



**SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FUNCTIONS TO BE
PARABOLIC STARLIKE**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper sufficient conditions are determined for functions of the form
 $f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k}$, $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 + z^n)^k}$ and certain other types of functions to be parabolic
starlike.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let A denote the class of all analytic functions defined in the open unit disk $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and normalized as $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1$.

A function $f \in A$ is uniformly convex (starlike) if for every arc γ contained in Δ with centre $\xi \in \Delta$, the image arc $f(\gamma)$ is convex (starlike with respect to $f(\xi)$). The class of all uniformly convex functions denoted by UCV was introduced by Goodman [2] in 1991. Ronning [8] and Ma and Minda [3] independently proved that $f \in UCV$ if and only if

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad z \in \Delta$$

Further Ronning [8] defined the class S_p of functions $f \in A$ for which

$$Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad z \in \Delta$$

It can be observed easily that $f \in UCV$ if and only if $zf' \in S_p$.

Let $\Omega = \{w : |w - 1| < Rew\}$. It follows that $f \in UCV$ or S_p are equivalent to saying that $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ or $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$ lies in Ω respectively.

Note that Ω is a parabolic region, symmetric with respect to the real axis having $(1/2, 0)$ as its vertex. The class S_p and UCV are generalized to the class $S_p(\alpha)$ and $UCV(\alpha)$ as follows:

A function f is in $UCV(\alpha)$ if

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha + \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad z \in \Delta$$

Similarly $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ if

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha + \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad z \in \Delta$$

If $-1 < \alpha \leq 1$ then the functions in the above classes are univalent. In fact $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ we have

$$Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \frac{1 + \alpha}{2} > 0 \text{ and hence } f \in S^*.$$

In this paper we find sufficient conditions for certain types of functions.

In order to prove our results we need the following.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Lemma 2.1. If $-1 < \alpha \leq 1$, $\frac{3 + \alpha}{4} < a \leq 2 - \alpha + \sqrt{(1 - \alpha)(1 - 3\alpha)}$ where a is any real number such that

$$R_{a,\alpha} = \begin{cases} a - \frac{1+\alpha}{2} & \frac{3+\alpha}{4} < a \leq \frac{3-\alpha}{2} \\ \sqrt{2(1-\alpha)(a-1)} & a \geq \frac{3-\alpha}{2} \end{cases}$$

then $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - a \right| < R_{a,\alpha}$ implies $f \in S_p(\alpha)$. In particular we have $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ if

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1 - \alpha}{2}$$

The lemma with $\alpha = 0$ is in [6].

Proof. The result follows from the fact that $R_{a,\alpha}$ given in the lemma is the minimum of all distances from $a > \frac{1 + \alpha}{2}$, and any point on the parabola $|w - 1| + \alpha < Re w$. ■

Lemma 2.2. [1] For $|z| \leq r < 1$, $|z_k| = R > r$ we have

$$\left| \frac{z}{z - z_k} + \frac{r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right| \leq \frac{Rr}{R^2 - r^2}$$

3. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 3.1. Let a and α be as defined in Lemma 2.1. Let

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{\left(1 + \sum_1^{\infty} b_k z^k\right)}.$$

If the coefficients of $f(z)$ satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{R_{a,\alpha} + |(1-a) - k|\} |b_k| \leq R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|$$

then $f \in S_p(\alpha)$.

Proof. Since $f(z) = \frac{z}{\left(1 + \sum_1^{\infty} b_k z^k\right)}$.

We have

$$\left| \frac{zf'}{f} - a \right| = \left| 1 - a - \frac{\sum_1^{\infty} k b_k z^k}{1 + \sum_1^{\infty} b_k z^k} \right|$$

So we can conclude that $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ if

$$\left| (1-a) - \frac{\sum_1^{\infty} k b_k z^k}{1 + \sum_1^{\infty} b_k z^k} \right| \leq R_{a,\alpha}$$

that is, if

$$\left| (1-a) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-a-k) b_k z^k \right| \leq R_{a,\alpha} \left| 1 + \sum_1^{\infty} b_k z^k \right|$$

The above inequality holds whenever

$$|1-a| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |(1-a) - k| |b_k| r^k \leq R_{a,\alpha} \left(1 - \sum_1^{\infty} |b_k| r^k \right)$$

That is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{ |(1-a) - k| + R_{a,\alpha} \} |b_k| r^k \leq R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|$$

Since $r < 1$ and $r^k < 1$ we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{ R_{a,\alpha} + |(1-a) - k| \} |b_k| \leq R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|$$

which proves the theorem. ■

In particular if $\alpha = 0$ and $a = 1$, then $R_{a,\alpha} = 1/2$ we have

Corollary 3.2. Let $f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k}$.

Whenever $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k+1)|b_k| < 1$ then $f \in S_p$.

Remark 3.1. If $f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + b_1 z}$
then $f \in S_p$ whenever $3|b_1| \leq 1$
 $\Rightarrow |b_1| \leq 1/3$ which is true from Goodman [2].

Corollary 3.3. Let $f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k}$. If the coefficients of $f(z)$ satisfy the condition given

in Theorem 3.1, then

$$f(z) = \int_0^z \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k t^k\right)^{-1} dt$$

is in $UCV(\alpha)$. In particular if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k+1)|b_k| \leq 1$ then f is in UCV .

Theorem 3.4. Let n, k be fixed positive integers and let $p(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z^n)^k}$. Let α, a be as in Lemma 2.1. Then $p(z) \in S_p(\alpha)$ for

$$|z| < \left(\frac{R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|}{|1-a-kn| + R_{a,\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Proof. Since $p(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z^n)^k}$.

$$\left| \frac{zp'}{p} - a \right| = \left| 1 - a - \frac{knz^n}{1+z^n} \right|$$

if

$$\left| 1 - a - \frac{knz^n}{1+z^n} \right| < R_{a,\alpha}$$

then $p(z) \in S_p(\alpha)$.

That is,

$$|(1-a) + (1-a-kn)z^n| < R_{a,\alpha}|1+z^n|$$

This holds whenever,

$$|1-a| + |1-a-kn||z|^n < R_{a,\alpha} - R_{a,\alpha}|z|^n$$

which simplifies to

$$|z| < \left(\frac{R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|}{|1-a-kn| + R_{a,\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

which proves Theorem 3.4. ■

By taking $\alpha = 0$ and $a = 1$ in the above theorem and $R_{a,\alpha} = 1/2$ we have

Corollary 3.5. $p(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z^n)^k}$ is in S_p

whenever $|z| < \left(\frac{1}{2kn+1}\right)^{1/n}$.

Corollary 3.6. $F(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{(1+t^n)^k}$ is in UCV if

$$|z| < \left(\frac{1}{2kn+1}\right)^{1/n}.$$

Theorem 3.7. Let $Q(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n . Let $R = \min\{|\xi| : Q(\xi) = 0, \xi \neq 0\}$. Let a, α be as in Lemma 2.1. Then the function $F(z) = z(Q(z))^{\beta/n}$ belongs to $S_p(\alpha)$ for

$$|z| = r < \frac{R(R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}{(|\beta| + R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}$$

Proof. $F(z) = z[Q(z)]^{\beta/n}$ implies

$$\frac{zp'}{p} = 1 + \beta/n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{z}{z-z_k}$$

$$\frac{zp'}{p} - a = 1 - a + \beta/n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{z}{z-z_k} + \frac{r^2}{R^2-r^2} - \frac{r^2}{R^2-r^2} \right)$$

If

$$\left| (1-a) + \beta/n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{z}{z-z_k} + \frac{r^2}{R^2-r^2} - \frac{r^2}{R^2-r^2} \right) \right| < R_{a,\alpha}$$

then $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ by Lemma 2.1.

Using Lemma 2.2 we see that $f \in S_p(\alpha)$ if

$$|1-a| + \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2-r^2} + \frac{|\beta|r^2}{R^2-r^2} < R_{a,\alpha}$$

This is satisfied if $r < \frac{R(R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}{(|\beta| + R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}$.

We get the required result. ■

Corollary 3.8. Let $Q(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n . Let R be as in Theorem 3.7. Then the function $F(z) = z[Q(z)]^{\beta/n}$ belongs to S_p for $|z| < \frac{R}{1+2|\beta|}$.

This follows by taking $\alpha = 0, a = 1$ in Theorem 3.7.

Remark 3.2.

(1) Let $\beta = n, Q(z) = 1 - \frac{z^n}{(2n+1)^n}$ then $F(z) = z - \frac{z^{n+1}}{(2n+1)^n}$ is in S_p .

(2) The function $g(z) = z + z^2 + z^3 \in S_p$ for $|z| < 1/5$.

Since $g(z) = z(1+z+z^2) = zQ(z)$.

Taking $\beta = 2, n = 2$ we get

$R = \min\{|\xi| : 1+z+z^2=0\}$. Therefore $R = 1$.

Hence $g \in S_p$ for $|z| < 1/5$.

(3) The function $\frac{z}{(1-z^n)^{2/n}} \in S_p$.

Corollary 3.9. Let $Q(z)$, R be as in Theorem 3.7. Then the function

$$G(z) = \int_0^z [Q(t)]^{\beta/n} dt \in UCV(\alpha)$$

for $|z| = r < \frac{R(R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}{(|\beta| + R_{a,\alpha} - |1-a|)}$.

Corollary 3.10.

$$g(z) = \int_0^z [Q(t)]^{\beta/n} dt \in UCV$$

for $|z| = r$ where $r = \frac{R}{1+2|\beta|}$.

Corollary 3.11.

$$\int_0^z \frac{dz}{(1-z^n)^{2/n}} \in UCV$$

This function maps the unit disk onto a regular polygon of n sides.

Before we proceed to our next result, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 3.12. [4] If the function g is regular in Δ and $|g(z)| < 1$ in Δ , then for all $\xi \in \Delta$ and $z \in \Delta$ the following inequalities hold

$$\left| \frac{g(\xi) - g(z)}{1 - \overline{g(z)}g(\xi)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\xi - z}{1 - \bar{z}\xi} \right|$$

and

$$|g'(z)| \leq \frac{|1 - g(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}$$

the equalities hold only in the case

$$g(z) = \epsilon \frac{z+u}{1+\bar{u}z} \text{ where } |\epsilon| = 1 \text{ and } |u| < 1$$

We also need the following.

Remark 3.3. [7]

$$|g(z)| \leq \frac{|z| + |a|}{1 + |a||z|}$$

for all $g \in \Delta$ for z defined in Lemma 3.12.

Theorem 3.13. Let β be a complex number and the function $g \in A$, $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$. If $\left| \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| < 1$ for all $z \in \Delta$ and β satisfies the condition

$$|\beta| \leq \frac{R_{a,\alpha} + |1-a|}{\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left(\frac{|z|^2 + 2|a_2||z|}{1 + 2|a_2||z|} \right)}$$

where $R_{a,\alpha}$ and a are as in Lemma 2.1 then the function

$$G_\beta(z) = \int_0^z (g'(u))^\beta du \text{ is in } UCV(\alpha)$$

Proof. $G_\beta(z)$ is regular in Δ .

Consider $p(z) = \frac{1}{|\beta|} \frac{G''_\beta(z)}{G'_\beta(z)}$

where β satisfies the inequality given in the Theorem 3.13.

The function $p(z)$ is regular in Δ and we have $p(z) = \frac{\beta}{|\beta|} \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)}$ and so $|p(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \Delta$ and $p(0) = 2|a_2|$.

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{|\beta|} \left| \frac{G''_\beta(z)}{G'_\beta(z)} \right| \leq \frac{|z| + 2|a_2|}{1 + 2|a_2||z|}$$

For all $z \in \Delta$. Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{zG''_\beta(z)}{G'_\beta(z)} \right| &\leq |\beta||z| \left(\frac{|z| + 2|a_2|}{1 + 2|a_2||z|} \right) \\ &\leq |\beta| \max \left(\frac{|z|^2 + 2|a_2||z|}{1 + 2|a_2||z|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\left| \frac{zG''_\beta(z)}{G'_\beta(z)} \right| \leq R_{a,\alpha} + |1 - a|$$

This proves the theorem. ■

Theorem 3.14. Let r be complex number and the function $g \in A$, $g(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$. If $\left| \frac{g''(z^n)}{g'(z^n)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n}$ for all $z \in \Delta$ and n a positive integer, $|r| < R_{a,\alpha} + |1 - a|$ where $R_{a,\alpha}$ are as in Lemma 2.1 then the function

$$G_{r,n}(z) = \int_0^z [g'(u^n)]^r du \text{ is in } UCV(\alpha)$$

Proof. Let us consider the function

$$f(z) = \int_0^z (g'(u^n))^r du$$

The function $p(z) = \frac{1}{|r|} \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}$ where the constant $|r|$ satisfies the inequality given in Theorem 3.14 is regular in Δ .

It follows that

$$p(z) = \frac{r}{|r|} \left[\frac{nz^{n-1}g''(z^n)}{g'(z^n)} \right]$$

and so we have $|p(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \Delta$.

Also $p(0) = 0$ and applying Schwarz-Lemma we have

$$\frac{1}{|r|} \left| \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq |z|$$

and hence we obtain

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq |r||z|^2$$

This proves the required result. ■

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