

ON CERTAIN SUBCLASSES OF UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS  
WITH NEGATIVE COEFFICIENTS

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ABSTRACT. The object of the present paper is to derive several interesting properties of the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  consisting of analytic and univalent functions with negative coefficients. Coefficient estimates, distortion theorems and closure theorems of functions in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  are determined. Also radii of close-to-convexity, starlikeness and convexity for the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  are determined. Also modified Hadamard product of several functions belonging to the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  are studied here.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $S$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and univalent in the unit disc  $U = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ . For a function  $f(z)$  in  $S$ , we define

$$D^0 f(z) = f(z), \quad (1.2)$$

$$D^1 f(z) = Df(z) = zf'(z), \quad (1.3)$$

and

$$D^n f(z) = D(D^{n-1} f(z)) \quad (n \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}). \quad (1.4)$$

The differential operator  $D^n$  was introduced by Salagean [3]. With the help of the differential operator  $D^n$ , we say that a function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $S$  is in the class  $S(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} - 1}{\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} + 1 - 2\alpha} \right| < \beta \quad (n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}) \quad (1.5)$$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , and for all  $z \in U$ .

Let  $T$  denote the subclass of  $S$  consisting of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_k \geq 0). \quad (1.6)$$

Further, we define the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  by

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta) = S(n, \alpha, \beta) \cap T. \quad (1.7)$$

We note that, by specializing the parameters  $n$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , we obtain the following subclasses studied by various authors:

- (i)  $P^*(0, \alpha, \beta) = P^*(\alpha, \beta)$  (Srivastava and Owa [6] );
- (ii)  $P^*(1, \alpha, \beta) = P^*(\alpha, \beta)$  (Gupta and Jain [21]);
- (iii)  $P^*(0, \alpha, 0) = P^{**}(\alpha)$  (Sarangi and Uralegaddi [4] );
- (iv)  $P^*(1, \alpha, 1) = T^{**}(\alpha)$  (Sarangi and Uralegaddi [4] and Al-Amiri [1] ).

## 2. Coefficient Estimates

**THEOREM 1.** Let the function  $f(z)$  be defined by (1.6). Then  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_k \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha). \quad (2.1)$$

The result is sharp.

**PROOF.** Assume that the inequality (2.1) holds true and let  $|z|=1$ .

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{D^n f(z)}{z} - 1 \right| - \beta \left| \frac{D^n f(z)}{z} + 1 - 2\alpha \right| \\ &= \left| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1} \right| - \beta \left| 2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_k - 2\beta(1-\alpha) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem, we have  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

For the converse, assume that

$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} - 1}{\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} + 1 - 2\alpha} \right| = \left| \frac{- \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1}} \right| < \beta. \quad (2.2)$$

Since  $|\operatorname{Re}(z)| \leq |z|$  for all  $z$ , we find from (2.2) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^{k-1}} \right\} < \beta. \quad (2.3)$$

Choose values of  $z$  on the real axis so that  $\frac{D^n f(z)}{z}$  is real. Upon clearing the denominator in (2.3) and letting  $z \rightarrow 1^-$  through real values, we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha) - \beta \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k, \quad (2.4)$$

which gives the required assertion (2.1).

Finally, we note that the assertion (2.1) of Theorem 1 is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f(z) = z - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} z^k \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (2.5)$$

**COROLLARY 1.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then we have

$$a_k \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (2.6)$$

The equality in (2.6) is attained for the function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5).

### 3. Further Properties of the Class $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ . Then

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta) = P^*\left(n, \frac{1-\beta+2\alpha\beta}{1+\beta}, 1\right). \quad (3.1)$$

More generally, if  $0 \leq \alpha' < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta' \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ , then

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta) = P^*(n, \alpha', \beta') \quad (3.2)$$

if and only if

$$\frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta} = \frac{\beta'(1-\alpha')}{1+\beta'}. \quad (3.3)$$

**PROOF.** First assume that the function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , and let the condition (3.3) holds true. Then, by using the assertion (2.1) of Theorem 1, we readily have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta} = \frac{2\beta'(1-\alpha')}{1+\beta'},$$

which shows that  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha', \beta')$ , again with the aid of Theorem 1.

Reversing the above steps, we can similarly prove the other part of the equivalence (3.2) which, for  $\beta' = 1$ , immediately yields the special case (3.1).

Conversely, the assertion (3.2) can easily be shown to imply the condition (3.3), and the proof of Theorem 2 is thus completed.

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ . Then

$$P^*(n, \alpha_2, \beta) \leq P^*(n, \alpha_1, \beta). \quad (3.4)$$

The proof of Theorem 3 uses Theorem 1 in a straightforward manner. The details may be omitted.

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ . Then

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta_1) \leq P^*(n, \alpha, \beta_2). \quad (3.5)$$

**PROOF.** By using Theorem 2, we obtain

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta_1) = P_1^*(n, \frac{1-\beta_1+2\alpha\beta_1}{1+\beta_1}, 1) \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta_2) = P^*(n, \frac{1-\beta_2+2\alpha\beta_2}{1+\beta_2}, 1). \quad (3.7)$$

Furthermore

$$0 \leq \frac{1-\beta_2+2\alpha\beta_2}{1+\beta_2} \leq \frac{1-\beta_1+2\alpha\beta_1}{1+\beta_1} < 1 \quad (3.8)$$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq 1$ .

Consequently, by using Theorem 3, we arrive at our assertion (3.5).

**COROLLARY 2.** Let  $0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ . Then

$$P^*(n, \alpha_2, \beta_1) \leq P^*(n, \alpha_1, \beta_1) \leq P^*(n, \alpha_1, \beta_2).$$

**COROLLARY 3.**  $P^*(n+1, \alpha, \beta) < P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ .

#### 4. Distortion Theorem

**THEOREM 5.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the

class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$|z| - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)}|z|^2 \leq |D^i f(z)| \leq |z| + \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)}|z|^2 \quad (4.1)$$

for  $z \in U$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . The result is sharp.

PROOF. Note that  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if  $D^i f(z) \in P^*(n-i, \alpha, \beta)$ , and that

$$D^i f(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^i a_k z^k. \quad (4.2)$$

Using Theorem 1, we know that

$$2^{n-i}(1+\beta) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^i a_k \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta) k^n a_k \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha), \quad (4.3)$$

that is, that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^i a_k \leq \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)}. \quad (4.4)$$

It follows from (4.2) and (4.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} |D^i f(z)| &\geq |z| - |z|^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^i a_k \\ &\geq |z| - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)}|z|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |D^i f(z)| &\leq |z| + |z|^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^i a_k \\ &\leq |z| + \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)}|z|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Finally, we note that the equality in (4.1) is attained by the

function

$$D^i f(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-i-1}(1+\beta)} z^2 \quad (4.7)$$

or by

$$f(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} z^2. \quad (4.8)$$

**COROLLARY 4.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$|z| - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} |z|^2 \leq |f(z)| \leq |z| + \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} |z|^2 \quad (4.9)$$

for  $z \in U$ . The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (4.8).

**PROOF.** Taking  $i=0$  in Theorem 5, we can easily show (4.9).

**COROLLARY 5.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} |z| \leq |f'(z)| \leq 1 + \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} |z| \quad (4.10)$$

for  $z \in U$ . The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (4.8).

**PROOF.** Note that  $D^1 f(z) = zf'(z)$ . Hence, taking  $i=1$  in Theorem 5, we have the corollary.

**COROLLARY 6.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f(z)$  is included in a disc with its center at the origin and radius  $R_1$  given by

$$R_1 = \frac{2^{n-1}(1+\beta) + \beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)}. \quad (4.11)$$



Further,  $f'(z)$  is included in a disc with its center at the origin and radius  $R_2$  given by

$$R_2 = \frac{2^{n-2}(1+\beta) + \beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-2}(1+\beta)}. \quad (4.12)$$

The result is sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by (4.8).

### 5. Closure Theorems

Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  be defined, for  $j=1,2,\dots,m$ , by

$$f_j(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \quad (a_{k,j} \geq 0) \quad (5.1)$$

for  $z \in U$ .

We shall prove the following results for the closure of functions in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**THEOREM 6.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2,\dots,m$ ) defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (5.2)$$

also belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , where

$$b_k = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j}. \quad (5.3)$$

**PROOF.** Since  $f_j(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , it follows from Theorem 1, that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_{k,j} \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha), \quad j=1,2,\dots,m. \quad (5.4)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n b_k &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j} \right] \\ &\leq 2\beta(1-\alpha). \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Hence by Theorem 1,  $h(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Thus we have the theorem.

**THEOREM 7.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the classes  $P^*(n, \alpha_j, \beta)$  for each  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$h(z) = z - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j} \right] z^k \quad (5.6)$$

is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , where

$$\alpha = \min_{1 \leq j \leq m} \{\alpha_j\}. \quad (5.7)$$

**PROOF.** Since  $f_j(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha_j, \beta)$  for each  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ , we observe that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_{k,j} \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha_j) \quad (5.8)$$

with the aid of Theorem 1. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j} \right] &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_{k,j} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m 2\beta(1-\alpha_j) \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha). \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j} \right] \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha) \quad (5.10)$$

which shows that  $h(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha$  is given by (5.7).

**THEOREM 8.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  for every  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$h(z) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j f_j(z) \quad (c_j \geq 0) \quad (5.11)$$

is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , where

$$\sum_{j=1}^m c_j = 1. \quad (5.12)$$

**PROOF.** According to the definition of  $h(z)$ , we can write

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m c_j a_{k,j} \right] z^k. \quad (5.13)$$

Further, since  $f_j(z)$  are in  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  for every  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ , we get

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_{k,j} \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha) \quad (5.14)$$

for every  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ . Hence we can see that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m c_j a_{k,j} \right] = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_{k,j} \right]$$

$$\leq \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \right] 2\beta(1-\alpha) = 2\beta(1-\alpha). \quad (5.15)$$

with the aid of (5.12). This proves that the function  $h(z)$  is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  by means of Theorem 1. Thus we have the theorem.

**THEOREM 9.** The class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  is closed under convex linear combination.

**PROOF.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . It is sufficient to show that the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$h(z) = \mu f_1(z) + (1-\mu) f_2(z) \quad (0 \leq \mu \leq 1) \quad (5.16)$$

is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Since, for  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ ,

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [\mu a_{k,1} + (1-\mu) a_{k,2}] z^k, \quad (5.17)$$

with the aid of Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta) k^n [\mu a_{k,1} + (1-\mu) a_{k,2}] \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha) \quad (5.18)$$

which implies that  $h(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

As a consequence of Theorem 9, there exists the extreme points of the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**THEOREM 10.** Let  $f_1(z) = z$  and

$$f_k(z) = z - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} z^k \quad (k \geq 2) \quad (5.19)$$

for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , and  $n \in N_0$ . Then  $f(z)$  is in the class

$P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if it can be expressed in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z) \quad (5.20)$$

where  $\mu_k \geq 0$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k = 1$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} \mu_k z^k. \quad (5.21)$$

Then we get

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \cdot \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} \mu_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \mu_k = 1 - \mu_1 \leq 1. \quad (5.22)$$

By virtue of Theorem 1, this shows that  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

On the other hand, suppose that the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) is in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Again, by using Theorem 1, we can show that

$$a_k \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(1+\beta)k^n} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (5.23)$$

Setting

$$\mu_k = \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_k \quad (k \geq 2), \quad (5.24)$$

and

$$\mu_1 = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \mu_k. \quad (5.25)$$

Hence, we can see that  $f(z)$  can be expressed in the form (5.20).

This completes the proof of Theorem 10.

**COROLLARY 7.** The extreme points of the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  are

the functions  $f_k(z)$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) given by Theorem 10.

### 6. Radii of Close-to-Convexity, Starlikeness and Convexity

**THEOREM 11.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(z)$  is close-to-convex of order  $\rho$  ( $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ) in  $|z| < r_1(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho)$ , where

$$r_1(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho) = \inf_k \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)(1+\beta)k^{n-1}}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (6.1)$$

The result is sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5).

**PROOF.** We must show that  $|f'(z)-1| \leq 1-\rho$  for  $|z| < r_1(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho)$ .

We have

$$|f'(z)-1| \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k a_k |z|^{k-1}.$$

Thus  $|f'(z)-1| \leq 1-\rho$  if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k}{1-\rho} \right) a_k |z|^{k-1} \leq 1. \quad (6.2)$$

According to Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_k \leq 1. \quad (6.3)$$

Hence (6.2) will be true if

$$\frac{k|z|^{k-1}}{(1-\rho)} \leq \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)}$$

or if

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)(1+\beta)k^{n-1}}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (6.4)$$

The theorem follows easily from (6.4).

**THEOREM 12.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(z)$  is starlike of order  $\rho$  ( $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ) in  $|z| < r_2(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho)$ , where

$$r_2(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho) = \inf_k \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)(1+\beta)k^n}{2(k-\rho)\beta(1-\alpha)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (6.5)$$

The result is sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5).

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to show that  $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1 - \rho$  for  $|z| < r_2(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho)$ . We have

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)a_k |z|^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k |z|^{k-1}}.$$

Thus  $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1 - \rho$  if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(k-\rho)a_k |z|^{k-1}}{(1-\rho)} \leq 1. \quad (6.6)$$

Hence, by using (6.3), (6.6) will be true if

$$\frac{(k-\rho)|z|^{k-1}}{(1-\rho)} \leq \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)}$$

or if

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)(1+\beta)k^n}{2(k-\rho)\beta(1-\alpha)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (6.7)$$

The theorem follows easily from (6.7).

**COROLLARY B.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in

the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(z)$  is convex of order  $\rho$  ( $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ) in  $|z| < r_3(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho)$ , where

$$r_3(n, \alpha, \beta, \rho) = \inf_k \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)(1+\beta)k^n}{2(k-\rho)\beta(1-\alpha)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (6.8)$$

The result is sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5).

### 7. Integral Operators

**THEOREM 13.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.6) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , and let  $c$  be a real number such that  $c > -1$ . Then the function  $F(z)$  defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt \quad (7.1)$$

also belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**PROOF.** From the representation of  $F(z)$ , it follows that

$$F(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad (7.2)$$

where

$$b_k = \left[ \frac{c+1}{c+k} \right] a_k. \quad (7.3)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n b_k &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n \left[ \frac{c+1}{c+k} \right] a_k \\ &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1+\beta)k^n a_k \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha), \end{aligned} \quad (7.4)$$

since  $f(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Hence, by Theorem 1,  $F(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .



**THEOREM 14.** Let  $c$  be a real number such that  $c > -1$ . If  $F(z) \in P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then the function defined by (7.1) is univalent in  $|z| < R^*$ , where

$$R^* = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^{n-1}(c+1)}{2\beta(1-\alpha)(c+k)} \right]^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (7.5)$$

The result is sharp.

**PROOF.** Let  $F(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  ( $a_k \geq 0$ ). It follows from (7.1)

that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{z^{1-c} [z^c F(z)]'}{(c+1)} \quad (c > -1) \\ &= z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c+k}{c+1} \right) a_k z^k. \end{aligned} \quad (7.6)$$

In order to obtain the required result it suffices to show that

$$|f'(z) - 1| < 1 \quad \text{in} \quad |z| < R^*.$$

Now

$$|f'(z) - 1| \leq 1 \quad \text{if}$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k(c+k)}{(c+1)} a_k |z|^{k-1} \leq 1. \quad (7.7)$$

Hence by using (6.3), (7.7) will be satisfied if

$$\frac{k(c+k)}{(c+1)} |z|^{k-1} < \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \quad (k \geq 2)$$

or if

$$|z| < \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^{n-1}(c+1)}{2\beta(1-\alpha)(c+k)} \right]^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (7.8)$$

Therefore  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $|z| < R^*$ . Sharpness follows if we

take

$$f(z) = z - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)(c+k)}{(1+\beta)(c+1)k^n} z^k \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (7.9)$$

### 8. Modified Hadamard Products

Let the function  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2$ ) defined by (5.1) The modified Hadamard product of  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  is defined by

$$f_1 * f_2(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} z^k. \quad (8.1)$$

**THEOREM 15.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2$ ) defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f_1 * f_2(z)$  belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \gamma(n, \alpha, \beta), \beta)$ , where

$$\gamma(n, \alpha, \beta) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)}. \quad (8.2)$$

The result is sharp.

**PROOF.** Employing the technique used earlier by Schild and Silverman [5], we need to find the largest  $\gamma = \gamma(n, \alpha, \beta)$  such that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} \leq 1. \quad (8.3)$$

Since

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k,1} \leq 1 \quad (8.4)$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k,2} \leq 1 \quad (8.5)$$

by the Cauchy-Schwarz we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \sqrt{a_{k,1}a_{k,2}} \leq 1. \quad (8.6)$$

Thus it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} a_{k,1}a_{k,2} \leq \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \sqrt{a_{k,1}a_{k,2}} \quad (k \geq 2), \quad (8.7)$$

that is, that

$$\sqrt{a_{k,1}a_{k,2}} \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\gamma}. \quad (8.8)$$

Note that

$$\sqrt{a_{k,1}a_{k,2}} \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n(1+\beta)} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (8.9)$$

Consequently, we need only to prove that

$$\frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n(1+\beta)} \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\gamma} \quad (k \geq 2), \quad (8.10)$$

or, equivalently, that

$$\gamma \leq 1 - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{k^n(1+\beta)} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (8.11)$$

Since

$$A(k) = 1 - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{k^n(1+\beta)} \quad (8.12)$$

is an increasing function of  $k$  ( $k \geq 2$ ), letting  $k=2$  in (8.12), we obtain

$$\gamma \leq A(2) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)}, \quad (8.13)$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 15.

Finally, by taking the functions  $f_j(z)$  given by

$$f_j(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} z^2 \quad (j=1,2), \quad (8.14)$$

we can see that the result is sharp.

**COROLLARY 9.** For  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  as in Theorem 15, we have

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}} z^k \quad (8.15)$$

belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

This result follows from the Cauchy-inequality (8.6). It is sharp for the same functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2$ ) as in Theorem 15.

**THEOREM 16.** Let the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$  and the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \tau, \beta)$ . Then  $f_1 * f_2(z)$  belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \zeta(n, \alpha, \beta, \tau), \beta)$ , where

$$\zeta(n, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\tau)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)}. \quad (8.16)$$

The result is sharp.

**PROOF.** Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 15, we get

$$\zeta \leq B(k) = 1 - \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\tau)}{k^n(1+\beta)} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (8.17)$$

Since the function  $B(k)$  is an increasing function of  $k$  ( $k \geq 2$ ), letting  $k=2$  in (8.17), we obtain

$$\zeta \leq B(2) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\tau)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)}, \quad (8.18)$$

which evidently proves Theorem 16.

Finally, the result is best possible for the functions

$$f_1(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} z^2 \quad (8.19)$$

and

$$f_2(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\tau)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} z^2. \quad (8.20)$$

**COROLLARY 10.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2,3$ ) defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P_j^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f_1 * f_2 * f_3(z)$  belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \eta(n, \alpha, \beta), \beta)$ , where

$$\eta(n, \alpha, \beta) = 1 - \frac{\beta^2(1-\alpha)^3}{2^{2(n-1)}(1+\beta)^2}. \quad (8.21)$$

The result is best possible for the functions

$$f_j(z) = z - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} z^2 \quad (j=1,2,3). \quad (8.22)$$

**PROOF.** From Theorem 15, we have  $f_1 * f_2(z) \in P^*(n, \gamma(n, \alpha, \beta), \beta)$ , where  $\gamma$  is given by (8.2). We now use Theorem 16, we get  $f_1 * f_2 * f_3(z) \in P^*(n, \eta(n, \alpha, \beta), \beta)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(n, \alpha, \beta) &= 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\gamma)}{2^{n-1}(1+\beta)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\beta^2(1-\alpha)^3}{2^{2(n-1)}(1+\beta)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Corollary 10.

**THEOREM 17.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2$ ) defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then the function

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2] z^k, \quad (8.23)$$

belongs to the class  $P^*(n, \phi(n, \alpha, \beta), \beta)$ , where

$$\phi(n, \alpha, \beta) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{2^{n-2}(1+\beta)}. \quad (8.24)$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j=1,2$ ) defined by (8.14).

PROOF. By virtue of Theorem 1, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} \right]^2 a_{k,1} \leq \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k,1} \right]^2 \leq 1 \quad (8.25)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} \right]^2 a_{k,2} \leq \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k,2} \right]^2 \leq 1. \quad (8.26)$$

It follows from (8.25) and (8.26) that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} \right]^2 (a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2) \leq 1. \quad (8.27)$$

Therefore, we need to find the largest  $\phi = \phi(n, \alpha, \beta)$  such that

$$\frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\phi)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(1+\beta)k^n}{2\beta(1-\gamma)} \right]^2 \quad (k \geq 2) \quad (8.28)$$

that is,

$$\phi \leq 1 - \frac{4\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{k^n(1+\beta)} \quad (k \geq 2) . \quad (8.29)$$

Since

$$D(k) = 1 - \frac{4\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{k^n(1+\beta)}$$

is an increasing function of  $k$  ( $k \geq 2$ ), we readily have

$$\phi \leq D(2) = 1 - \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)^2}{2^{n-2}(1+\beta)} ,$$

and Theorem 17 follows at once.

**THEOREM 18.** Let the functions  $f_1(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n_1, \alpha, \beta)$  and the functions  $f_2(z)$  defined by (5.1) be in the class  $P^*(n_2, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f_1 * f_2(z) \in P^*(n_1, \alpha, \beta) \cap P^*(n_2, \alpha, \beta)$ .

PROOF. Since  $f_2(z) \in P^*(n_2, \alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$a_{k,2} \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{c_{2,2}}, \quad (8.30)$$

where

$$c_{k,j} = (1+\beta)k^{n_j}. \quad (j=1,2) \quad (8.31)$$

From Theorem 1, since  $f_1(z) \in P^*(n_1, \alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_{k,1} a_{k,1} \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha). \quad (8.32)$$

Now, from (8.30) and (8.32), we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_{k,1} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{c_{2,2}} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_{k,1} a_{k,1}$$

$$\leq \frac{[2\beta(1-\alpha)]^2}{c_{2,2}} \leq 2\beta(1-\alpha).$$

Since  $\frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{c_{2,2}} \leq 1$ . Hence  $f_1 * f_2(z) \in P^*(n_1, \alpha, \beta)$ . Interchanging  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  by each other in the above, we get  $f_1 * f_2(z) \in P^*(n_2, \alpha, \beta)$ . Hence the theorem.

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