

# Radius of convexity for certain multivalent functions with missing coefficients

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## Abstract

The object of the present paper is to derive the radius of convexity for certain multivalent functions with missing coefficients.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $A_p(n)$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (p, n \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are  $p$ -valent analytic in the open unit disk  $U = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in A_p(n)$  is said to be  $p$ -valently convex of order  $\rho$  in  $U$  if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \rho \quad (0 \leq \rho < p; z \in U). \quad (1.2)$$

For functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  analytic in  $U$ , we say that  $f(z)$  is subordinate to  $g(z)$  in  $U$ , and we write  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ), if there exists an analytic function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  such that

$$|w(z)| \leq |z| \quad \text{and} \quad f(z) = g(w(z)) \quad (z \in U).$$

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Furthermore, if the function  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in U) \iff f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(U) \subset g(U).$$

A number of results for  $p$ -valently convex functions have been obtained by several authors (see, e.g., [1,2,3,4,5,6]). In this note we shall derive the radius of convexity for certain  $p$ -valent functions with missing coefficients.

## 2 Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f(z)$  belong to the class  $A_p(n)$  and satisfy

$$\frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\gamma \quad (0 < \gamma \leq 1; z \in U). \quad (2.1)$$

Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\delta) \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \rho \quad (|z| < r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < 1$  and  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  is the root in  $(0, 1)$  of the equation

$$[1 + \rho - (p+1)\delta]r^{2n} - 2(1-\delta + n\delta\gamma)r^n + 1 - \rho + (p-1)\delta = 0.$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* From (2.1) we can write

$$\left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} = \frac{1+z^n\varphi(z)}{1-z^n\varphi(z)}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\varphi(z)$  is analytic and  $|\varphi(z)| \leq 1$  in  $U$ . Differentiating both sides of (2.3) logarithmically, we arrive at

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = p + \frac{2n\gamma z^n \varphi(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} + \frac{2\gamma z^{n+1} \varphi'(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.4)$$

Put  $|z| = r < 1$  and  $\left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} = u + iv$  ( $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then (2.3) implies that

$$z^n \varphi(z) = \frac{u-1+iv}{u+1+iv} \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \leq u \leq \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n}. \quad (2.6)$$

With the help of the Carathéodory inequality:

$$|\varphi'(z)| \leq \frac{1-|\varphi(z)|^2}{1-r^2},$$

it follows from (2.5) and (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \delta) \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} \\ & \geq (1 - \delta)u + p\delta + 2n\delta\gamma \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z^n \varphi(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} \right\} - 2\delta\gamma \left| \frac{z^{n+1} \varphi'(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} \right| \\ & \geq (1 - \delta)u + p\delta + \frac{n\delta\gamma}{2} \left( u - \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2} \right) + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2} \frac{(u - 1)^2 + v^2 - r^{2n}((u + 1)^2 + v^2)}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)(u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}} \\ & = F_n(u, v) \quad (\text{say}) \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} F_n(u, v) = \delta\gamma v G_n(u, v), \tag{2.8}$$

where  $0 < r < 1, 0 < \delta \leq 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} G_n(u, v) = & \frac{nu}{(u^2 + v^2)^2} + \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)(u^2 + v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \\ & \frac{r^{2n}((u + 1)^2 + v^2) - ((u - 1)^2 + v^2)}{2r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)(u^2 + v^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} > 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

because of (2.5). Since  $F_n(u, v)$  is a dual function of  $v$ , from (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(u, v) \geq F_n(u, 0) = & (1 - \delta)u + p\delta + \frac{n\delta\gamma}{2} \left( u - \frac{1}{u} \right) + \\ & \frac{\delta\gamma}{2r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} \left[ (1 - r^{2n}) \left( u + \frac{1}{u} \right) - 2(1 + r^{2n}) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Let us now calculate the minimum value of  $F_n(u, 0)$  on the closed interval  $\left[ \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}, \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n} \right]$ . Noting that

$$\frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} \geq n \quad (\text{see [7]})$$

and (2.6), we deduce from (2.10) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{du} F_n(u, 0) = & 1 - \delta + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} + n \right) - \frac{1}{u^2} \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} - n \right) \right] \\ \geq & 1 - \delta + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} + n \right) - \left( \frac{1 + r^n}{1 - r^n} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} - n \right) \right] \\ = & 1 - \delta + \frac{2\delta\gamma I_n(r)}{(1 - r^n)^2}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$I_n(r) = \frac{n}{2}(1 + r^{2n}) - r(1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{2n-2}).$$

Also

$$I'_n(r) = n^2 r^{2n-1} - (1 + 3r^2 + \cdots + (2n-1)r^{2n-2}).$$

$I'_1(r) = r - 1 < 0$ . Suppose that  $I'_n(r) < 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} I'_{n+1}(r) &= (n+1)^2 r^{2n+1} - (2n+1)r^{2n} - (1 + 3r^2 + \cdots + (2n-1)r^{2n-2}) \\ &< n^2 r^{2n} - (1 + 3r^2 + \cdots + (2n-1)r^{2n-2}) \\ &< I'_n(r) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by virtue of the mathematical induction, we have  $I'_n(r) < 0$  for all  $n \in N$  and  $0 \leq r < 1$ . This implies that

$$I_n(r) > I_n(1) = 0 \quad (n \in N; 0 \leq r < 1). \quad (2.12)$$

In view of (2.11) and (2.12), we see that

$$\frac{d}{du} F_n(u, 0) > 0 \quad \left( \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \leq u \leq \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n} \right). \quad (2.13)$$

Further it follows from (2.7), (2.10) and (2.13) that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\delta) \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} - \rho &\geq F_n \left( \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}, 0 \right) - \rho \\ &= (1-\delta) \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} + \delta \frac{p-2n\gamma r^n - pr^{2n}}{1-r^{2n}} - \rho \\ &= \frac{J_n(r)}{1-r^{2n}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $0 \leq \rho < 1$  and

$$J_n(r) = [1 + \rho - (p+1)\delta]r^{2n} - 2(1-\delta + n\delta\gamma)r^n + 1 - \rho + (p-1)\delta.$$

Note that  $J_n(0) = 1 - \rho + (p-1)\delta > 0$  and  $J_n(1) = -2n\delta\gamma < 0$ . If we let  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  denote the root in  $(0, 1)$  of the equation  $J_n(r) = 0$ , then (2.14) yields the desired result (2.2).

To see that the bound  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  is the best possible, we consider the function

$$f(z) = p \int_0^z t^{p-1} \left( \frac{1+t^n}{1-t^n} \right)^\gamma dt. \quad (2.15)$$

It is clear that for  $z = r \in (r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho), 1)$ ,

$$(1-\delta) \left( \frac{f'(r)}{pr^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{rf''(r)}{f'(r)} \right) - \rho = \frac{J_n(r)}{1-r^{2n}} < 0,$$

which shows that the bound  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  can not be increased.

Setting  $\delta = 1$ , Theorem 2.1 reduces to the following result.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $f(z)$  satisfy the condition (2.1) and  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ . Then  $f(z)$  is convex of order  $\rho$  in

$$|z| < \left[ \frac{((n\gamma)^2 + (p-\rho)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} - n\gamma}{p-\rho} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}. \quad (2.16)$$

The result is sharp.

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