

## MEROMORPHIC CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $g$  and  $G$  be regular in the unit disk  $E(|z| < 1)$  and satisfy the conditions  $g(0) = G(0) = 0$ ,  $g'(0) = 1$  and  $G'(0) = e^{i\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha$  is real. If

$$(1.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zg'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} \geq \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} \geq \sigma$$

for  $z$  in  $E$  and  $0 \leq \lambda, \sigma \leq 1$ , then  $g$  is close-to-convex of order  $\lambda$  and type  $\sigma$  with respect to  $G$ . This definition and some of its consequences are discussed in [1]. Here we will extend the definition to meromorphic close-to-convex functions [2], [4].

$$(1.2) \quad F(z) = \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{z} + b_0 + b_1z + \cdots + b_nz^n + \cdots \quad (\alpha \text{ real}),$$

regular in the annulus  $0 < |z| < 1$  (hereafter called  $A$ ), is starlike of order  $\sigma$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ , if and only if

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{-zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} \geq \sigma, \quad z \in E.$$

This class of functions will be denoted by  $\Sigma_\sigma^*$ . These functions have been the subject of recent investigations by Ch. Pommerenke [5].

Denote by  $\Gamma(\lambda, \sigma)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda, \sigma \leq 1$ , the family of functions

$$(1.4) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + a_0 + a_1z + \cdots + a_nz^n + \cdots$$

which are regular in  $A$  and together with some  $F \in \Sigma_\sigma^*$  satisfy the condition

$$(1.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{F(z)} \right\} \geq \lambda, \quad z \in E.$$

If  $f \in \Gamma(\lambda, \sigma)$  then we say " $f$  is (meromorphically) close-to-convex of order  $\lambda$  and type  $\sigma$ "; and  $f \in \Gamma(\lambda, \sigma)$  w.r.t.  $F$  is read " $f$  is close-to-convex of order  $\lambda$  and type  $\sigma$  with respect to  $F$ ".

If  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ , then  $\Gamma(\lambda, \sigma) \subseteq \Gamma(\lambda_0, \sigma_0)$  and for all admissible  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$ ,  $\Gamma(\lambda, \sigma) \subseteq \Gamma(0, 0) \equiv \Gamma$ . Evidently  $e^{-i\alpha}F \in \Gamma(\sigma, \sigma)$  if  $F \in \Sigma_\sigma^*$ .  $\Gamma(1, 0)$  is a subclass of the set of meromorphic convex functions.

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