

New sufficient conditions for univalence ¹

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to obtain new sufficient conditions on $f''(z)$ which lead to some subclasses of univalent functions defined in the open unit disk.

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1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{A}_n denote the class of functions of the form :

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + a_{n+2}z^{n+2} + \dots ,$$

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which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. Let $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$, then a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be in the class $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$, the class of starlike functions of order α , $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, if and only if

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

Then $\mathcal{S}^* = \mathcal{S}^*(0)$ is the class of starlike functions in \mathcal{U} . Further, if $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$(3) \quad \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then $f(z)$ said to be strongly starlike function of order α in \mathcal{U} , and this class denoted by $\overline{\mathcal{S}}^*(\alpha)$. Note that $\overline{\mathcal{S}}^*(1) = \mathcal{S}^*$.

Furthermore, let $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, which consists of functions $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$(4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

and $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(0)$ is the class of convex functions in \mathcal{U} . Also, if $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$(5) \quad \left| \arg \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then $f(z)$ said to be strongly convex function of order α in \mathcal{U} , and this class denoted by $\overline{\mathcal{K}}(\alpha)$. Note that $\overline{\mathcal{K}}(1) = \mathcal{K}$ and if $zf'(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}}^*(\alpha)$ then $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(\alpha)$.

All the above mentioned classes are subclasses of univalent functions in \mathcal{U} .

There are many results for sufficient conditions of functions $f(z)$ which are analytic in \mathcal{U} to be starlike, convex, strongly starlike and strongly convex

functions have been given by several researchers .(see [9],[1],[2],[7],[6],[5]). In this paper we will study λ such that the conditions $|f''(z)| \leq \lambda$, $z \in \mathcal{U}$, implies that $f(z)$ belongs to one of the classes defined above.

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

Lemma 1 ([9]) *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$(6) \quad |f'(z) - 1| < 2a\sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where $a = \sin(\alpha\pi/2)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(\alpha)$.

Lemma 2 ([4]) *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, satisfies*

$$(7) \quad |f'(z) - 1| < \frac{(1 - \alpha)(n + 1)}{\alpha + \sqrt{(n + 1)^2 + 1}}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$.

Lemma 3 ([8]) *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, satisfies*

$$(8) \quad |f'(z) + \alpha z f''(z) - 1| < \frac{(\alpha - 2)(n\alpha + 1)}{\alpha(n + 1)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where $\alpha > 2$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$.

2 Main Results

Employing the same method used by Nunokawa *et al.*[6], we prove the following

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

$$(9) \quad |f''(z)| \leq 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; 0 < a \leq 1)$$

where $a = \sin(\alpha\pi/2)$, then $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(\alpha)$.

Proof. Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z) - 1| &= \left| \int_0^z f''(\sigma) d\sigma \right| \leq \int_0^{|z|} |f''(te^{i\theta})| dt \leq 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \int_0^{|z|} dt \\ &= 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} |z| < 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 1, we conclude that $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(\alpha)$.

Corollary 1 *Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$, $z \in \mathcal{U}$ then*

$$(i) |f''(z)| \leq 2\sqrt{5}/5 = 0.8944\dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*;$$

$$(ii) |f''(z)| \leq \sqrt{(5 - 2\sqrt{3})/13} = 0.3437\dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(1/3);$$

$$(iii) |f''(z)| \leq \sqrt{(10 - 4\sqrt{2})/17} = 0.5054\dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(1/2);$$

and

$$(iii) |f''(z)| \leq \sqrt{21}/7 = 0.6546\dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}^*}(2/3).$$

Remark 1 *The result from Corollary 1 (i) was obtained by Nunokawa et al.[6].*

Now, we derive

Theorem 2 *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$(10) \quad |f''(z)| \leq a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; 0 < a \leq 1)$$

where $a = \sin(\alpha\pi/2)$, then $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(\alpha)$.

Proof. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |(zf'(z))' - 1| &= |f'(z) + zf''(z) - 1| \leq |f'(z) - 1| + |zf''(z)| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^z f''(t) dt \right| + |zf''(z)| \leq \int_0^{|z|} |f''(t)| dt + a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} |z| \\ &\leq 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} |z| < 2a \sqrt{\frac{5 - 4\sqrt{1 - a^2}}{16a^2 + 9}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using Lemma 1, we see that $zf'(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{S}}^*(\alpha)$, or $f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(\alpha)$.

Corollary 2 *Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$, $z \in \mathcal{U}$ then*

$$(i) |f''(z)| \leq \sqrt{5}/5 = 0.4472 \dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \mathcal{K};$$

$$(ii) |f''(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(5 - 2\sqrt{3})/13} = 0.1718 \dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(1/3);$$

$$(iii) |f''(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(10 - 4\sqrt{2})/17} = 0.2527 \dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(1/2);$$

and

$$(iii) |f''(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{21}/7 = 0.3273 \dots \text{ implies } f(z) \in \overline{\mathcal{K}}(2/3).$$

Remark 2 *The result from Corollary 2 (i) was obtained by Nunokawa et al. [6].*

Applying the same method as in the proof of Theorem 1 and using Lemmas 2 instead of Lemma 1, we obtain the following theorem

Theorem 3 If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies

$$(11) \quad |f''(z)| \leq \frac{(1-\alpha)(n+1)}{\alpha + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 + 1}} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1)$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$.

Letting $\alpha = 0$ in Theorem 3, we obtain

Corollary 3 If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies

$$(12) \quad |f''(z)| \leq \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{(n+1)^2 + 1}} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$.

Remark 3 Letting $n = 1$ in Corollary 3, we obtain the result (i) from Corollary 2.5 which was obtained by Nunokawa et al.[6].

Finally, we prove

Theorem 4 If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, satisfies

$$(13) \quad |f''(z)| < \frac{(\alpha-2)(n\alpha+1)}{\alpha(\alpha+1)(n+1)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where $\alpha > 2$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$.

Proof. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z) + \alpha z f''(z) - 1| &\leq |f'(z) - 1| + \alpha |z f''(z)| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^z f''(t) dt \right| + \alpha |z f''(z)| \leq \int_0^{|z|} |f''(t)| dt + \frac{(\alpha-2)(n\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+1)(n+1)} |z| \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha-2)(n\alpha+1)}{\alpha(n+1)} |z| < \frac{(\alpha-2)(n\alpha+1)}{\alpha(n+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

using Lemma 3, we have $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$.

Letting $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ in Theorem 4, we have the following result obtained by Mocanu[3].

Corollary 4 *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, satisfies*

$$(14) \quad |f''(z)| < \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$.

Letting $n = 1$ in Corollary 4, we have the following result obtained by Obradović[7].

Corollary 5 *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$, satisfies*

$$(15) \quad |f''(z)| < \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$.

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