

## CERTAIN SUBCLASSES OF P-VALENT STARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract:** The object of the present paper is to introduce two interesting subclasses  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of  $p$ -valent starlike functions in the open unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , and prove various coefficient inequalities and distortion theorems for functions belonging to these subclasses. The radii of convexity for functions belonging to the classes  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  are also determined.

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### Introduction

Let  $A(p)$  denote class of functions of the form:

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

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is called  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\alpha$  if  $f(z)$  satisfies the conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} d\theta = 2p\pi \quad (1.3)$$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $z \in U$ . We denote by  $S(p, \alpha)$  the class of all  $p$ -valent starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ . Also a function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is called  $p$ -valent convex order  $\alpha$  if  $f(z)$  satisfies the following conditions

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} d\theta = 2p\pi \quad (1.5)$$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z \in U$ . We denote by  $K(p, \alpha)$  the class of all  $p$ -valent convex functions of order  $\alpha$ . We note that:

$f(z) \in K(p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S(p, \alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < p. \quad (1.6)$$

The class  $S(p, \alpha)$  was introduced by Patil and Thakare [3] and the class  $K(p, \alpha)$  was introduced by Owa [2].

Let  $T(p)$  denote the subclass of  $A(p)$  consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (a_{p+n} \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1.7)$$

We denote by  $T^*(p, \alpha)$  and  $C(p, \alpha)$  the classes obtained by taking intersections, respectively, of the classes  $S(p, \alpha)$  and  $K(p, \alpha)$  with  $T(p)$ ; that is,

$$T^*(p, \alpha) = S(p, \alpha) \cap T(p)$$

and

$$C(p, \alpha) = K(p, \alpha) \cap T(p).$$

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The classes  $T^*(p, \alpha)$  and  $C(p, \alpha)$  were introduced by Owa [2]. In particular, the classes  $S^*(1, \alpha) = S^*(\alpha)$  and  $(C1, \alpha) = C(\alpha)$  when  $p = 1$  were studied by Silverman [4].

Let the function  $g(z)$  be defined by

$$g(z) = z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (b_{p+n} \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1.8)$$

Then a function  $f(z) \in T(p)$  is said to be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  if

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - p}{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} + p - 2\beta} \right| < \gamma \quad (z \in U) \quad (1.9)$$

for  $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ), where  $0 \leq \beta < p$  and  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ . If a function  $f(z)$  belonging to the class  $T(p)$  satisfies the condition (1.9) for  $g(z) \in C(p, \alpha)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ),  $0 \leq \beta < p$  and  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , we say that the function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

### Coefficient Inequalities

We begin by recalling the following lemmas from Owa [2].

#### Lemma 1

Let the function  $g(z)$  defined by (1.8). Then  $g(z)$  is in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n-\alpha) b_{p+n} \leq (p-\alpha). \quad (2.1)$$

#### Lemma 2

Let the function  $g(z)$  defined by (1.8). Then  $g(z)$  is in the class  $C(p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)(p+n-\alpha) b_{p+n} \leq p(p-\alpha). \quad (2.2)$$

Applying the above lemmas, we now prove our first result on the coefficient inequalities for functions belonging to the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , given by

#### Theorem 1

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - \frac{(p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma)+2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n-\alpha)} \right\} \leq 2\gamma(p-\beta) \quad (2.3)$$

#### Proof

Since  $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , there exists a function  $g(z)$  belonging to the class  $T^*(p, \alpha)$  such that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z) - pg(z)}{zf'(z) + (p-2\beta)g(z)} \right| < \gamma \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.4)$$

It follows from (2.4) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ (p+n)a_{p+n} - p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \} z^n}{2(p-\beta) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ (p+n)a_{p+n} + (p-2\beta)b_{p+n} \} z^n} \right\} < \gamma \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.5)$$

Choose values of  $z$  on the real axis so that  $\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}$  is real. Thus, upon clearing the denominator in (2.5) and letting  $z \rightarrow 1^-$  through real values, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ (p+n)a_{p+n} - p b_{p+n} \} \leq \gamma \left\{ 2(p-\beta) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ (p+n)a_{p+n} + (p-2\beta)b_{p+n} \} \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ (1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - [p(1-\gamma)+2\beta\gamma]b_{p+n} \} \leq 2\gamma(p-\beta). \quad (2.7)$$

Note that, by using Lemma 1,  $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$  implies

$$b_{p+n} \leq \frac{p-\alpha}{p+n-\alpha} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.8)$$

Making use of (2.8) in (2.7), we complete the proof of Theorem 1.

### Corollary 1

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$a_{p+n} \leq \frac{2\gamma(p+n-\alpha)(p-\beta) + (p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.9)$$

The result (2.9) is sharp for a function of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{2\gamma(p+n-\alpha)(p-\beta) + (p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.10)$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{(p-\alpha)}{(p+n-\alpha)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.11)$$

### Remark 1

(i) Letting  $p=1$  in Theorem 1 and Corollary 1, we obtain the results proved by Srivastava and Owa [5, Theorem 1 and Corollary 1].

(ii) Letting  $p=1$  and  $\alpha=0$  in Corollary 1, we obtain a result proved by Gupta [1, Theorem 3].

In a similar manner, Lemma 2 can be used to prove

### Theorem 2

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (1+\gamma)(p+n)a_{p+n} - \frac{p(p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)} \right\} \leq 2\gamma(p-\beta). \quad (2.12)$$

### Corollary 2

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$a_{p+n} \leq \frac{2\gamma(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)(p-\beta) + p(p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n)^2(p+n-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.13)$$

The result (2.13) is sharp for a function of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{2\gamma(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)(p-\beta) + p(p-\alpha)[p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma]}{(p+n)^2(p+n-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.14)$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+n)(p+n-\alpha)} z^{p+n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.15)$$

### Distortion Theorems

Applications of Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 lead to the following **distortion** theorems for functions belonging to the classes  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

### Theorem 3

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$|z|^p - A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^{p+1} \leq |f(z)| \leq |z|^p + A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^{p+1} \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$p|z|^{p-1} - (p+1)A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^p \leq |f'(z)| \leq p|z|^{p-1} + (p+1)A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^p \quad (3.2)$$

for  $z \in U$ , where

$$A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \frac{(p-\alpha)p(1+\gamma) + 2\gamma(p-\beta)}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)}. \quad (3.3)$$

The results (3.1) and (3.2) are sharp.

### Proof

For  $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , (2.7) implies

$$(p+1)(1+\gamma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} - [p(1-\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq 2\gamma(p-\beta). \quad (3.4)$$

For  $g(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha)$ , Lemma 1 implies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \frac{p-\alpha}{p+1-\alpha}, \quad (3.5)$$

so that (3.4) reduces to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \leq \frac{(p-\alpha)p(1+\gamma) + 2\gamma(p-\beta)}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} = A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma). \quad (3.6)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq |z|^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} |z|^{p+n} \\ &\geq |z|^p - |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ &\geq |z|^p - A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^{p+1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |z|^p + |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} \\ &\leq |z|^p + A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^{p+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Furthermore, we note from (2.7) that

$$(1+\gamma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} - [p(1+\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq 2\gamma(p-\beta), \quad (3.9)$$

which, in view of (3.5), becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \leq \frac{(p-\alpha)p(1+\gamma) + 2\gamma(p-\beta)}{(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} = (p+1) A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma). \quad (3.10)$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\geq p|z|^{p-1} - |z|^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \\ &\geq p|z|^{p-1} - (p+1) A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^p \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq p|z|^{p-1} + |z|^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n) a_{p+n} \\ &\leq p|z|^{p-1} + (p+1) A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^p. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Finally, we can prove that the bounds in (3.1) and (3.2) are sharp by taking the function

$$f(z) = z^p - A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) z^{p+1} \quad (3.13)$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{(p-\alpha)}{(p+1-\alpha)} z^{p+1}. \quad (3.14)$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

**Corollary 3**

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then the unit disc  $U$  is mapped onto a domain that contains the disc  $|w| < r_1$ , where

$$r_1 = \frac{2p+1-\alpha+\gamma-\alpha\gamma+2\beta\gamma}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)}. \quad (3.15)$$

The result is sharp with the extremal function defined by (3.13).

**Remark 2**

- (i) Letting  $p=1$  in Theorem 3, we obtain a result proved by Srivastava and Owa [5, Theorem 3].
- (ii) Letting  $p=1$  and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 3, we obtain a result proved by Gupta [1, Theorem 4].

**Theorem 4**

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then

$$|z|^p - B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^{p+1} \leq |f(z)| \leq |z|^p + B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) |z|^{p+1} \quad (3.16)$$

and

$$p|z|^{p-1} - (p+1)B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^p \leq |f'(z)| \leq p|z|^{p-1} + (p+1)B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^p \tag{3.17}$$

for  $z \in U$ , where

$$B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \frac{p(p-\alpha)[p(1+\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma] + 2\gamma(p-\beta)(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)}{(p+1)^2(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} \tag{3.18}$$

The results (3.16) and (3.17) are sharp.

**Proof**

By using Lemma 2, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n} \leq \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)}, \tag{3.19}$$

since  $g(z) \in (C(p, \alpha))$ . The assertions (3.16) and (3.17) of Theorem 4 follow if we apply (3.19) to (2.7).

The bounds in (3.16) and (3.17) are attained by the function

$$f(z) = z^p - B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)|z|^{p+1} \tag{3.20}$$

with respect to

$$g(z) = z^p - \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)(p+1-\alpha)}z^{p+1} \tag{3.21}$$

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 4.

**Corollary 4**

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then the unit disc  $U$  is mapped onto a domain that contains the disc  $|w| < r_2$ , where

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{(p+1)^2(p+1-\alpha)(1+\gamma)} \{ (p+1)(p+1-\alpha) [ (p+1)(1+\gamma) - 2\gamma(p-\beta) ] - p(p-\alpha)[p(1+\gamma) + 2\beta\gamma] \} \tag{3.22}$$

**Convexity of functions in  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$**

In view of Lemma 1, we know that the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) is  $p$ -valent starlike in the unit disc  $U$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)a_{p+n} \leq p. \tag{4.1}$$

For  $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , we find from (2.7) and (3.5) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)a_{p+n} \leq (p+1)A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \leq p, \tag{4.2}$$

where  $A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is defined by (3.3). Furthermore, for  $f(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , we

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)a_{p+n} \leq (p+1)B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \leq p, \tag{4.3}$$

where  $B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is defined by (3.18). Thus we observe that  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  are subclasses of  $p$ -valent starlike functions. Naturally, therefore, we are interested in finding the radii of convexity for functions in  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . We first state:

**Theorem 5**

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then  $f(z)$  is  $p$ -valent convex in the  $|z| < r_3$ , where

$$r_3 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left[ \frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{p^2}{(p+1)^2 A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)}, \tag{4.4}$$

where  $A(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is given by (3.3). The result is sharp.

**Proof**

If suffices to prove

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p \right| \leq p \quad (|z| < r_3). \quad (4.5)$$

Indeed we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p \right| &= \left| \frac{-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} z^n}{p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} z^n} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} |z|^n}{p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} |z|^n}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Hence (4.5) holds true if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} |z|^n \leq p^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(p+n) a_{p+n} |z|^n, \quad (4.7)$$

that is, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p+n)^2 a_{p+n} |z|^n \leq p^2. \quad (4.8)$$

With the aid of (3.10), (4.8) is true if

$$(p+n)|z|^n \leq \frac{p^2}{(p+1)A(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (4.9)$$

It follows from (4.9) that

$$|z| \leq \left[ \frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)A(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (4.10)$$

Finally, since  $(p+n)^{-n-1}$  is an increasing function for integers  $n \geq 1, p \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have (4.5) for  $|z| < r_3$ , where  $r_3$  is given by (4.4).

In order to complete the proof of Theorem 5, we note that the result is sharp for the function  $f(z) \in T^*(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{(p+1)A(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}{(p+n)} z^{p+n} \quad (4.11)$$

for some integer  $n \geq 1$ .

Similarly, we can prove Theorem 6.

**Theorem 6**

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.7) be in the class  $C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then  $f(z)$  is p-valent convex in the disc  $|z| < r_4$ , where

$$r_4 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left[ \frac{p^2}{(p+1)(p+n)B(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{p^2}{(p+1)^2 B(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}, \quad (4.12)$$

where  $B(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  being given by (3.18). The result is sharp for the function  $f(z) \in C(p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \frac{(p+1)B(p,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}{(p+n)} z^{p+n} \quad (4.13)$$

for some integer  $n \geq 1$ .

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