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NEW SUBCLASS OF *p*-VALENT CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce a new and generalized subclass of p-valently close-to-convex functions defined with subordination. We establish the coefficient estimates, inclusion relation, distortion theorem and argument theorem for this class. Some earlier known results follow as consequences.

1. INTRODUCTION

For $p \in \mathbb{N}$, let \mathcal{A}_p denote the class of analytic functions f in the open unit disc $E = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| < 1\}$ and has a Taylor series expansion of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

On putting p = 1 in \mathcal{A}_p , we obtain the class \mathcal{A}_1 of analytic functions of the form $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ and normalized by the conditions f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0. Further, \mathcal{S} denote the class of functions in \mathcal{A}_1 which are univalent in E. A function w is said to be a Schwarz function if it has expansion of the form $w(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ and satisfy the conditions w(0) = 0 and $|w(z)| \leq 1$. The class of Schwarz functions is denoted by \mathcal{U} . An analytic function f is said to be subordinate to another analytic function g in E, if there exists a Schwarz function $w \in \mathcal{U}$ such that f(z) = g(w(z)). If f is subordinate to g, then it is denoted by $f \prec g$. Moreover, if g is univalent in E, then $f \prec g$ is equivalent to f(0) = g(0) and $f(E) \subset g(E)$.

For $0 \leq \alpha < p$, the class of *p*-valently starlike functions of order α is denoted by $\mathcal{S}_{p}^{*}(\alpha)$ and is defined as

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$$\mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha) = \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}_p, Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha, z \in E \right\}.$$

The class $S_p^*(\alpha)$ was introduced by Goluzina [5]. For $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $S_1^*(\alpha) \equiv S^*(\alpha)$, the class of starlike functions of order α . Also $S_p^*(0) \equiv S_p^*$, the class of *p*-valent starlike functions. Further $S_1^*(0) \equiv S^*$, the well known class of starlike functions.

The class $C_p(\alpha)$ of *p*-valent close-to-convex functions was introduced by Umezawa [12] and defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_p(\alpha) = \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}_p, Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right) > \alpha, g \in \mathcal{S}_p^*, z \in E \right\}.$$

For p = 1, $\alpha = 0$, the class $C_p(\alpha)$ reduces to C which is the class of close-to-convex functions introduced by Kaplan [7].

The class of starlike functions with respect to symmetric points is denoted by S_s^* and is defined as

$$Re\left(\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)}\right) > 0.$$

Sakaguchi [11] established the class S_s^* . Clearly $\frac{f(z) - f(-z)}{2}$ is a starlike function [3] in E and so S_s^* is a subclass of the class C of close-to-convex functions.

Further, Gao and Zhou [4] established the class \mathcal{K}_S which is given by

$$\mathcal{K}_s = \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}, Re\left(\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{g(z)g(-z)}\right) > 0, g \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), z \in E \right\},$$

where $\mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is the class of starlike functions of order $\frac{1}{2}$.

Kowalczyk and Les-Bomba [8] extended the class \mathcal{K}_S by introducing the class $\mathcal{K}_S(\gamma), (0 \leq \gamma < 1)$ which is mentioned below

$$\mathcal{K}_s(\gamma) = \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}, Re\left(\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{g(z)g(-z)}\right) > \gamma, g \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), z \in E \right\}.$$

For $\gamma = 0$, the class $\mathcal{K}_S(\gamma)$ reduces to the class \mathcal{K}_S .

Janowski [6] introduced the class $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$ of analytic functions of the form $q(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k$ such that $q(z) \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$ where $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$. Further, for $0 \leq \alpha < p$, Aouf [1] established the class $\mathcal{P}(A, B; p; \alpha)$, which consists of analytic functions of the form $q(z) = p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k$ such that $q(z) \prec \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \alpha)]z}{1 + Bz}$. For $p = 1, \alpha = 0$, the class $\mathcal{P}(A, B; p; \alpha)$ reduces to $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$.

Motivated by the above mentioned work, now we introduce the following generalized subclass of \mathcal{A}_p . **Definition 1.** Let $\mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$ denote the class of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ which satisfy the conditions,

$$\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{z^{p-1}g(z)g(-z)} \prec \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]z}{1 + Bz}, -1 \le B < A \le 1, z \in E,$$

where $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{S}^*(\frac{1}{2})$, and $0 \le \eta < p, -1 \le B < A \le 1$.

The following observations are obvious.

(i) For η = 0, A = 1, B = -1, the class K^p_s(A, B; η) agrees with K^p_s, defined in [9].
(ii) On putting η = 0, A = 1 - 2γ, B = -1, the class K^p_s(A, B; η) reduces to K^p_s(γ), introduced in [9].

(iii) Taking $p = 1, \eta = 0, A = 1, B = -1$, the class $\mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$ gives the class \mathcal{K}_s which was introduced by Gao and Zhou [4].

(iv) Substituting $p = 1, \eta = 0, A = 1 - 2\gamma, B = -1$ in $\mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$, the class $\mathcal{K}_s(\gamma)$ studied by Kowalczyk and Les Bomba [8], can be easily obtained.

By definition of subordination, it follows that $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$ implies

(1)
$$\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{z^{p-1}g(z)g(-z)} = \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} = P(z), w \in \mathcal{U}.$$

We establish various properties such as coefficient estimates, inclusion relationship, distortion theorem and argument theorem for the functions in the class $\mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$. For particular values of A, B and η , some earlier known results follow as special cases.

In the sequel, we assume that $-1 \le B < A \le 1, 0 \le \eta < p, p \in \mathbb{N}, z \in E$.

2. Preliminary Results

For deriving the main results, we need the following lemmas:

Lemma 1 ([9]). If

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right),$$

then

$$G(z) = \frac{-g(z)g(-z)}{z} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} d_{2n-1}z^{2n-1}$$

is an odd starlike function and $|d_{2n-1}| \leq 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$.

Lemma 2 ([1]). Let,

(2)
$$\frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} = P(z) = p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n z^n,$$

then

$$|q_n| \le (p - \eta)(A - B), n \ge 1$$

Lemma 3 ([10]). Let $-1 \le B_2 \le B_1 < A_1 \le A_2 \le 1$, then $\frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z} \prec \frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}.$

Lemma 4 ([4]). For $g \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$,

$$G(z) = \frac{-g(z)g(-z)}{z}$$

is an odd starlike function, and so for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have $\frac{r}{1+r^2} \le |G(z)| \le \frac{r}{1-r^2}.$

3. Main Results

Theorem 1. If $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in \mathcal{K}^p_s(A, B; \eta)$, then for *n* odd, we have

(3)
$$|a_{p+n}| \le \frac{n+1}{2(p+n)}(A-B)(p-\eta)$$

and when n is even

(4)
$$|a_{p+n}| \le \frac{1}{2(p+n)} [n(A-B)(p-\eta) + 2p].$$

Proof. As $f \in \mathcal{K}^p_s(A, B; \eta)$, therefore (1) yields

$$\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{z^{p-1}g(z)g(-z)} = P(z),$$

which can be further expressed as

(5)
$$\frac{zf'(z)}{z^{p-1}G(z)} = P(z),$$

where

(6)
$$G(z) = \frac{-g(z)g(-z)}{z} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} d_{2n-1}z^{2n-1}.$$

Using the expansions of f(z), G(z) and P(z) in (5) and equating the coefficients of z^{n+p} , it yields

(7)
$$(p+n)a_{p+n} = q_n + d_3q_{n-2} + d_5q_{n-4} + \dots + d_{n-2}q_3 + d_nq_1$$

and

(8)
$$(p+n)a_{p+n} = q_n + d_3q_{n-2} + d_5q_{n-4} + \dots + d_{n-1}q_2 + d_{n+1}p_{n-2}$$

Applying triangle inequality and using Lemmas 1 and 2 in (7) and (8), the results (3) and (4) can be easily obtained. \Box

Substituting for $\eta = 0, A = 1, B = -1$ in Theorem 1, we can easily obtain the following result:

Corollary 1. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p$, then

$$|a_{p+n}| \le \frac{p(n+1)}{p+n}.$$

Taking $\eta = 0, A = 1 - 2\gamma, B = -1$, Theorem 1 yields the following result:

Corollary 2. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(\gamma)$, then for *n* odd, we have

$$|a_{p+n}| \le \frac{p(n+1)(1-\gamma)}{p+n},$$

for n even,

$$|a_{p+n}| \le \frac{p[n(1-\gamma)+1]}{p+n}.$$

For $p = 1, \eta = 0, A = 1, B = -1$, Theorem 1 gives the following result:

Corollary 3. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s$, then

$$|a_{n+1}| \le 1.$$

On putting $p = 1, \eta = 0, A = 1 - 2\gamma, B = -1$ in Theorem 1, the following result is obvious:

Corollary 4. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s(\gamma)$, then for n odd, we have

$$|a_{n+1}| \le (1-\gamma),$$

for n even,

$$|a_{n+1}| \le \frac{n(1-\gamma)+1}{n+1}.$$

Theorem 2. If $-1 \le B_2 = B_1 < A_1 \le A_2 \le 1$ and $0 \le \eta_2 \le \eta_1 < 1$, then $\mathcal{K}^p_s(A_1, B_1; \eta_1) \subset \mathcal{K}^p_s(A_2, B_2; \eta_2).$

Proof. As
$$f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(A_1, B_1; \eta_1)$$
, so

$$\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{z^{p-1}g(z)g(-z)} \prec \frac{p + [pB_1 + (A_1 - B_1)(p - \eta_1)]z}{1 + B_1 z}.$$
As $-1 \leq B_2 = B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \eta_2 \leq \eta_1 < 1$, we have
 $-1 \leq B_1 + \frac{(p - \eta_1)(A_1 - B_1)}{p} \leq B_2 + \frac{(p - \eta_2)(A_2 - B_2)}{p} \leq 1$

Thus by Lemma 3, it yields

$$\frac{-z^2 f'(z)}{z^{p-1}g(z)g(-z)} \prec \frac{p + [pB_2 + (A_2 - B_2)(p - \eta_2)]z}{1 + B_2 z},$$

which implies $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(A_2, B_2; \eta_2)$.

Theorem 3. If $f \in \mathcal{K}^p_s(A, B; \eta)$, then for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have

(9)
$$\left(\frac{p-[pB+(A-B)(p-\eta)]r}{1-Br}\right)\left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1+r^2}\right) \le |f'(z)|$$
$$\le \left(\frac{p+[pB+(A-B)(p-\eta)]r}{1+Br}\right)\left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1-r^2}\right)$$

and

(10)
$$\int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{p - [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]t}{1 - Bt} \right) \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1 + t^2} \right) dt \le |f(z)|$$
$$\le \int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]t}{1 + Bt} \right) \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1 - t^2} \right) dt.$$

Proof. (5) can be written as

(11)
$$|zf'(z)| = |z^{p-1}G(z)||P(z)|.$$

Aouf [2] proved that

(12)
$$\frac{p - [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]r}{1 - Br} \le |P(z)| \le \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \eta)]r}{1 + Br}$$

Since G is an odd starlike function, so by Lemma 4, we have

(13)
$$\frac{r}{1+r^2} \le |G(z)| \le \frac{r}{1-r^2}.$$

Using (12) and (13) in (11), the result (9) can be easily obtained. On integrating (9) from 0 to r, (10) follows.

Substituting for $p = 1, A = 1 - 2\gamma$, $B = -1, \eta = 0$ in Theorem 3, we can easily obtain the following result due to Kowalczyk and Les Bomba [8]:

Corollary 5. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s(\gamma)$, then for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have

$$\frac{1 - (1 - 2\gamma)r}{(1 + r)(1 + r^2)} \le |f'(z)| \le \frac{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)r}{(1 - r)(1 - r^2)}$$

and

$$\int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{1 - (1 - 2\gamma)t}{(1 + t)(1 + t^2)} \right) dt \le |f(z)| \le \int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)t}{(1 - t)(1 - t^2)} \right) dt.$$

Taking p = 1, A = 1, B = -1, $\eta = 0$, Theorem 3 yields the following result due to Gao and Zhou [4]:

Corollary 6. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s$, then for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have

$$\frac{1-r}{(1+r)(1+r^2)} \le |f'(z)| \le \frac{1+r}{(1-r)(1-r^2)}$$

and

$$\int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{1-t}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} \right) dt \le |f(z)| \le \int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{1+t}{(1-t)(1-t^2)} \right) dt.$$

On putting $\eta = 0, A = 1, B = -1$ in Theorem 3, the following result is obvious:

Corollary 7. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p$, then for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have

$$\left(\frac{p(1-r)}{1+r}\right)\left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1+r^2}\right) \le |f'(z)| \le \left(\frac{p(1+r)}{1-r}\right)\left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1-r^2}\right)$$

and

$$\int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{p(1-t)}{1+t}\right) \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1+t^{2}}\right) dt \le |f(z)| \le \int_{0}^{r} \left(\frac{p(1+t)}{1-t}\right) \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1-t^{2}}\right) dt.$$

For $\eta = 0, A = 1 - 2\gamma, B = -1$, Theorem 3 gives the following result:

Corollary 8. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(\gamma)$, then

$$\frac{p[1 - (1 - 2\gamma)r]}{1 + r} \left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1 + r^2}\right) \le |f'(z)| \le \frac{p[1 + (1 - 2\gamma)r]}{1 - r} \left(\frac{r^{p-1}}{1 - r^2}\right)$$

and

$$\int_{0}^{r} \frac{p[1 - (1 - 2\gamma)t]}{1 + t} \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1 + t^2}\right) dt \le |f(z)| \le \int_{0}^{r} \frac{p[1 + (1 - 2\gamma)t]}{1 - t} \left(\frac{t^{p-1}}{1 - t^2}\right) dt.$$

Theorem 4. If $f \in \mathcal{K}_s^p(A, B; \eta)$, then for |z| = r, 0 < r < 1, we have

(14)
$$\left| arg \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \right| \le 2sin^{-1}(r) + sin^{-1} \left(\frac{(A-B)(p-\eta)r}{p - [pB + (A-B)(p-\eta)]Br^2} \right).$$

Proof. (5) can be rewritten as

$$zf'(z) = z^{p-1}G(z)P(z),$$

which implies

(15)
$$\left| arg \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \right| \le \left| arg P(z) \right| + \left| arg \frac{G(z)}{z} \right|.$$

It was proved by Aouf [1] that

(16)
$$|argP(z)| \le \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{(A-B)(p-\eta)r}{p-[pB+(A-B)(p-\eta)]Br^2} \right).$$

Also G is an odd starlike function, so it is well known that,

(17)
$$\left| arg \frac{G(z)}{z} \right| \le 2sin^{-1}r.$$

Using (16) and (17) in (15), the result (14) can be easily obtained.

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