

# Notes on some $p$ -valent functions

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**Abstract:** Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  be the class of analytic functions

$$f(z) = z^p + a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + a_{p+2}z^{p+2} + \dots$$

in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ . We introduce a subclass  $\mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$  of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  using some inequality for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ . The object of the present paper is to consider some interesting properties for  $f(z)$  concerning with the class  $\mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}) \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For functions  $f(z)$  in the class  $\mathcal{A}_p$ , we say that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$  if it satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) \right| < \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ . If we take  $j = p$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in (2), then the inequality (2) can be written by

$$\left| \arg f^{(p)}(z) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log p \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (3)$$

The above inequality (3) was considered by Nunokawa [2]. In his paper [2], we know that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is  $p$ -valent in  $\mathbb{U}$  if  $f(z)$  satisfies (3). Recently, Nunokawa, Cho, Kwon and Sokol published their paper [4] applying the inequality (3). Also, Nunokawa [3] showed that if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg f^{(p)}(z) \right| < \frac{3}{4} \pi \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (4)$$

then  $f(z)$  is  $p$ -valent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . To discuss our problem for the class  $\mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ , we have to recall here the following lemma due to Fejér and Riesz [1] (or Tsuji [5]).

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**Lemma 1.** Let a function  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $|z| \leq 1$ . Then  $f(z)$  satisfies the following inequality

$$\int_{-1}^1 |f(z)|^q dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=1} |f(z)|^q |dz| \quad (q > 0), \quad (5)$$

where the above integral on the left hand side is considered along the real axis.

If we make a change of variables in Lemma 1, then the inequality (5) can be change that

$$\int_{-r}^r |f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^q d\rho \leq \frac{r}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^q d\theta. \quad (6)$$

## 2 Properties of functions

Our first result for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$  is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** If a function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) - 2(p-j) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (7)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

*Proof.* We note that

$$\log \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) = \log \left| \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right| + i \arg \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) \quad (8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) &= \int_0^z \left( \log \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(t)}{t^{p-j}} \right) \right)' dt = \int_0^z (\log f^{(j)}(t))' dt - \int_0^z (\log t^{p-j})' dt \\ &= \int_0^z \frac{f^{(j+1)}(t)}{f^{(j)}(t)} dt - (p-j) \int_0^z \frac{1}{t} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

This gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) \right| &= \left| \operatorname{Im} \int_0^z \frac{f^{(j+1)}(t)}{f^{(j)}(t)} dt - (p-j) \arg(z) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \operatorname{Im} \int_0^r \frac{f^{(j+1)}(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(\rho e^{i\theta})} e^{i\theta} d\rho \right| + (p-j) |\arg(z)| \\ &\leq \int_0^r \left| \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{e^{i\theta} f^{(j+1)}(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) \right| d\rho + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &< \int_{-r}^r \left| \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{e^{i\theta} f^{(j+1)}(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) \right| d\rho + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &\leq \int_{-r}^r \left| \frac{f^{(j+1)}(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right| d\rho + 2(p-j)\pi, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq r$ , and  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Applying Lemma 1 with (6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) \right| &< \frac{r}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{f^{(j+1)}(re^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{re^{i\theta} f^{(j+1)}(re^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) - 2(p-j) \right) \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &= \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

This shows us that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

Letting  $j = p$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log p \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \tag{12}$$

then

$$|\arg f^{(p)}(z)| < \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log p \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{13}$$

*Remark.* Corollary 1 is given by Nunokawa, Cho, Kwon, and Sokol [4], recently.

Next, we derive

**Theorem 2.** *If a function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 - z} \right) - 2(p-j) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \tag{14}$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ),  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ , and for some real  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the proof of Theorem 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \left( \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right) \right| &< \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{re^{i\theta} f^{(j+1)}(re^{i\theta})}{f^{(j)}(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)re^{i\theta}}{1 - re^{i\theta}} \right) - 2(p-j) \right\} d\theta \\ &\quad + 2(p-j)\pi \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)re^{i\theta}}{1 - re^{i\theta}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 - 2\beta + \frac{2\beta}{1 - re^{i\theta}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

This means that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

Making  $j = p$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in Theorem 2, we obtain

**Corollary 2.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log p \right) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 - z} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (16)$$

for some real  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ), then

$$|\arg f^{(p)}(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log p \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (17)$$

that is, that  $f(z)$  is  $p$ -valent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

*Remark.* If we take  $\beta = 1$  in Corollary 2, then we have the result due to Nunokawa, Cho, Kwon and Sokol [4].

Letting  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2, we see

**Corollary 3.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \log j \right) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{1 - z} \right) - 2(p - j) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (18)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$ .

*Remark.* If we make  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $j = p$  in Corollary 3, then we have the result by Nunokawa, Cho, Kwon and Sokol [4].

### 3 Case of $j = 1$ for $\mathcal{A}_p(j, \alpha)$

Let us consider the special case of  $j = 1$  in Section 2.

**Corollary 4.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} - 2(p - 1) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (19)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(1, \alpha)$ . Further, if  $p = 1$  in (19), then we have

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (20)$$

Thus  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

From Theorem 2, we obtain

**Corollary 5.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 - z} \right) - 2(p - 1) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (21)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and for some real  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(1, \alpha)$ . Further, if  $p = 1$  in (21), then we have

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (22)$$

Thus  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

Finally, we derive

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_1$  satisfies*

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 - z} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \tag{23}$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and for some real  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ), then

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{24}$$

*Proof.* Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) &= \int_0^z \left( \log \left( \frac{tf'(t)}{f(t)} \right) \right)' dt \\ &= \int_0^z \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{f''(t)}{f'(t)} - \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

This gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| &= \left| \operatorname{Im} \log \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \operatorname{Im} \int_0^z \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{f''(t)}{f'(t)} - \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} \right) dt \right| \\ &= \left| \operatorname{Im} \int_0^r \left( \frac{1}{\rho e^{i\theta}} + \frac{f''(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})} - \frac{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) e^{i\theta} d\rho \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^r \left| \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{1}{\rho e^{i\theta}} + \frac{f''(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})} - \frac{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) \right| d\rho \\ &\leq \int_{-r}^r \left| \frac{1}{\rho e^{i\theta}} + \frac{f''(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})} - \frac{f'(\rho e^{i\theta})}{f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right| d\rho, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq r$ , and  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

Applying Lemma 1 with (6), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| &\leq \frac{r}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} + \frac{f''(re^{i\theta})}{f'(re^{i\theta})} - \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} f''(re^{i\theta})}{f'(re^{i\theta})} - \frac{re^{i\theta} f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta \\ &< \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)re^{i\theta}}{1 - re^{i\theta}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)re^{i\theta}}{1 - re^{i\theta}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \alpha. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

If we take  $\beta = 1$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 3, then we have

**Corollary 6.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_1$  satisfies

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (28)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ), then

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (29)$$

**Corollary 7.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_1$  satisfies

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{1-z} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (30)$$

for some real  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ), then

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (31)$$

*Remark.* If we consider  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in Corollary 7, then we obtain the result due to Nunokawa, Cho, Kwon and Sokol [4].

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