alpha, f(z))$$

with  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{-\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8p!)}}{4}.$$

From the definition of the class  $J_p(\alpha, f(z))$  and Theorem 2.11, we have

**Corollary 2.13.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $J_{p,q}(\alpha, f(z))$  with  $p > q, p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf^{(q+2)}(z)}{f^{(q+1)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{(\alpha - 1)(-\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8\delta(p, q)})}{4\alpha}.$$

Putting  $q = p - 1$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) in Corollary 2.13, we obtain the following corollary

**Corollary 2.14.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $J_p(\alpha, f(z))$  with  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{(\alpha - 1) + \sqrt{\alpha(\alpha + 8p!)}}{4\alpha}.$$

**Remark 2.15.** *Our result in Corollary 2.14 is an improvement of the result obtained by Saitoh et al. [14, Corollary 1].*

Putting  $\alpha = 1$  in Corollary 2.12, we have

**Corollary 2.16.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $K_p$ , then*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} \right\} > \beta = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8p!}}{4}.$$

**Remark 2.17.** *Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2.16, then if the function  $f(z) \in A$  is convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then  $f(z)$  is starlike of order  $\frac{1}{2}$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  (see also Saitoh et al. [14, Corollary 2]).*

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