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**Abstract**

The object of the present paper is to derive several properties of the subclasses  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_b^{*n}(\alpha)$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_b^n(\alpha)$  of analytic functions with real part greater than  $\alpha$ . The main results of this paper provide interesting generalizations of the corresponding work done recently by S.K. Lee, S. Owa, and H.M. Srivastava [2], and by C.P. McCarty ([3], [4]).

**1. Introduction, Notations, and Preliminaries**

Let  $\Omega$  denote the class of functions  $\varphi(z)$  which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$$

and satisfy the inequality:

$$|\varphi(z)| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Also let  $\mathcal{P}^n(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = 1 + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}),$$

which are analytic in the disk  $\mathcal{U}$  and satisfy the inequality:

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{P}^n(\alpha)$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  if it also satisfies the condition:

$$(1.3) \quad a_n = 2b(1-\alpha) = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1)$$

for some  $b$  ( $0 \leq b \leq 1$ ).

The definition of the subclass  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  of the class  $\mathcal{P}^n(\alpha)$  follows Carathéodory's lemma (*cf.* [1, p. 41]) which states that the absolute value of any coefficient of a function in the class

$$\mathcal{P}(0) \equiv \mathcal{P}^1(0)$$

is not greater than 2.

Suppose that  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ , and that the functions

$$(1.4) \quad F(z) = z + \frac{2b(1-\alpha)}{n} z^{n+1} + a_{n+2} z^{n+2} + \dots$$

and

$$(1.5) \quad G(z) = z + \frac{2b(1-\alpha)}{n(n+1)} z^{n+1} + a_{n+2} z^{n+2} + \dots$$

are analytic in the disk  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then  $F(z)$  defined by (1.4) is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^{\star n}(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$(1.6) \quad \frac{z F'(z)}{F(z)} \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1; 0 \leq b \leq 1).$$

Furthermore, let  $\mathcal{E}_b^n(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $G(z)$  defined by (1.5) which satisfy the *additional* condition:

$$(1.7) \quad 1 + \frac{z G''(z)}{G'(z)} \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

The classes

$$(1.8) \quad \mathcal{P}_b(\alpha) \equiv \mathcal{P}_b^1(\alpha) \text{ and } \mathcal{E}_b^{\star}(\alpha) \equiv \mathcal{E}_b^{\star 1}(\alpha) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1; 0 \leq b \leq 1)$$

were introduced and studied systematically by McCarty ([3], [4]). On the other hand, the class

$$(1.9) \quad \mathcal{E}_b(0) \equiv \mathcal{E}_b^1(0) \quad (0 \leq b \leq 1)$$

was introduced by Pashkoulera [6] who also studied the class  $\mathcal{P}_b(0)$ . More recently, Lee, Owa, and Srivastava [2] gave several interesting properties of the classes  $\mathcal{P}_b(\alpha)$  and [cf. Equation (1.9)]

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{E}_b(\alpha) \equiv \mathcal{E}_b^1(\alpha) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1; 0 \leq b \leq 1).$$

In this paper we aim at presenting a systematic study of the general class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  introduced here. Our main results (Theorems 3, 4, and 5) and the other results (Theorems 1 and 2) provide interesting generalizations of the corresponding observations made earlier by Lee, Owa, and Srivastava [2], and by McCarty ([3], [4]).

In order to introduce the concept of subordination between analytic functions, which we shall require in our present investigation, let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then the function  $f(z)$  is said to be *subordinate* to  $g(z)$  if there exists a function  $h(z)$  analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , with

$$h(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |h(z)| < 1,$$

such that

$$(1.11) \quad f(z) = g(h(z)) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

We denote this subordination by

$$(1.12) \quad f(z) \prec g(z).$$

In particular, if  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ , the subordination (1.12) is equivalent to (*cf.* [1, p. 190])

$$(1.13) \quad f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathcal{U}) \subset g(\mathcal{U}).$$

We now recall the following well-known results which will be needed in the proofs of our theorems.

**LEMMA A** (Nehari [5, p. 167]). *If  $\varphi(z) \in \Omega$ , then*

$$(1.14) \quad |\varphi'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(1.15) \quad \frac{|z_0| - |z|}{1 - |z_0| |z|} \leq |\varphi(z)| \leq \frac{|z_0| + |z|}{1 + |z_0| |z|} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

provided that  $z_0 = \varphi(0)$ .

**LEMMA B** (Lindelöf's principle [1, p. 191]). *If*

$$(1.16) \quad \varphi(z) \prec \Phi(z),$$

then the image of each disk

$$(1.17) \quad \mathbb{D}_r = \{z : |z| \leq r < 1 \quad (0 \leq r < 1)\}$$

under the function  $\varphi(z)$  is contained in the image of the same disk under the function  $\Phi(z)$ , that is,

$$(1.18) \quad \varphi(\mathbb{D}_r) \subset \Phi(\mathbb{D}_r) \quad (0 \leq r < 1).$$

## 2. General Inequalities for the Class $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$

In this section we prove some general inequalities associated with the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ . Theorem 1 below is a kind of distortion theorem for functions belonging to the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad |f'(z)| \leq (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha) \frac{2r^{n-1}\{nb + [n+1 + (n-1)b^2]r + nbr^2\}}{[1 + br + (b+r)r^n][1 + br - (b+r)r^n]}$$

$$(r = |z| < 1).$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by*

$$(2.2) \quad f_1(z) = \frac{1 + bz + (1-2\alpha)(b+z)z^n}{1 + bz - (b+z)z^n}$$

at

$$z = r_1 < 1 \quad (r_1 = |z| < 1).$$

**Proof.** Let the function  $g(z)$  be defined by

$$(2.3) \quad g(z) = \frac{f(z) - \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = 1 + 2b z^n + \cdots \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then, clearly,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(0)$ , that is,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{g(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad \text{and} \quad g(0) = 1,$$

which shows that the function  $g(z)$  is subordinate to the function

$$G(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}.$$

Since there is a function  $w(z) \in \Omega$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad g(z) = \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} = 1 + 2b z^n + \dots \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

we have

$$w(z) = b z^n + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad |w(z)| \leq 1.$$

Therefore, there exists a function  $\varphi(z) \in \Omega$  such that  $w(z) = z^n \varphi(z)$ , and we find from (2.4) that

$$(2.5) \quad g(z) = \frac{1+z^n \varphi(z)}{1-z^n \varphi(z)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Now differentiate both sides of (2.5) with respect to  $z$  and make use of (2.3). We thus find that

$$(2.6) \quad |f'(z)| = \frac{2|z^n \varphi'(z) + n z^{n-1} \varphi(z)|}{|1 - z^n \varphi(z)|^2}$$

$$= \frac{2|z^n \varphi'(z) + nz^{n-1} \varphi(z)|}{1 - |z^n \varphi(z)|^2} (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha).$$

Applying the triangle inequality, and then the assertion (1.14) of Lemma A, to the right-hand side of (2.6), we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad |f'(z)| \leq \frac{2(\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha) |z|^{n-1}}{1 - |z|^2} \left[ \frac{|z| + n(1 - |z|^2) |\varphi(z)| - |z| |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^{2n} |\varphi(z)|^2} \right].$$

We can show that the expression in the brackets on the right-hand side of (2.7) is monotonic (increasing) with respect to  $|\varphi(z)|$  as follows. Let  $r = |z| < 1$ ,  $x = |\varphi(z)| \leq 1$ , and

$$(2.8) \quad h(x) = \frac{r + n(1 - r^2)x - rx^2}{1 - r^{2n} x^2}.$$

Then

$$(2.9) \quad h'(x) = \frac{H(x)}{(1 - r^{2n} x^2)^2},$$

where

$$(2.10) \quad H(x) = n(1 - r^2) - 2r(1 - r^{2n})x + n(1 - r^2)r^{2n} x^2.$$

Since  $y = H(x)$  is a parabola opening upward (in the positive  $y$ -direction) and

$$H'(x_0) = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad x_0 = \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{n(1-r^2)r^{2n-1}} > 1,$$

we have only to show that  $H(1) > 0$  in order to prove that

$$h'(x) > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq r < 1,$$

that is,  $h(x)$  is monotonic (increasing) with respect to  $x \in [0,1]$  for each fixed  $r \in [0,1)$ . Indeed it is not difficult to show that  $H(1) > 0$ , that is, that

$$(2.11) \quad n r^{2n} + n > 2r(1+r^2+\dots+r^{2(n-1)}) \quad (0 \leq r < 1),$$

by using the principle of mathematical induction and differentiation.

Finally, we apply the assertion (1.15) of Lemma A with

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{w(z)}{z^n} = b + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad z_0 = b$$

to the right-hand side of (2.6), and we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad |f'(z)| \leq \frac{2(\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\}-a)r^{n-1}}{1-r^2} h\left[\frac{b+r}{1+br}\right]$$

$$= \frac{2(\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\}-a)r^{n-1} \{nb + [n+1+(n-1)b^2]r + nbr^2\}}{[1+br+(b+r)r^n] [1+br-(b+r)r^n]},$$

which proves the theorem.

For  $n = 1$ , Theorem 1 leads us at once to

**COROLLARY 1** (McCarty [3, p. 213, Corollary 2]). *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.13) \quad |f'(z)| \leq \frac{2(\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)}{1 - r^2} \left\{ \frac{b + 2r + br^2}{1 + 2br + r^2} \right\} \quad (r = |z| < 1).$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by*

$$(2.14) \quad f_2(z) = \frac{1 + bz + (1-2\alpha)(b+z)z}{1 - z^2}$$

at

$$z = r_2 < 1 \quad (r_2 = |z| < 1).$$

Next we state and prove

**THEOREM 2.** *If the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.15) \quad |f(z) - A_n| \leq D_n \quad (r = |z| < 1; n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where

$$(2.16) \quad A_n = \frac{(1+br)^2 + (1-2\alpha)(b+r)^2 r^{2n}}{[1 + br + (b+r)r^n][1 + br - (b+r)r^n]} \quad (r = |z| < 1; n \in \mathbb{N})$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad D_n = \frac{2(1-\alpha)(b+r)(1+br) r^n}{[1 + br + (b+r)r^n][1 + br - (b+r)r^n]} \quad (r = |z| < 1; n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (2.2) at

$$z = r_1 < 1 \quad (r_1 = |z| < 1).$$

**Proof.** Since  $f(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$ , by using (2.3) and (2.4), we can find some functions

$$w(z) = bz^n + \dots \in \Omega \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(z) \in \Omega$$

such that

$$(2.18) \quad w(z) = z^n \varphi(z) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \text{and} \quad f(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Let

$$(2.19) \quad \Phi(z) = \frac{z + b}{1 + bz} \quad (0 \leq b \leq 1) \quad \text{and} \quad T(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha)z}{1 - z} \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Suppose also that [cf. Equation (1.16)]

$$\varphi(z) \prec \Phi(z).$$

Then, by virtue of Lemma B, the image of each disk  $\mathbb{D}_r$  defined by (2.4) under the function  $w(z)$  is contained in the image of the same disk under the function  $z^n \Phi(z)$ . Furthermore, the image of each disk  $\mathbb{D}_r$  under the function  $f(z)$  is contained in the image of  $\mathbb{D}_r$  under  $T(z^n \Phi(z))$ .

Finally, using the inequality

$$|\Phi(z)| \leq \Phi(|z|),$$

we find that the image of each disk  $\mathbb{D}_r$  under the function  $f(z)$  is contained in the image

$$|\zeta - A_n| \leq D_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

of  $\mathbb{D}_r$  under the function  $T(|z|^{n-1} \Phi(|z|)z)$ .

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 2.

From Theorem 2 with  $n = 1$  we can easily deduce

**COROLLARY 2** (McCarty [4, p. 154, Lemma 1]). *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.20) \quad |f(z) - A| \leq D \quad (r = |z| < 1),$$

where

$$(2.21) \quad A = \frac{(1+br)^2 + (1-2\alpha)(b+r)^2 r^2}{(1+2br+r^2)(1-r^2)} \quad (r = |z| < 1)$$

and

$$(2.22) \quad D = \frac{2(1-\alpha)(b+r)(1+br)r}{(1+2br+r^2)(1-r^2)} \quad (r = |z| < 1).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (2.14) at

$$z = r_2 < 1 \quad (r_2 = |z| < 1).$$

Next we apply Theorems 1 and 2 to prove our first main result contained in

**THEOREM 3.** *If the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  and  $\rho \geq 0$ , then*

$$(2.23) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \geq (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 - E_n) + \alpha$$

and

$$(2.24) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \leq (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 + E_n) + \alpha,$$

where

$$(2.25) \quad E_n = \frac{2r^n \{nb + [n+1+(n-1)b^2]r + nbr^2\}}{[(1+\rho)(1+br) + (2\alpha-1+\rho)(b+r)r^n] [1 + br - (b+r)r^n]} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

and  $r = |z| < 1$ .

The assertion (2.23) with  $b = 0$  and  $n = 2m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is sharp for the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (3.2) at

$$z = -r_1 > -1 \quad (r_1 = |z| < 1).$$

**Proof.** By virtue of Theorem 2, we have

$$(2.26) \quad |f(z) + \rho| \geq |A_n + \rho| - D_n$$

$$= \frac{(1+\rho)(1+br) + (2\alpha-1+\rho)(b+r)r^n}{1 + br + (b+r)r^n}.$$

Hence, with the aid of Theorem 1, we obtain

$$(2.27) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \geq \operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \left|\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right|$$

$$\geq \operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha) E_n$$

$$= (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 - E_n) + \alpha,$$

which proves the assertion (2.23). Furthermore, we have

$$(2.28) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \leq \operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} + \left|\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right|$$

$$\leq \operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} + (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha) E_n$$

$$= (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 + E_n) + \alpha,$$

which proves the assertion (2.24).

Setting  $n = 1$  in Theorem 3, we readily have

**COROLLARY 3** (Lee, Owa, and Srivastava [2, p. 132, Theorem 1]). *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b(\alpha)$  and  $\rho \geq 0$ , then*

$$(2.29) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \geq (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 - E) + \alpha$$

and

$$(2.30) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{f(z) + \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z) + \rho}\right\} \leq (\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} - \alpha)(1 + E) + \alpha,$$

where

$$E = \frac{2r(b + 2r + br^2)}{(1 - r^2)[1 + \rho + 2(\alpha + \rho)br + (2\alpha - 1 + \rho)r^2]}$$

and  $r = |z| < 1$ .

### 3. The General Classes $\mathcal{S}_b^{\star n}(\alpha)$ and $\mathcal{S}_b^n(\alpha)$

In this section we obtain the radius of starlikeness of order  $\alpha$  and the radius of convexity of order  $\alpha$  of certain functions associated appropriately with functions belonging to the classes  $\mathcal{S}_b^{\star n}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{S}_b^n(\alpha)$ .

We begin by proving

**THEOREM 4.** *If the function  $F(z)$  defined by (1.4) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^{\star n}(\alpha)$ , then the function  $f(z)$  defined by*

$$(3.1) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \rho} \{\rho F(z) + zF'(z)\} \quad (\rho \geq 0)$$

is starlike of order  $\alpha$  in the disk  $|z| < R_n$ , where  $R_n$  is the smallest root in the closed interval  $[0,1]$  of the equation:

$$(3.2) \quad [1 + br - (b+r)r^n] [(1+\rho)(1+br) + (2\alpha-1+\rho)(b+r)r^n] \\ - 2r^n \{nb + [n+1 + (n-1)b^2]r + nbr^2\} = 0.$$

This result when  $b = 0$  and  $n = 2m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is sharp for the function  $F_1(z)$  defined by

$$(3.3) \quad F_1(z) = z(1-z^{n+1})^{-2(1-\alpha)/(n+1)}$$

at

$$z = -r_1 > -1 \quad (r_1 = |z| < 1).$$

**Proof.** Corresponding to the function  $F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_b^{\star n}(\alpha)$ , let the function  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  be defined by

$$(3.4) \quad p(z) = \frac{z F'(z)}{F(z)}.$$

Then, by applying Theorem 3, we have

$$(3.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z) + \rho} \right\} \\ \geq (\operatorname{Re}\{p(z)\} - \alpha)(1 - E_n) + \alpha$$

$$> \alpha \quad (|z| < R_n),$$

where  $R_n$  is the smallest root in  $[0,1]$  of Equation (3.2), and  $E_n$  is defined by (2.25). This proves Theorem 4.

For  $n = 1$ , Theorem 4 immediately yields

**COROLLARY 4** (Lee, Owa, and Srivastava [2, p. 134, Theorem 2]). *If the function  $F(z)$  defined by (1.4) with  $n = 1$ , that is, by*

$$(3.6) \quad F(z) = z + 2b(1-\alpha)z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$$

*is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\alpha)$ , then the function  $f(z)$  defined by (3.1) is starlike of order  $\alpha$  for  $|z| < R$ , where  $R$  is the smallest root in the closed interval  $[0,1]$  of the equation:*

$$(3.7) \quad 1 + \rho + 2(a+\rho-1)br + 2(\alpha-3)r^2 - 2b(a+\rho+1)r^3 - (2a+\rho-1)r^4 = 0,$$

*which is Equation (3.2) with  $n = 1$ .*

The following result is obtained by setting  $\rho = 0$  in Theorem 4.

**COROLLARY 5.** *If the function  $F(z)$  defined by (1.4) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^{*n}(\alpha)$ , then the function  $F(z)$  is convex of order  $\alpha$  for  $|z| < r_n$ , where  $r_n$  is the smallest root in the closed interval  $[0,1]$  of the equation:*

$$(3.8) \quad [1 + br - (b+r)r^n] [1 + br + (2\alpha-1)(b+r)r^n] \\ - 2r^n \{nb + [n+1 + (n-1)b^2]r + nbr^2\} = 0,$$

which is Equation (3.2) with  $\rho = 0$ .

This result with  $b = 0$  and  $n = 2m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is sharp for the function  $F_1(z)$  defined by (3.3) at

$$z = -r_1 > -1 \quad (r_1 = |z| < 1).$$

Finally, we prove

**THEOREM 5.** *If the function  $G(z)$  defined by (1.5) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^n(\alpha)$ , then function  $g(z)$  defined by*

$$(3.9) \quad g(z) = \frac{1}{\rho + 1} \{\rho G(z) + zG'(z)\} \quad (\rho \geq 0)$$

is convex of order  $\alpha$  for  $|z| < R_n$ , where  $R_n$  is given in Theorem 4.

This result with  $b = 0$  and  $n = 2m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is sharp for the function  $G_1(z)$  defined by

$$(3.10) \quad G_1(z) = \int_0^z (1-\zeta)^{n+1} {}^{-2(1-\alpha)/(n+1)} d\zeta$$

at

$$z = -r_2 > -1 \quad (r_2 = |z| < 1).$$

**Proof.** Let the function  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_b^n(\alpha)$  be defined by

$$(3.11) \quad p(z) = 1 + \frac{z G''(z)}{G'(z)}.$$

Then, by applying Theorem 3, we have

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{z g''(z)}{g'(z)}\right\} &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{p(z) + \frac{z p(z)}{p(z) + \rho}\right\} \\ &\geq (\operatorname{Re}\{p(z)\} - \alpha)(1 - E_n) + \alpha \\ &> \alpha \quad (|z| < R_n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_n$  is given in Theorem 4. This proves Theorem 5.

Letting  $n = 1$  in Theorem 5, we readily have

**COROLLARY 6** (Lee, Owa, and Srivastava [2, p. 135, Theorem 3]). *If  $G(z) \in \mathcal{C}_b(\alpha)$ , then  $g(z)$  defined by (3.9) is convex of order  $\alpha$  for  $|z| < R$ , where  $R$  is given in Corollary 4.*

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