

A Subclass of Close-to-Convex Functions

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Abstract

Let $J(A, B)$ denote the class of functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, regular in the unit disc

$E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ such that $\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $z \in E$, where

$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ is convex univalent in E . In this paper, we determine the coefficient estimates, distortion theorems, argument theorem and radius of convexity for the class $J(A, B)$.

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1. Introduction

Let U be the class of bounded functions

$$w(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k \quad (1.1)$$

which are regular in the unit disc $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and satisfying the conditions

$$w(0) = 0 \text{ and } |w(z)| < 1, z \in E.$$

Let K denote the class of functions

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (1.2)$$

regular and convex univalent in E .

Let $J(A, B)$ denote the class of functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (1.3)$$

regular in E and satisfying the conditions

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, \quad -1 \leq B < A \leq 1, \quad z \in E, \quad h(z) \in K.$$

Obviously $J(A, B)$ is a subclass of the class $J \equiv J(1, -1)$ of close-to-convex functions discussed by Gawad and Thomas [1].

By definition of subordination it follows that $f(z) \in J(A, B)$ if, and only if $f(z)$ can be represented in the form

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)}, \quad w(z) \in U, \quad -1 \leq B < A \leq 1, \quad z \in E. \quad (1.4)$$

To avoid repetition, we lay down once for all that $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1, z \in E$.

We study the class $J(A, B)$ and obtain coefficient estimates, distortion theorems, argument theorem and radius of convexity.

2. Some Preliminary Lemmas

We need the following lemmas:

Lemma 2.1. Let

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} = P(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k, \tag{2.1}$$

then $|p_n| \leq (A - B), n \geq 1.$ (2.2)

The bounds are sharp, being attained for the functions

$$P_n(z) = \frac{1 + A\delta z^n}{1 + B\delta z^n}, |\delta| = 1.$$

This lemma is due to Goel and Mehrok [2].

Lemma 2.2. If $w(z) \in U$, then for $|z| = r < 1$,

$$|zw'(z) - w(z)| \leq \frac{r^2 - |w(z)|^2}{1 - r^2}.$$

Singh and Goel proved this result in [4].

Lemma 2.3. Let $p(z) = \frac{1+Bw(z)}{1+Aw(z)}$, $w(z) \in U$, then for $|z| = r < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left[Ap(z) + \frac{B}{p(z)} \right] + \frac{r^2 |Ap(z) - B|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(1 - r^2) |p(z)|} \\ & \leq \begin{cases} \frac{AB(A + B)r^2 - 4ABr + (A + B)}{(1 - Ar)(1 - Br)}, R_1 \leq R_0, \\ \frac{2}{(1 - r^2)} \left[(1 - ABr^2) - ((1 - A)(1 - B)(1 + Ar^2)(1 + Br^2))^{1/2} \right], R_1 \geq R_0, A \neq 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $R_1 = \frac{1 - Br}{1 - Ar}$ and $R_0^2 = \frac{(1 - B)(1 + Br^2)}{(1 - A)(1 + Ar^2)}$.

The bounds are sharp.

Goel and Mehrok [3] established this result.

3. Coefficient Inequalities

Theorem. 3.1. If $f(z) \in J(A, B)$, then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(n-1)(A-B)}{n}, \quad n \geq 2. \quad (3.1)$$

The bounds are sharp.

Proof. Using (1.2) and (1.3) in (2.1), we get

$$z \left(1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ka_k z^{k-1} \right) = \left(z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k \right) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k \right). \quad (3.2)$$

Equating the coefficients of z^n in (3.2), we have

$$na_n = b_n + p_1 b_{n-1} + p_2 b_{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1}. \quad (3.3)$$

Therefore using (2.2),

$$n|a_n| \leq |b_n| + (A-B)[|b_{n-1}| + |b_{n-2}| + \dots + |b_2| + 1].$$

Also it is well known that $|b_n| \leq 1$, $n \geq 2$. Hence

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(n-1)(A-B)}{n}.$$

For $n = 2$, equality signs in (3.1) hold for the functions $f_n(z)$ defined by

$$f_n'(z) = \frac{1}{(1-\delta_1 z)} \frac{1 + A\delta_2 z^{n-1}}{1 + B\delta_2 z^{n-1}}, \quad |\delta_1| = 1, \quad |\delta_2| = 1. \quad (3.4)$$

On putting $A = 1, B = -1$ in the above theorem, we get the following result due to Gawad and Thomas [1].

Corollary. Let $f(z) \in J$, then

$$|a_n| \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

4. Distortion Theorems

Theorem. 4.1. If $f(z) \in J(A, B)$, then for $|z| = r$, $0 < r < 1$, we have

$$\frac{1 - Ar}{(1 - Br)(1 + r)} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 + Ar}{(1 + Br)(1 - r)} \quad (4.1)$$

And

$$\int_0^r \frac{(1-At)}{(1-Bt)(1+t)} dt \leq |f(z)| \leq \int_0^r \frac{(1+At)}{(1+Bt)(1-t)} dt . \tag{4.2}$$

Estimates are sharp.

Proof. From (1.4) , we have

$$|zf'(z)| = |h(z)| \left| \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)} \right| , \quad w(z) \in U . \tag{4.3}$$

It is easy to show that the transformation

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)}$$

maps $|w(z)| \leq r$ onto the circle

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} - \frac{1-ABr^2}{1-B^2r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(A-B)r}{(1-B^2r^2)} , \quad |z|=r .$$

This implies that

$$\frac{1-Ar}{1-Br} \leq \left| \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1+Ar}{1+Br} . \tag{4.4}$$

Since $h(z)$ is convex , so

$$\frac{r}{1+r} \leq |h(z)| \leq \frac{r}{1-r} . \tag{4.5}$$

(4.3) together with (4.4) and (4.5) yields (4.1) . On integrating (4.1) , (4.2) follows. For $n = 2$, the function $f_n(z)$ defined by (3.4), gives sharp estimates.

For $A = 1, B = -1$, we have the following :

Corollary. Let $f \in J$, then for $z = re^{i\theta} \in E$, we have

$$\frac{1-r}{(1+r)^2} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1+r}{(1-r)^2} \quad \text{and}$$

$$-\log(1+r) + \frac{2r}{1+r} \leq |f(z)| \leq \log(1-r) + \frac{2r}{1-r} .$$

These results were proved by Gawad and Thomas [1].

5. Argument of $f'(z)$

Theorem. 5.1. If $f(z) \in J(A, B)$, then

$$|\arg f'(z)| \leq \sin^{-1} r + \sin^{-1} \frac{(A-B)r}{1-ABr^2}. \quad (5.1)$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. As discussed in theorem 4.1 , the transformation

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)}$$

maps $|w(z)| \leq r$ onto the circle

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} - \frac{1-ABr^2}{1-B^2r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(A-B)r}{(1-B^2r^2)}, \quad |z|=r.$$

So

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \frac{(A-B)r}{1-ABr^2}. \quad (5.2)$$

Also

$$\left| \arg \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} r. \quad (5.3)$$

Since

$$|\arg f'(z)| \leq \left| \arg \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| + \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} \right|. \quad (5.4)$$

Using (5.2) and (5.3) in (5.4) , (5.1) follows . The result (5.1) is sharp for the function $f_n(z)$ ($n = 2$) defined by (3.4), where

$$\delta_2 = \frac{z}{r} \left[\frac{-(A+B)r + i \left((1-A^2r^2)(1-B^2r^2) \right)^{1/2}}{1+ABr^2} \right].$$

On putting $A = 1, B = -1$, we obtain the following

Corollary. Let $f \in J$, then

$$|\arg f'(z)| \leq \sin^{-1} r + \sin^{-1} \frac{2r}{1+r^2}, \text{ as shown in [1].}$$

6. Radius Of Convexity

Theorem. 7.1. Let $f(z) \in J(A, B)$, then

- (i) For $\frac{1}{3} \leq A \leq 1$, $f(z)$ is convex in $|z| < r_0$, where r_0 is the smallest positive root of

$$1 - 2Ar + (AB - A + B)r^2 = 0 ; \tag{6.1}$$

- (ii) For $-1 < A \leq \frac{1}{3}$, $f(z)$ is convex in $|z| < r_1$, where r_1 is the smallest positive root of

$$4(A-1) - 4(A-1)r + (A-5B+4AB)r^2 + 2(A+B-2AB)r^3 + (A-B)r^4 = 0. \tag{6.2}$$

Results are sharp .

Proof. After differentiating (1.4) logarithmically, we get

$$\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) = \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} + (A - B) \frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + Aw(z))(1 + Bw(z))} . \tag{6.3}$$

Using lemma (2.2) , (6.3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) &\geq \operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \\ &+ (A - B) \left[\operatorname{Re} \frac{w(z)}{(1 + Aw(z))(1 + Bw(z))} - \frac{r^2 - |w(z)|^2}{(1 - r^2) |(1 + Aw(z))(1 + Bw(z))|} \right] . \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

Put $p(z) = \frac{1 + Bw(z)}{1 + Aw(z)}$, $w(z) \in U$.

Thus from (6.4) ,it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) &\geq \operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} + \frac{(A + B)}{(A - B)} \\ &- \frac{1}{(A - B)} \left[\operatorname{Re} \left(Ap(z) + \frac{B}{p(z)} \right) + \frac{r^2 |Ap(z) - B|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(1 - r^2) |p(z)|} \right] . \end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

Since $h(z)$ is convex , so

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \geq \frac{1}{1 + r} . \tag{6.6}$$

Using (6.6) and lemma 2.3 , (6.5) gives

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

$$\geq \begin{cases} \frac{1-2Ar+(AB-A+B)r^2}{(1+r)(1-Ar)(1-Br)}, R_1 \leq R_0, \\ \left[\frac{2(A-1)-(A-B)r-(A+B-2AB)r^2}{(A-B)(1-r^2)} \right]^{1/2}, R_1 \geq R_0, A \neq 1. \end{cases} \quad (6.7)$$

On equating the right hand sides of (6.7) to zero, we obtain (6.1) and (6.2).

The equation $R_1 = R_0$ yields

$$1-2r+(2A+2B-AB-1)r^2-2ABr^3+ABr^4=0. \quad (6.8)$$

After eliminating r between (6.1) and (6.8), we get

$$(1+B)^2[(4B-8)A^3+7A^2-(3B+1)A+B]=0. \quad (6.9)$$

If $1+B \neq 0$, we have

$$B = \frac{8A^3 - 7A^2 + A}{4A^3 - 3A + 1}, \quad A \neq 1.$$

Then $B < A$ implies that $0 < 4A^2(A-1)^2$ which holds.

Also $B = \frac{8A^3 - 7A^2 + A}{4A^3 - 3A + 1} > -1$ implies $A < \frac{1}{3} < 1$.

For $B = -1$, elimination of r between (6.1) and (6.8) gives

$$12A^3 - 7A^2 - 2A + 1 = 0.$$

Therefore $A = \frac{1}{3} = A_0$, say.

The results in the theorem are sharp, being attained respectively for the functions $f_1(z)$ and $f_\theta(z)$ defined by

$$f_1'(z) = \frac{1+Az}{(1-z)(1+Bz)},$$

$$f_\theta'(z) = \frac{1-(1+A)z \cos \theta + Az^2}{(1-z)(1-(1+B)z \cos \theta + Bz^2)},$$

where $R_0 = \frac{1-(1+B)r \cos \theta + Br^2}{1-(1+A)r \cos \theta + Ar^2}$, $R_0^2 = \frac{(1-B)(1+Br^2)}{(1-A)(1+Ar^2)}$.

Corollary. Let $f \in J$, then $r = \frac{1}{3}$ which is the radius of convexity of J due to Gawad and Thomas [1].

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