

## SUBORDINATION ON $\delta$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS IN A SECTOR

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**Abstract.** This paper concerns with the subclass of normalized analytic function  $f$  in  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , namely a  $\delta$ -convex function in a sector. This subclass is denoted by  $\Delta(\delta)$ , where  $\delta$  is a real positive. Given  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  then for  $z \in D$ , the exact  $\alpha(\beta, \delta)$  is found such that  $f \in \Delta(\delta)$  implies  $f \in S^*(\beta)$ , where  $S^*(\beta)$  is starlike of order  $\beta$  in a sector. This work is a more general version of the result of Nunokawa and Thomas [11].

### 1. Introduction

This paper is concerned with an applications of the Clunie-Jack Lemma and the Miller-Mocanu Lemma. The application relates to functions convex and starlike in a sector. We note that for a result on functions convex and starlike in a half plane can be seen (see e.g. Marjono [8]). We will show how the Clunie-Jack Lemma and the Miller-Mocanu Lemma have been used to solve the 'inclusion' problems for these functions and we will present a new result which generalizes the 'inclusion' problem for a convex and starlike functions in a sector. We will need the following definitions :

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DEFINITION 1.1. [3] Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . If  $f$  satisfies

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

for  $z \in D$ , then  $f$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  in a half plane. We denote the subclass of all such functions by  $K(\alpha)$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. [3] Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . If  $f$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > \alpha,$$

for  $z \in D$ , then  $f$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  in a half plane. We denote the subclass of all such functions by  $St(\alpha)$ .

The classes  $K(\alpha)$  and  $St(\alpha)$  have been extensively studied and now form a standard part of the literature (see e.g. Goodman [3]).

Less studied, and rather more difficult, are the corresponding classes of convex and starlike functions in a sector, defined as follows :

DEFINITION 1.3. Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . If  $f$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2},$$

for  $z \in D$ , then  $f$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  in a sector. We denote the subclass of all such functions by  $C(\alpha)$ .

DEFINITION 1.4. Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . If  $f$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2},$$

for  $z \in D$ , then  $f$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  in a sector. We denote the subclass of all such functions by  $S^*(\alpha)$ .

For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , the problem of determining the exact  $\beta(\alpha)$  such that  $f \in K(\alpha)$  implies  $f \in St(\beta(\alpha))$  was first considered by Jack [4]. Much earlier, Marx [10] and Stroh acker [13] showed that  $f \in K(0)$  implies  $f \in St(1/2)$  and that this was best possible. Jack [4], using the Clunie-Jack Lemma, found a  $\beta(\alpha)$  such that  $f \in K(\alpha)$  implies  $f \in St(\beta(\alpha))$ , but this result was not best possible. Again using the Clunie-Jack Lemma, MacGregor [5] and simultaneously Goel [2] eventually gave the correct solution, but were unable to conclude that the result was best possible. This was subsequently established by Wilken and Feng [14]. Marjono [7] also gave a sufficient condition for starlikeness for analytic functions.

Perhaps surprisingly, the corresponding problem of finding the exact  $\alpha(\beta)$  such that  $f \in C(\alpha(\beta))$  implies  $f \in S^*(\beta)$  was only recently solved by Nunokawa and Thomas [11]. We first state the result of Nunokawa and Thomas, which is in fact a stronger subordination chain version of the one referred to Goel, MacGregor, Wilken and Feng. Their result is the following :

**THEOREM 1.5.** *Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$ , and  $f$  normalized such that  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . Then for  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $z \in D$ , there exists  $\alpha(\beta)$  such that*

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

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\beta, \tag{1}$$

in particular we may choose

$$\alpha(\beta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\beta}{(1+\beta)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}}(1-\beta)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right]. \tag{2}$$

Furthermore,  $\alpha(\beta)$  given by (2) is the largest number such that (1) holds.

COROLLARY 1.6.  $C(\alpha) \subset S^*(\beta)$  for  $\alpha(\beta)$  given by (2) and  $\alpha(\beta)$  is the largest number such that the inclusion holds.

We now introduce the notation of a  $\delta$ -convex function in a sector as follows :

DEFINITION 1.7. Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$ , with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $f(z)f'(z)/z \neq 0$  in  $D$ . For  $\delta > 0$ , write

$$J(\delta, f) = (1 - \delta) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right). \quad (3)$$

Then if, for  $z \in D$ ,

$$|\arg J(\delta, f)| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2},$$

$f$  is called a  $\delta$ -convex function in a sector. We denote the class of all such functions by  $\Delta(\delta)$ .

## 2. Result

We now present our generalization of the work of Nunokawa and Thomas.

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $J(\delta, f)$  be defined by (3) for  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  be given, then for  $z \in D$ , there exists  $\alpha(\beta, \delta)$  such that

$$J(\delta, f) \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{\alpha(\beta, \delta)}$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta, \quad (4)$$

in particular we may choose

$$\alpha(\beta, \delta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{(1+\beta)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}} (1-\beta)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right], \quad (5)$$

and  $\alpha(\beta, \delta)$  given by (5) is the largest number such that (4) holds.

The proof of Theorem 2.1. requires the Miller-Mocanu Lemma.

LEMMA 2.2 (MILLER-MOCANU LEMMA). [6, 9] Let  $p$  be analytic in  $D$  and  $q$  be analytic and univalent in  $\bar{D}$ , with  $p(0) = q(0)$ . If  $p \not\prec q$ , then there is a point  $z_0 \in D$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial D$  such that  $p(|z| < |z_0|) \subset q(D)$ , and  $p(z_0) = q(\zeta_0)$  and

$$z_0 p'(z_0) = k \zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0), \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.*

Write  $p(z) = z f'(z)/f(z)$ , so that  $p$  is analytic in  $D$  and  $p(0) = 1$ . Differentiating we obtain

$$1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} = p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z)}.$$

Thus for  $\delta > 0$

$$J(\delta, f) = p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)},$$

and we need to show that

$$p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{\alpha(\beta, \delta)} \quad \text{implies} \quad p(z) \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{\beta}.$$

We now write

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{\alpha(\beta, \delta)} \quad \text{and} \quad q(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{\beta},$$

so that  $|\arg h(z)| < \alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi/2$  and  $|\arg q(z)| < \beta\pi/2$ .

Suppose that  $p \not\prec q$ . Then from the Miller-Mocanu Lemma [9], there is a point  $z_0 \in D$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial D$  such that  $p(|z| < |z_0|) \subset q(D)$ , and  $p(z_0) = q(\zeta_0)$  and

$$z_0 p'(z_0) = k \zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0), \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

We next note that  $p(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in D$ , since otherwise we can write

$$p(z) = (z - z_0)^k p_1(z), \quad \text{for some } k \geq 1,$$

where  $p_1$  is analytic in  $D$  with  $p_1(z_0) \neq 0$ . Then

$$p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{\delta z p_1'(z)}{p_1(z)} + \frac{\delta k z}{z - z_0} + (z - z_0)^k p_1(z). \quad (6)$$

Thus choosing  $z \rightarrow z_0$  suitably, the argument of the right-hand side of (6) can take any value between 0 and  $2\pi$ , which contradicts the hypotheses of the theorem.

Since  $p(z_0) = q(\zeta_0) \neq 0$ , it follows that  $\zeta_0 \neq \pm 1$ . Thus we can write

$$ri = (1 + \zeta_0)/(1 - \zeta_0), \quad \text{for } r \neq 0, \quad (7)$$

i.e.

$$\zeta_0 = \frac{ri - 1}{ri + 1}. \quad (8)$$

The Miller-Mocanu Lemma now gives

$$p(z_0) + \frac{\delta z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = q(\zeta_0) + \frac{\delta k \zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0)}{q(\zeta_0)}, \quad \text{for } k \geq 1. \quad (9)$$

Differentiating  $q(z)$  we obtain

$$\frac{q'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{2\beta}{1 - z^2},$$

and so from (8) we have

$$\frac{\zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0)}{q(\zeta_0)} = \frac{\beta(1 - r^2)i}{2r}. \quad (10)$$

Using (7) and (10) in (9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_0) + \frac{\delta z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} &= (ri)^\beta + \frac{\delta k \beta (1 + r^2) i}{2r}, \\ &= r^\beta \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + i \left[ r^\beta \sin \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta k \beta (1 + r^2)}{2r} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Next assume that  $r > 0$ , (if  $r < 0$ , the proof is similar). Since  $k \geq 1$ , an elementary argument shows that

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \arg \left( p(z_0) + \frac{\delta z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right) &= \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta k \beta (1+r^2)}{2r^{\beta+1} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right], \\ &\geq \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta \beta (1+r^2)}{2r^{\beta+1} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Write  $\eta(r) = (1+r^2)/r^{\beta+1}$ , then  $\eta'(r) = \frac{[2r^2 - (\beta+1)(1+r^2)]}{r^{\beta+2}}$ . Therefore,  $\eta'(r) = 0$ , if  $r^2 = (1+\beta)/(1-\beta)$ , or

$$1+r^2 = \frac{2}{1-\beta}. \quad (12)$$

Thus the minimum value will be obtained when  $r$  satisfies (12) and so

$$\frac{\beta(1+r^2)}{2r^{\beta+1} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \geq \frac{\beta}{(1+\beta)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}} (1-\beta)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}}. \quad (13)$$

Using (13) in (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \left( p(z_0) + \frac{\delta z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right) &\geq \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta \beta}{(1+\beta)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}} (1-\beta)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{\alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi}{2} \leq \arg \left( p(z_0) + \frac{\delta z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right) \leq \frac{\pi}{2},$$

which contradicts the fact that

$$|\arg h(z)| < \frac{\alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi}{2},$$

provided that (5) holds.

To show that  $\alpha(\beta, \delta)$  given by (5) is not the largest number such that (4) holds, let  $p(z) = [(1+z)/(1-z)]^\beta$ . Then from the minimum modulus principle for harmonic functions, it follows that

$$\inf_{|z|<1} \arg \left( p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} \right)$$

is attained at some point  $z = e^{i\theta}$ , for  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ . Thus

(14)

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} &= \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta + \frac{2\delta\beta z}{1-z^2}, \\ (15) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{1-\cos \theta} \right)^\beta \exp \left( \frac{\beta\pi i}{2} \right) + \frac{i\delta\beta}{\sin \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

To see this write  $z = e^{i\theta}$ , then  $(1+z)/(1-z) = i \sin \theta / (1-\cos \theta)$  and so

$$\left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta = \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{1-\cos \theta} \right)^\beta \exp \left( \frac{\beta\pi i}{2} \right). \quad (16)$$

Also  $z/(1-z^2) = i \sin \theta / (1-\cos 2\theta)$ , and since  $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$ , we have

$$\frac{z}{1-z^2} = \frac{i}{2\sin \theta},$$

and so

$$\frac{2\delta\beta z}{1-z^2} = \frac{i\delta\beta}{2\sin \theta}. \quad (17)$$

Using (16) and (17) in (14), we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} = \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{1-\cos \theta} \right)^\beta \exp \left( \frac{\beta\pi i}{2} \right) + \frac{i\delta\beta}{\sin \theta},$$

which is (15).

Next write  $t = \cos \theta$  in (15), so that

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} &= \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{\beta/2} \exp \left( \frac{\beta\pi}{2} \right) - \frac{i\delta\beta}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{\beta/2} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + i \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{\beta/2} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and so taking arguments, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left( p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} \right) \\ &= \arctan \left[ \left\{ \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{\beta/2} \sin \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \right\} / \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{\beta/2} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2} \right] \\ &= \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{(1+t)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

An elementary calculation shows that the minimum expression is attained when  $t = \beta$ . To see this, let  $\nu(t) = 1/[(1+t)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}}(1-t)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}}]$ . Differentiate this function, we have

$$\nu'(t) = (1+t)^{-\frac{\beta+3}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{\beta-3}{2}} \left[ \left( \frac{1-\beta}{2} \right) (1+t) - \left( \frac{1+\beta}{2} \right) (1-t) \right].$$

Then  $\nu'(t) = 0$ , if  $(1-\beta)(1+t) = (1+\beta)(1-t)$ , and so  $t = 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left( p(z) + \frac{\delta z p'(z)}{p(z)} \right) \\ & \geq \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{(1+t)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right] \\ & = \alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi/2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\alpha(\beta, \delta)$  is the exact value such that (2) holds and this complete the proof of Theorem 2.1 .

REMARK. We note that Obradovic, Fukui and Sekine [12] proved the following theorem, which is a partial solution to our result.

THEOREM 2.3. [12] Let  $f$  be analytic for  $z$  in  $D$ , and  $J(\delta, f)$  be defined by (3) for  $\delta > 0$ , and let  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  be given. If

$$|\arg J(\delta, f)| < \frac{\alpha(\beta, \delta)\pi}{2}, \quad \text{then for } z \in D, \left| \arg \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\beta\pi}{2},$$

where

$$\alpha(\beta, \delta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left[ \tan \frac{\beta\pi}{2} + \frac{\delta\beta}{2 \cos \frac{\beta\pi}{2}} \right].$$

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