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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce and study a new subclass  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$  of meromorphically univalent functions with positive coefficients. We first obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for a function to be in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . We then investigate the meromorphically starlikeness and convexity of functions in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Several other properties of functions in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$  are also derived.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{M}(p)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form:

$$f(z) := \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0; \quad p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and univalent in the *punctured* unit disk

$$\mathcal{D} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\},$$

and which have a simple pole at the origin ( $z = 0$ ) with residue 1 there. A function  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p)$  is said to be in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$  if it also satisfies the inequality:

$$\Re\{zf(z) - \alpha z^2 f'(z)\} > \beta \quad (1.2)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ) and  $\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ), and for all  $z \in \mathcal{D}$ . Other subclasses of the class  $\mathbb{M}(p)$  were studied recently by (for example) Cho *et al.* ([1], [2]).

The main purpose of this paper is to investigate various interesting properties of functions belonging to the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

## 2. Distortion Inequalities

**Theorem 1.** *Let a function  $f(z)$  be in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p)$ . Then  $f(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n \leq 1 + \alpha - \beta \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1). \quad (2.1)$$

The result is sharp.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we find from (1.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \left\{ z \left( \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right) - \alpha z^2 \left( -\frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1} \right) \right\} \\ &= \Re \left\{ 1 + \alpha - \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n z^{n+1} \right\} > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad \alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1). \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $z$  to be real and let  $z \rightarrow 1-$ , we get

$$1 + \alpha - \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n \leq \beta \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1),$$

which is equivalent to (2.1).

Conversely, let us suppose that the inequality (2.1) holds true. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |z f(z) - \alpha z^2 f'(z) - 1 - \alpha| &= \left| - \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n z^{n+1} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n |z|^{n+1} \\ &\leq 1 + \alpha - \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad \alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

Finally, we note that the assertion (2.1) of Theorem 1 is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{p\alpha - 1} z^p \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (2.2)$$

**Corollary 1.** If  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then

$$a_n \leq \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{n\alpha - 1} \quad (n \geq p; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (2.3)$$

**Theorem 2.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) and the function  $g(z)$  defined by

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} b_n z^n \quad (b_n \geq 0; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (2.4)$$

be in the same class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$h(z) = (1 - \lambda) f(z) + \lambda g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} c_n z^n \quad (2.5)$$

$$(c_n := (1 - \lambda) a_n + \lambda b_n \geq 0; \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1)$$

is also in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that each of the functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  is in the class  $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then, making use of (2.1), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) c_n &= \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) [(1 - \lambda) a_n + \lambda b_n] \\ &= (1 - \lambda) \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) a_n + \lambda \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n\alpha - 1) b_n \\ &\leq (1 - \lambda)(1 + \alpha - \beta) + \lambda(1 + \alpha - \beta) \\ &= 1 + \alpha - \beta \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 2.

### 3. Distortion Theorems

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{|z|} - \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{p\alpha - 1} |z|^p \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{1}{|z|} + \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{p\alpha - 1} |z|^p \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (3.1)$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by*

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{p\alpha - 1} z^p \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof.** Since

$$\sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{p\alpha - 1} \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=p}^{\infty} na_n \leq \frac{p(1+\alpha-\beta)}{p\alpha-1} \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (3.4)$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{|z|} - |z|^p \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\geq \frac{1}{|z|} - \frac{1+\alpha-\beta}{p\alpha-1} |z|^p \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{|z|} + |z|^p \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|z|} + \frac{1+\alpha-\beta}{p\alpha-1} |z|^p, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

which complete the proof of Theorem 3.

**Theorem 4.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|z|^2} - \frac{p(1+\alpha-\beta)}{p\alpha-1} |z|^{p-1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1}{|z|^2} + \frac{p(1+\alpha-\beta)}{p\alpha-1} |z|^{p-1} \\ (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

*Equalities in (3.7) are attained by the function  $f(z)$  given by (3.2).*

**Proof.** We find from (1.1) and (3.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{|z|^2} - |z|^{p-1} \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} na_n \\ &\geq \frac{1}{|z|^2} - \frac{p(1+\alpha-\beta)}{p\alpha-1} |z|^{p-1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{|z|^2} + |z|^{p-1} \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} na_n \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|z|^2} + \frac{p(1+\alpha-\beta)}{p\alpha-1} |z|^{p-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

which complete the proof of Theorem 4.

#### 4. Meromorphically Starlikeness and Convexity of Functions in the Class $\mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$

A function  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p)$  is said to be *meromorphically starlike of order  $\delta$*  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) if it satisfies the inequality:

$$\Re \left\{ -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \delta \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad 0 \leq \delta < 1). \quad (4.1)$$

Further, a function  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p)$  is said to be *meromorphically convex of order  $\delta$*  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) if and only if  $zf'(z)$  is meromorphically starlike of order  $\delta$  (cf. Duren [3]), that is, if it satisfies the inequality:

$$\Re \left\{ -\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \right\} > \delta \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad 0 \leq \delta < 1). \quad (4.2)$$

**Theorem 5.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(z)$  is meromorphically starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in  $0 < |z| < r_1(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta)$ , where*

$$r_1(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta) = \inf_{n \geq p} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \delta)(n\alpha - 1)}{(1 + \alpha - \beta)(n + 2 - \delta)} \right\}^{1/(n+1)} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (4.3)$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by*

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1 + \alpha - \beta}{n\alpha - 1} z^n \quad (\alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad n \geq p; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (4.4)$$

**Proof.** We must show that

$$\left| -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1 - \delta \quad \text{for} \quad |z| < r_1(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta).$$

Indeed we have

$$\left| -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{n=p}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n |z|^{n+1}}{1 - \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_n |z|^{n+1}} \leq 1 - \delta \quad (0 \leq \delta < 1), \quad (4.5)$$

if

$$\frac{(n+2-\delta)|z|^{n+1}}{1-\delta} \leq \frac{n\alpha-1}{1+\alpha-\beta} \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}; \quad \alpha > 1; \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1; \quad 0 \leq \delta < 1). \quad (4.6)$$

Solving (4.6) for  $|z|$ , we obtain

$$|z| \leq r_1(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta) = \left[ \frac{(1 - \delta)(n\alpha - 1)}{(1 + \alpha - \beta)(n + 2 - \delta)} \right]^{1/(n+1)} \quad (n \geq p; \quad p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (4.7)$$

which evidently proves Theorem 5.

**Theorem 6.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathbb{M}(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(z)$  is meromorphically convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in  $0 < |z| < r_2(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta)$ , where*

$$r_2(p, \alpha, \beta, \delta) = \inf_{n \geq p} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \delta)(n\alpha - 1)}{n(1 + \alpha - \beta)(n + 2 - \delta)} \right\}^{1/(n+1)} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (4.8)$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (4.4).*

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