



## ON A CLASS OF UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY SĂLĂGEAN DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. By using a certain operator  $S^n$ , we introduce a class of holomorphic functions  $S_n(\beta)$ , and obtain some subordination results. We also show that the set  $S_n(\beta)$  is convex and obtain some new differential subordinations related to certain integral operators.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Denote by  $U$  the unit disc of the complex plane :

$$U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  be the space of holomorphic functions in  $U$  and let

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}.$$

Let

$$K = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 > 0, z \in U \right\},$$

denote the class of normalized convex functions in  $U$ .

A function  $f$ , analytic in  $U$ , is said to be convex if it is univalent and  $f(U)$  is convex.

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If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $U$ , then we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$ , if there is a function  $w$  analytic in  $U$ , with  $\omega(0) = 0$ ,  $|\omega(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in U$  such that  $f(z) = g[\omega(z)]$  for all  $z \in U$ . If  $g$  is univalent, then  $f \prec g$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subseteq g(U)$ .

Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function and let  $h$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  and satisfies the (second-order) differential subordination

$$(i) \quad \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential subordination.

The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the solution of the differential subordination, or more simply a dominant, if  $p \prec q$  for all  $p$  satisfying (i).

A dominant  $\tilde{q}$ , which satisfies  $\tilde{q} \prec q$  for all dominants  $q$  of (i) is said to be the best dominant of (i). (Note that the best dominant is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ ).

In order to prove the original results we use the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** [3] *Let  $h$  be a convex function, with  $h(0) = a$  and let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be a complex number with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  and*

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{\gamma} zp'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt \quad (z \in U).$$

Function  $q$  is convex in  $U$  and is the best dominant.

**Lemma 1.2.** [1] *Let  $\operatorname{Re} r > 0$  and let*

$$\omega = \frac{k^2 + |r|^2 - |k^2 - r^2|}{4k\operatorname{Re} r}.$$

Let  $h$  be an analytic function in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and suppose that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} + 1 \right) > -\omega.$$

If

$$p(z) = 1 + p_n z^n + p_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$$

is analytic in  $U$  and

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{r} zp'(z) \prec h(z),$$

then  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ , where  $q$  is a solution of the differential equation

$$q(z) + \frac{n}{r} zq'(z) = h(z), \quad q(0) = 1,$$

given by

$$q(z) = \frac{r}{nz^{r/n}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{r}{n}-1} h(t) dt.$$

Moreover  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Definition 1.3.** [2] For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$ , the operator  $S^n f$  is defined by  $S^n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} S^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ S^1 f(z) &= z f'(z) \\ &\dots \\ S^{n+1} f(z) &= z[S^n f(z)]' \quad (z \in U). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 1.4.* [1] If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j$$

then

$$S^n f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j^n a_j z^j \quad (z \in U).$$

**Definition 1.5.** [1] If  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we let  $S_n(\beta)$  stand for the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , which satisfy the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re}(S^n f)'(z) > \beta \quad (z \in U).$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We start this section with the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The set  $S_n(\beta)$  is convex.*

*Proof.* Let the function

$$f_i(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{ki} z^k, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (z \in U)$$

be in the class  $S_n(\beta)$ . It is sufficient to show that the function

$$h(z) = \mu_1 f_1(z) + \mu_2 f_2(z)$$

with  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  nonnegative and  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = 1$  is in  $S_n(\beta)$ .

Since

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (\mu_1 a_{k1} + \mu_2 a_{k2}) z^k \quad (z \in U)$$

then

$$S^n h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (\mu_1 a_{k1} + \mu_2 a_{k2}) z^k \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.1}$$

Differentiating (2.1), we get

$$[S^n h(z)]' = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} (\mu_1 a_{k1} + \mu_2 a_{k2}) z^{k-1},$$

whence

$$\operatorname{Re} [S^n h(z)]' = \operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} (\mu_1 a_{k1} + \mu_2 a_{k2}) z^{k-1} \right] \tag{2.2}$$

$$= 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left[ \mu_1 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} a_{k1} z^{k-1} \right] + \operatorname{Re} \left[ \mu_2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} a_{k2} z^{k-1} \right].$$

Since  $f_1, f_2 \in S_n(\beta)$ , we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \mu_i \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} a_{ki} z^{k-1} \right] > \mu_i(\beta - 1) \quad (i = 1, 2). \quad (2.3)$$

Using (2.3) in (2.2), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} [S^n h(z)]' > 1 + \mu_1(\beta - 1) + \mu_2(\beta - 1) \quad (z \in U),$$

and since  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = 1$ , we deduce

$$\operatorname{Re} [S^n h(z)]' > \beta$$

i.e.  $S_n(\beta)$  is convex. □

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $q$  be a convex function in  $U$ , with  $q(0) = 1$ , and let*

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} z q'(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

where  $c$  is a complex number, with  $\operatorname{Re} c > -2$ .

If  $f \in S_n(\beta)$  and  $F = I_c(f)$ , where

$$F(z) = I_c(f)(z) = \frac{c+2}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z t^c f(t) dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} c > -2, \quad (2.4)$$

then

$$[S^n f(z)]' \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U), \quad (2.5)$$

implies

$$[S^n F(z)] \prec q(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

and this result is sharp.

*Proof.* From (2.4), we deduce

$$z^{c+1} F(z) = (c+2) \int_0^z t^c f(t) dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} c > -2 \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.6)$$

Differentiating (2.6), with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$(c+1)F(z) + zF'(z) = (c+2)f(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

and

$$(c+1)S^n F(z) + z[S^n F(z)]' = (c+2)S^n f(z) \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.7)$$

Differentiating (2.7), we get

$$[S^n F(z)]' + \frac{z}{c+2} [S^n F(z)]'' = [S^n f(z)]' \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.8)$$

Using (2.8), the differential subordination (2.5) becomes

$$[S^n F(z)]' + \frac{1}{c+2} z [S^n F(z)]'' \prec h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} z q'(z). \quad (2.9)$$

Let

$$p(z) = [S^n F(z)]' = \left[ z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j^n a_j z^j \right]' \quad (2.10)$$

$$= 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots, \quad p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1].$$

Using (2.10) in (2.9), we have

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} z p'(z) \prec h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} z q'(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

Using Lemma 1.1, we obtain  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ , i.e.

$$[S^n F(z)]' \prec q(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant. □

**Example 2.3.** If we take  $c = 1 + i$  and  $q(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$ , then

$$h(z) = \frac{3+i-z(2+i)}{(3+i)(1-z)^2}$$

and from Theorem ,we deduce that if  $f \in S_n(\beta)$  and  $F$  is given by

$$F(z) = \frac{3+i}{z^{2+i}} \int_0^z t^{1+i} f(t) dt \quad (2.11)$$

then

$$z^{2+i} F(z) = (3+i) \int_0^z t^{1+i} f(t) dt \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.12)$$

Differentiating (2.12) with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$(2+i)F(z) + zF'(z) = (3+i)f(z)$$

and

$$(2+i)S^n F(z) + z[S^n F(z)]' = (3+i)S^n f(z) \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.13)$$

Differentiating (2.13) we have

$$[S^n F(z)]' + \frac{z}{3+i} [S^n F(z)]'' = [S^n f(z)]' \quad (z \in U)$$

and we deduce

$$[S^n f(z)]' \prec \frac{3+i-z(2+i)}{(3+i)(1-z)^2} \quad (z \in U)$$

implies

$$[S^n F(z)]' \prec \frac{1}{1-z} \quad (z \in U),$$

where  $F$  is given by (2.11).

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\operatorname{Re} c > -2$  and let*

$$\omega = \frac{1 + |c + 2|^2 - |c^2 + 4c + 3|}{4\operatorname{Re}(c + 2)} \quad (2.14)$$

*Let  $h$  be an analytic function in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and suppose that*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} + 1 > -\omega.$$

*If  $f \in S_n(\beta)$  and  $F = I_c(f)$ , where  $F$  is defined by (2.4), then*

$$[S^n f(z)]' \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U), \quad (2.15)$$

*implies*

$$[S^n F(z)]' \prec q(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

*where  $q$  is the solution of the differential equation*

$$q(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} zq'(z) = h(z), \quad h(0) = 1,$$

*given by*

$$q(z) = \frac{c+2}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} h(t) dt \quad (z \in U).$$

*Moreover  $q$  is the best dominant.*

*Proof.* In order to prove Theorem 2.4 we will use Lemma 1.2. The value of  $\omega$  is given by (2.14). From (2.10) we have

$$p(z) = [S^n F(z)]' = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots, \quad p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \quad (z \in U).$$

Using Lemma 1.2, we deduce  $k = 1$ . Using (2.8) and (2.10), the differential subordination (2.15) becomes

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} zp'(z) \prec h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{c+2} zq'(z) \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.16)$$

From subordination (2.16), by using Lemma 1.2, we deduce  $r = c + 2$  and

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{c+2}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} h(t) dt \quad (z \in U),$$

i.e.

$$[S^n F(z)]' \prec q(z) = \frac{c+2}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} h(t) dt \quad (z \in U).$$

Moreover it is the best dominant. □

*Remark 2.5.* If we put

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 + z}$$

in Theorem 2.4, we obtain the following interesting result.

**Corollary 2.6.** *If  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} c > -2$  and  $I_c$  is defined by (2.4), then*

$$I_c[S_n(\beta)] \subset S_n(\delta),$$

where  $\delta = \min_{|z|=1} \operatorname{Re} q(z) = \delta(c, \beta)$  and this results is sharp. Moreover

$$\delta = \delta(c, \beta) = 2\beta - 1 + (c + 2)(2 - 2\beta)\sigma(c), \quad (2.17)$$

where

$$\sigma(x) = \int_0^z \frac{t^{x+1}}{1+t} dt. \quad (2.18)$$

*Proof.* If we let

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)z}{1 + z},$$

then  $h$  is convex and by Theorem 2.4, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} [S^n F(z)]' \prec q(z) &= \frac{c+2}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} \cdot \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)t}{1+t} dt \\ &= 2\beta - 1 + \frac{(c+2)(2-2\beta)}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z \frac{t^{c+1}}{1+t} dt \\ &= 2\beta - 1 + \frac{(c+2)(2-2\beta)}{z^{c+2}} \sigma(c), \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

where  $\sigma$  is given by (2.18).

If  $\operatorname{Re} c > -2$ , then from the convexity of  $q$  and the fact that  $q(U)$  is symmetric with respect to the real axis, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} [S^n F(z)]' &\geq \min_{|z|=1} \operatorname{Re} q(z) = \operatorname{Re} q(1) = \delta(c, \beta) \\ &= 2\beta - 1 + (c + 2)(2 - 2\beta)\sigma(c), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma$  is given by (2.18).

From (2.19), we deduce

$$I_c[S_n(\beta)] \subset S_n(\delta),$$

where  $\delta$  is given by (2.17). □

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