

**ON ALPHA-CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF  
 ORDER BETA**

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ABSTRACT Let  $M_\beta(\alpha)$  [ $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ ] denote the class of all functions

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

analytic in the unit disc  $U$  with  $f'(z)f(z)/z \neq 0$  and which satisfy for  $z=re^{i\theta} \in U$  the condition

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} d\theta > -\beta\pi$$

for all  $\theta_2 > \theta_1$ . In this note we show that each  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$  is close-to-star of order  $\beta$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ .

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I. INTRODUCTION.

$A$  shall denote the class of all functions

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

analytic in the unit disc  $U = \{z: |z| < 1\}$  and  $S$  shall denote the subclass of functions in  $A$  which are univalent in  $U$ .

Let  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$ , and let  $f \in A$  with  $f'(z)f(z)/z \neq 0$  in  $U$ , and let

$$J(\alpha, f) = (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right). \quad (1.1)$$

If for  $z=re^{i\theta} \in U$

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} J(\alpha, f) d\theta > -\beta\pi \quad (1.2)$$

whenever  $0 \leq \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 2\pi$ , then  $f$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -close-to-convex function of order  $\beta$  or  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ . The class  $M_\beta(\alpha)$  was introduced by Nasr[1].

It was shown [1] that  $M_\beta(\alpha) \subset S$  if and only if  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha$ .

Note that  $M_\beta(1) = K_\beta$ , is the class of close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$  introduced by Reade [2] and studied by Goodman [3] for  $\beta \geq 1$  and by Pommerenke [4] for  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and  $M_\beta(0) = R_\beta$  is the class of close-to-star functions of order  $\beta$  introduced by Goodman [3]. Moreover  $M_0(\alpha) = M(\alpha)$  is the class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions introduced by Mocanu [5], and  $M_{\gamma/\alpha}(\frac{1}{\alpha}) = B_\gamma(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , is the class of Bazilevič functions of order  $\gamma$  introduced by Nasr [6].

In this note we continue the investigation of  $\alpha$ -close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$  studied in [1].

## 2. RESULTS

In this section we show that each  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$  is close-to-star of order  $\beta$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ . For  $\alpha \geq 1$  we show each  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$  is close-to-convex of order  $\beta$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$  and if  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ , then  $f \in M_\beta(\gamma)$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \gamma \leq \alpha$ .

We assume, unless otherwise stated, that  $\theta$  is a real number, that  $0 < r < 1$  and that  $z = re^{i\theta}$ . Also that  $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ .

We shall need the following result.

LEMMA 1: If  $f \in M_\beta(\gamma)$ , then the function  $h$  given by

$$h(z) = f(z) \cdot (zf'(z)/f(z))^\alpha \quad (2.1)$$

belongs to  $R_\beta$ . (The powers taken are the principal values).

PROOF: Let  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ . If we choose the branch of  $(zf'(z)/f(z))^\alpha$  which is equal to 1 when  $z = 0$ , a simple calculation shows that the function  $h$  defined by (2.1) belongs to  $R_\beta$ .

THEOREM 1: If  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$  then  $f \in R_\beta$ .

PROOF: Since  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ , it follows from Lemma 1 that

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{d}{dz} h(z)^{1/\alpha}}{f(z)^{1/\alpha}} \right\} d\theta = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right\} d\theta > -\pi\beta. \quad (2.2)$$

In (2.2) we choose the branches for  $f(z)^{1/\alpha}$  and  $h(z)^{1/\alpha}$  for which

$$h(z)^{1/\alpha}/f(z)^{1/\alpha} = (h(z)/f(z))^{1/\alpha} \quad (2.3)$$

with value 1 for  $z=0$ . If we use (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3) it is easy to prove that

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ h(z)/f(z)^{1/\alpha} \right\} d\theta > -\pi\beta. \quad (2.4)$$

In fact, since  $f$  is univalent, we can let  $w = f(z)$ ,  $z = z(w) = f^{-1}(w)$  and  $w = \rho e^{i\phi}$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h(z)^{1/\alpha}}{f(z)^{1/\alpha}} &= \frac{1}{w^{1/\alpha}} \int_0^w \frac{d}{dw} \left[ h(z(w)) \right]^{1/\alpha} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho^{1/\alpha}} \int_0^\rho \frac{d \left[ h(z(\rho e^{i\phi})) \right]^{1/\alpha}}{d \left( \rho e^{i\phi} \right)^{1/\alpha}} \rho^{1/\alpha - 1} d\rho \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho^{1/\alpha}} \int_0^\rho \frac{d \left[ h(z) \right]^{1/\alpha}}{d \left[ f(z) \right]^{1/\alpha}} \rho^{1/\alpha - 1} d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{h(z)^{1/\alpha}}{f(z)^{1/\alpha}} \right\} d\theta &= \\ \frac{1}{\rho^{1/\alpha}} \int_0^\rho \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{d[h(z)]^{1/\alpha}}{d[f(z)]^{1/\alpha}} \right\} d\theta \right] \rho^{1/\alpha - 1} d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

The result now follows from (2.1) and (2.4).

COROLLARY 1: If  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then  $f \in K_\beta$ .

PROOF: Let  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then

$$\alpha \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} d\theta > (\alpha - 1) \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} d\theta - \pi\beta.$$

Now from THEOREM 1, we have  $\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ zf'(z)/f(z) \right\} d\theta > -\pi\beta$ ,

and therefore

$$\alpha \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} d\theta > -(\alpha - 1)\pi\beta - \pi\beta = -\alpha\pi\beta$$

and the proof of Corollary 1 is complete.

COROLLARY 2: If  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \gamma \leq \alpha$ , then  $f \in M_\beta(\gamma)$ .

PROOF:

By THEOREM 1,  $f \in R_\beta$ . Suppose there exists a  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \gamma \leq \alpha$ , such that  $f \in M_\beta(\gamma)$ . Then there is  $\tau \in U$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f''(\tau)}{f'(\tau)} + 1 - \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta \\ &< -\frac{\pi\beta}{\gamma} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

However, for  $f \in M_\beta(\alpha)$ ,

$$0 < \pi\beta + \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta + \alpha \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f''(\tau)}{f'(\tau)} + 1 - \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta. \tag{2.6}$$

Substituting (2.5) into (2.6), we obtain

$$0 < (1 - \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}) [\beta\pi + \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta].$$

But  $(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}) < 0$  implies  $\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\tau f'(\tau)}{f(\tau)} \right] \right\} d\theta < -\pi\beta$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $f \in R_\beta$ . Thus  $f \in M_\beta(\gamma)$ .

REMARK:

For  $\beta = 0$  we obtain results due to Miller, Mocanu and Reade [7].

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