



ON A SUBSET OF BAZILEVIČ FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let S denote the class of analytic and univalent functions in $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ of the form $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$. For $\alpha \geq 0$, the subclass $B_1(\alpha)$ of S of Bazilevič functions has been extensively studied. In this paper we determine various properties of a subclass of $B_1(\alpha)$, for $\alpha \geq 0$, which extends early results of a class of starlike functions studied by Ram Singh.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Denote by \mathcal{A} , the set of functions f , which are analytic in the unit disk $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$, and normalized so that

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

and by \mathcal{S} , the subset of \mathcal{A} consisting of functions f which are univalent in \mathbb{D} .

In recent years, a great deal of attention (see e.g. [2], [4], [9], [10]), has been given to the set $B_1(\alpha)$ of Bazilevič functions in \mathcal{S} , defined for $\alpha \geq 0$, as follows.

Definition 1.1. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and be given by (1.1). Then for $\alpha \geq 0$, $f \in B_1(\alpha)$ if, and only if, for $z \in \mathbb{D}$

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} > 0.$$

Clearly $B_1(0)$ consists of the well-known class \mathcal{S}^* of starlike functions, and $B_1(1)$ the class \mathcal{R} whose elements satisfy $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > 0$, for $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

Finding sharp bounds for $|a_n|$ for all $n \geq 2$ when $f \in B_1(\alpha)$ remains an open problem, with best possible bounds only known when $2 \leq n \leq 6$, [3], [8], and even then, only partial answers have been given when $n = 5$ and 6 .

When $\alpha = -1$ in (1.2), functions defined by the following are also members of \mathcal{S} , [5], and provide an interesting subset of \mathcal{S} which is known as the class $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$. The class $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ defined below, has also been extensively studied in recent years (see e.g. [5], [6], and the references in these papers).

Definition 1.2. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and be given by (1.1). Then $f \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ if, and only if, for $z \in \mathbb{D}$

$$\left| f'(z) \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^2 - 1 \right| < \lambda.$$

It is clear from the definition that since $f'(z)/[z/f(z)]^2 \neq 0$, functions in $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ are non-vanishing in $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$, and locally univalent.

Finding sharp bounds for the coefficients of functions in $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ appears to be a difficult problem, with best possible bounds only known when $2 \leq n \leq 4$, [6]. On the other hand when $\lambda = 1$, sharp bound have been found for all $n \geq 2$ (see e.g. [6]).

In this paper we study a subset of $B_1(\alpha)$, whose definition mimics that of $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ in the case $\lambda = 1$, and show that it is possible to obtain sharp bounds for the first five coefficients of $f(z)$, together with the first four coefficients of the inverse function. We also give other properties of this subclass, which we define as follows.

Definition 1.3. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and be given by (1.1). Then for $\alpha \geq 0$, $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ if, and only if, for $z \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$(1.3) \quad \left| f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} - 1 \right| < 1.$$

We note that when $\alpha = 0$, (1.3) reduces to

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < 1,$$

considered in [8]. Since the analysis for $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha > 0$ can differ, we will specify this when appropriate.

2. REPRESENTATION EXPRESSION AND DISTORTION THEOREMS

We begin by giving a representation formula for $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ when $\alpha > 0$, analogous to that given in [8] in the case $\alpha = 0$.

Theorem 2.1. For $\alpha > 0$, $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ if, and only if,

$$(2.1) \quad f(z) = \left(\alpha \int_0^z t^{\alpha-1} (1 + \omega(t)) dt \right)^{1/\alpha},$$

where ω is analytic in \mathbb{D} satisfying $|\omega(z)| \leq 1$, and $\omega(0) = 0$.

Proof. From (1.3), we can write

$$(2.2) \quad f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} = 1 + \omega(z).$$

Let $\phi(z) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\alpha$. Then differentiation gives

$$\phi'(z) + \frac{\alpha}{z} \phi(z) = \frac{\alpha}{z} (1 + \omega(z)).$$

Multiplying by z^α and integrating gives (2.1). ■

Theorem 2.2. For $\alpha > 0$, let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$, $z = re^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{D}$, and

$$\beta_1(\alpha, r) = \left(\frac{1 + \alpha + \alpha r}{1 + \alpha} \right), \quad \beta_2(\alpha, r) = \left(\frac{1 + \alpha - \alpha r}{1 + \alpha} \right).$$

Then

$$(2.3) \quad r\beta_2(\alpha, r)^{1/\alpha} \leq |f(z)| \leq r\beta_1(\alpha, r)^{1/\alpha}$$

$$(2.4) \quad (1-r)\beta_2(\alpha, r)^{(1-\alpha)/\alpha} \leq |f'(z)| \leq (1+r)\beta_1(\alpha, r)^{(1-\alpha)/\alpha}$$

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{1-r}{\beta_1(\alpha, r)} \leq \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(1+r)}{\beta_2(\alpha, r)}.$$

Equality holds in all cases when $f(z) = z \left(\frac{1 + \alpha + \alpha z}{1 + \alpha} \right)^{1/\alpha}$ for $\theta = 0$, or $\pi/2$.

Proof. It follows from the Schwarz Lemma that $|\omega(z)| \leq |z|$. Using this in (2.1) and integrating easy establishes the right-hand inequality in (2.3). The left-hand inequality follows from the minimum principle for harmonic functions. Differentiating (2.1) and using (2.2) gives (2.4), from which (2.5) follows on noting that $|1 + \omega(z)| \geq 1 - |\omega(z)| \geq 1 - |z|$. ■

From (2.3), we at once deduce the following.

Corollary 2.1. *Let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha > 0$. Then $f(\mathbb{D})$ contains the disk $\{w : |w| < 1/(1 + \alpha)^{1/\alpha}\}$.*

We note that letting $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ in the results of Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 2.1, gives those obtained in [9].

We will use the following lemmas, the first two and the fourth of which can be found in [1], and the third in [7].

3. LEMMAS

Denote by \mathcal{P} , the class of functions p of positive real part, i.e., functions satisfying $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{D}$, with Taylor expansion

$$(3.1) \quad p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n.$$

Lemma 3.1. *If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, then*

$$\left| p_2 - \frac{\mu}{2} p_1^2 \right| \leq \max\{2, 2|\mu - 1|\} = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 2, \\ 2|\mu - 1|, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3.2. *Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$. If $0 \leq B \leq 1$ and $B(2B - 1) \leq D \leq B$, then*

$$|p_3 - 2Bp_1p_2 + Dp_1^3| \leq 2.$$

Lemma 3.3. *If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta$ and γ satisfy $0 < \alpha_1 < 1$, $0 < \alpha_2 < 1$, and*

$$\begin{aligned} & 8\alpha_1(1 - \alpha_1)((\alpha_2\beta - 2\gamma)^2 + (\alpha_2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) - \beta)^2) + \alpha_2(1 - \alpha_2)(\beta - 2\alpha_1\alpha_2)^2 \\ & \leq 4\alpha_2^2(1 - \alpha_2)^2\alpha_1(1 - \alpha_1), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$|\gamma p_1^4 + \alpha_1 p_2^2 + 2\alpha_2 p_1 p_3 - (3/2)\beta p_1^2 p_2 - p_4| \leq 2.$$

Lemma 3.4. *If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, then*

$$|p_3 - (\mu + 1)p_1p_2 + \mu p_1^3| \leq \max\{2, 2|2\mu - 1|\} = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \\ 2|2\mu - 1|, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

4. COEFFICIENT INEQUALITIES

Theorem 4.1. Let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$, and be given by (1.1). Then for $2 \leq n \leq 5$,

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha + n - 1}.$$

The inequalities are sharp.

Proof. Recall from (1.3), that we can write

$$(4.1) \quad f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} = 1 + \omega(z),$$

where $\omega(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{D} , $|\omega(z)| \leq 1$, and $\omega(0) = 0$.

Since $p \in \mathcal{P}$, we can therefore write

$$(4.2) \quad p(z) = \frac{1 + \omega(z)}{1 - \omega(z)}, \quad \text{or} \quad \omega(z) = \frac{p(z) - 1}{p(z) + 1}.$$

From (2.2), (3.1), (4.1) and (4.2), equating coefficients we obtain

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{p_1}{2(1 + \alpha)} \\ a_3 &= \frac{1}{2(2 + \alpha)} \left(p_2 - \frac{a(5 + 3\alpha)}{4(1 + \alpha)^2(2 + \alpha)} p_1^2 \right) \\ a_4 &= \frac{1}{2(3 + \alpha)} \left(p_3 - \frac{1 + 8\alpha + 3\alpha^2}{2(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)} p_1 p_2 + \frac{\alpha(5 + 64\alpha + 61\alpha^2 + 14\alpha^3)}{24(1 + \alpha)^3(2 + \alpha)} p_1^3 \right) \\ a_5 &= \frac{1}{2(4 + \alpha)} \left(\frac{\alpha(8 + 544\alpha + 3557\alpha^2 + 5389\alpha^3 + 3329\alpha^4 + 907\alpha^5 + 90\alpha^6)}{192(1 + \alpha)^4(2 + \alpha)^2(3 + \alpha)} p_1^4 \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{4 + 11\alpha + 3\alpha^2}{4(2 + \alpha)^2} p_2^2 + \frac{2 + 11\alpha + 3\alpha^2}{2(1 + \alpha)(3 + \alpha)} p_1 p_3 \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{8 + 76\alpha + 325\alpha^2 + 324\alpha^3 + 117\alpha^4 + 14\alpha^5}{8(1 + \alpha)^2(2 + \alpha)^2(3 + \alpha)} p_1^2 p_2 - p_4 \right). \end{aligned}$$

From (4.3) the inequality for a_2 is obvious.

For a_3 we apply Lemma 3.1 with $\mu = \frac{\alpha(5 + 3\alpha)}{2(1 + \alpha)^2}$, which gives the inequality for $|a_3|$, since $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$ in this case.

For a_4 we use Lemma 3.2 with

$$B = \frac{1 + 8\alpha + 3\alpha^2}{4(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)},$$

and

$$D = \frac{\alpha(5 + 64\alpha + 61\alpha^2 + 14\alpha^3)}{24(1 + \alpha)^3(2 + \alpha)}.$$

It is easily verified that both $0 \leq B \leq 1$, and $B(2B - 1) \leq D \leq B$, when $\alpha \geq 0$, and so applying Lemma 3.2 gives the required inequality for $|a_4|$.

For a_5 , we apply Lemma 3.3 with $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta$ and γ the respective coefficients of a_5 in (4.3), so that we need to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - \alpha)^2(4 + \alpha)^2(12544 + 427648\alpha + 5441392\alpha^2 + 33366608\alpha^3 + 117462812\alpha^4 \\ & + 260385736\alpha^5 + 382475767\alpha^6 + 388520160\alpha^7 + 282592930\alpha^8 + 150937228\alpha^9 \\ (4.4) \quad & + 60100454\alpha^{10} + 17921756\alpha^{11} + 3972584\alpha^{12} + 639452\alpha^{13} + 71147\alpha^{14} + 4932\alpha^{15} \\ & + 162\alpha^{16}) \\ & \leq 288(12 + 5\alpha + \alpha^2)(2 + 11\alpha + 3\alpha^2)^2(4 + 11\alpha + 3\alpha^2)(1 + \alpha)^6(2 + \alpha)^4(3 + \alpha)^2. \end{aligned}$$

To see that this inequality is true, write the left-hand side of the above inequality as $(1 - \alpha)^2(4 + \alpha)^2\phi_1(\alpha)$, and the right-hand side as $\phi_2(\alpha)$. Then clearly $(1 - \alpha)^2(4 + \alpha)^2\phi_1(\alpha) \leq (4 + \alpha)^2\phi_1(\alpha)$.

Thus it enough to show that $(4 + \alpha)^2\phi_1(\alpha) \leq \phi_2(\alpha)$ when $\alpha \geq 0$, which is easy to verify by expanding both sides and subtracting.

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We note next that using Lemma 3.1, it is a simple exercise to establish the following Fekete-Szegő theorem for functions in $B_1(\alpha, 1)$. We omit the proof.

Theorem 4.2. *Let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$. Then*

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2 + \alpha}, & -\frac{\alpha(5 + 3\alpha)}{2(2 + \alpha)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{4 + \alpha(3 + \alpha)}{2(2 + \alpha)}, \\ \frac{\alpha - 1 + 2\mu}{2(1 + \alpha)^2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The inequalities are sharp.

5. INVERSE COEFFICIENTS

We now consider the initial coefficients of the inverse function f^{-1} .

For any univalent function f , there exists an inverse function f^{-1} defined on some disc $|\omega| < r_0(f)$, with Taylor expansion

$$(5.1) \quad f^{-1}(\omega) = \omega + A_2\omega^2 + A_3\omega^3 + A_4\omega^4 + \dots$$

Since $f(f^{-1}(\omega)) = \omega$, comparing coefficients from (1.1) and (5.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned}A_2 &= -a_2 \\A_3 &= -2a_2^2 + a_3 \\A_4 &= -5a_2^3 + 5a_2a_3 - a_4,\end{aligned}$$

which, on substituting from (4.3), gives

(5.2)

$$\begin{aligned}A_2 &= -\frac{p_1}{1+\alpha} \\A_3 &= -\frac{1}{2(2+\alpha)}\left(p_2 - \frac{8+9\alpha+3\alpha^2}{4(1+\alpha)^2}p_1^2\right) \\A_4 &= -\frac{1}{2(3+\alpha)}\left(p_3 - \frac{16+13\alpha+3\alpha^2}{2(1+\alpha)(2+\alpha)}p_1p_2 + \frac{90+190\alpha+152\alpha^2+53\alpha^3+7\alpha^4}{12(1+\alpha)^3(2+\alpha)}p_1^3\right).\end{aligned}$$

We are now able to find sharp estimates for the above coefficients.

Theorem 5.1. *Let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$, with inverse coefficients given by (5.2). Then*

$$\begin{aligned}|A_2| \leq \frac{1}{1+\alpha}, \quad |A_3| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2+\alpha}, & \alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{17}), \\ \frac{3+\alpha}{2(1+\alpha)^2}, & 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{17}), \end{cases} \\ |A_4| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3+\alpha}, & \alpha \geq \alpha_0, \\ \frac{(2+\alpha)(4+\alpha)}{3(1+\alpha)^3}, & \alpha \leq \alpha_0, \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

where α_0 is the positive root of the equation $21 + 17\alpha - 2\alpha^3 = 0$.

All the inequalities are sharp.

Proof. The inequality for $|A_2|$ is obvious, and sharp when $p_1 = 2$.

For A_3 we apply Lemma 3.1 with $\mu = \frac{8+9\alpha+3\alpha^2}{2(1+\alpha)^2}$, so that $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$ when $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{17})$. This gives the first inequality for $|A_3|$. The second inequality follows from Lemma 3.1 on noting that if μ is outside the interval $[0, 2]$, then $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{17})$.

The first inequality for $|A_3|$ is sharp on choosing $p_1 = 0$ and $p_2 = 2$. The second inequality is sharp when $p_1 = p_2 = 2$.

For A_4 , we first use Lemma 3.4 with $\mu = \frac{(3 + \alpha)(4 + \alpha)}{2(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)}$, so that

$$A_4 = -\frac{1}{2(3 + \alpha)} \left(p_3 - (\mu + 1)p_1p_2 + \mu p_1^3 + \frac{(18 + 4\alpha - 10\alpha^2 - \alpha^3 + \alpha^4)}{12(1 + \alpha)^3(2 + \alpha)} p_1^3 \right).$$

Noting that $\mu > 1$, when $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$, we use the inequality $|p_1| \leq 2$, and apply Lemma 3.4 to obtain the bound for $|A_4|$ on the interval $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$.

We now use Lemma 3.2.

From (4.2) let

$$B = \frac{16 + 13\alpha + 3\alpha^2}{4(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)}, \quad \text{and} \quad D = \frac{90 + 190\alpha + 152\alpha^2 + 53\alpha^3 + 7\alpha^4}{12(1 + \alpha)^3(2 + \alpha)}.$$

Then $0 \leq B \leq 1$ when $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$, and $B(2B - 1) \leq D \leq B$ when $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$, where α_0 is the unique real root of the equation $21 + 17\alpha + 2\alpha^3 = 0$. Since both these inequalities are satisfied when $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$, the first inequality for $|A_4|$ follows on this interval by applying Lemma 3.2.

Thus we are left with the interval $\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33}) \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_0$.

Write

$$A_4 = -\frac{1}{2(3 + \alpha)} \left(p_3 - 2Bp_1p_2 + Bp_1^3 + (D - B)p_1^3 \right),$$

and note that $D - B = \frac{(21 + 17\alpha - 2\alpha^3)}{12(1 + \alpha)^3} \geq 0$ when $0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_0$. Noting that we still require that $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$ (since $0 \leq B \leq 1$), we now apply Lemma 3.2 in the case $D = B$, to obtain the second inequality for $|A_4|$ on the interval $\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33}) \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_0$.

The first inequality for $|A_4|$ is sharp on choosing $p_1 = 0$, and $p_3 = 2$. The second inequality is sharp when $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 2$.

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6. THE FIFTH INVERSE COEFFICIENT

We have seen in Theorem 4.1 that it is possible to find complete and sharp bounds of the fifth coefficient of $f(z)$. Finding sharp bounds for the fifth inverse coefficient A_5 seems more difficult.

It is easy to see that $A_5 = 14a_2^4 - 21a_2^2a_3 + 3a_3^2 + 6a_2a_4 - a_5$, and then expressing A_5 in terms of the coefficients p_1, p_2, p_3 and p_4 , obtain an expression similar to that found for a_5 in (4.3). Applying Lemma 3.3 to the resulting expression gives the sharp bound $|A_5| \leq 1/(4 + \alpha)$, provided $\alpha > 6.029\dots$. This leaves open the problem of finding sharp bounds for $|A_5|$ on the interval $0 \leq \alpha \leq 6.029\dots$.

We next give a subordination property for functions in $B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$, similar to that proved by Marjono [3], noting that the result is valid for all functions in \mathcal{A} .

7. SUBORDINATION

Theorem 7.1. *Let $f \in B_1(\alpha, 1)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$, and $\gamma > 0$. Then*

$$f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} \prec (1+z)^{\beta(\gamma)}$$

implies

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha} \prec (1+z)^{\gamma},$$

where

$$\beta(\gamma) = \gamma + \frac{4}{\pi} \arctan \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 2\alpha} \right).$$

Proof. Write

$$P(z) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha},$$

so that P is analytic in \mathbb{D} , $P(0) = 1$ and

$$P(z) + \frac{zP'(z)}{\alpha} = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} f'(z).$$

We therefore need to show that

$$P(z) + \frac{zP'(z)}{\alpha} \prec (1+z)^{\beta(\gamma)}$$

implies

$$P(z) \prec (1+z)^{\gamma}.$$

For $z \in \mathbb{D}$, let $h(z) = (1+z)^{\beta(\gamma)}$ and $q(z) = (1+z)^{\gamma}$, so that $|\arg h(z)| < \frac{\pi\beta(\gamma)}{4}$ and $|\arg q(z)| < \frac{\pi\gamma}{4}$.

Suppose that $p(z) \not\prec q(z)$. Then from the Clunie-Jack Lemma, there exists $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\zeta_0 \in \partial\mathbb{D}$, such that $P(z_0) = q(\zeta_0)$, $(p(|z| < |z_0|) \subset q(\mathbb{D}))$ and $z_0 p'(z_0) = k \zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0)$ for $k \geq 1$.

Thus we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (7.1) \quad P(z_0) + \frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{\alpha} &= q(\zeta_0) + \frac{\zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0)}{\alpha} \\ &= (1 + \zeta_0)^{\gamma} \left[1 + \frac{k\gamma\zeta_0}{\alpha(1 + \zeta_0)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now write $\zeta_0 = e^{i\theta}$, so that (7.1) becomes

$$P(z_0) + \frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{\alpha} = (1 + e^{i\theta})^{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{k\gamma}{2\alpha} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} \right].$$

Writing $\sin \theta = t$, and taking arguments, we obtain

$$\arg \left(P(z_0) + \frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{\alpha} \right) = \gamma \arctan \left[\frac{t}{1 + \sqrt{1-t^2}} \right] + \arctan \left[\frac{k\gamma t}{(2\alpha + k\gamma)\sqrt{1-t^2}} \right].$$

Noting that the above expression is minimum when $t = -1$, taking the modulus and using the fact that $k \geq 1$, we deduce that

$$\left| \arg \left(P(z_0) + \frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{\alpha} \right) \right| \geq \frac{\gamma\pi}{4} + \arctan \left[\frac{\gamma}{2\alpha + \gamma} \right] = \frac{\beta(\gamma)\pi}{4},$$

which is a contradiction. ■

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