

# Argument Estimates of Meromorphically Multivalent Functions

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The object of the present paper is to obtain some argument properties of meromorphically multivalent functions in the punctured open unit disk. We also derive the integral preserving properties in a sector.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For  $f$  and  $g$  which are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ .

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of all meromorphic functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \cdots + a_{k+p-1}z^k + \cdots \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the annulus  $\mathcal{D} = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . We denote by  $\Sigma_p^*(\beta)$  the subclass of  $\Sigma_p$  consisting of all functions which are meromorphically starlike of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

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The Hadamard product or convolution of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  in  $\Sigma_p$  will be denoted by  $f * g$ .

Let

$$D^{n+p-1}f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^{n+p}} * f(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{D}) \quad (1.1)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} D^{n+p-1}f(z) &= \frac{1}{z^p} \left( \frac{z^{n+2p-1}f(z)}{(n+p-1)!} \right)^{(n+p-1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{z^p} + (n+p)a_0 \frac{1}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{(n+p+1)(n+p)}{2!} a_1 \frac{1}{z^{p-2}} \\ &\quad + \cdots + \frac{(n+k+2p-1) \cdots (n+p)}{(k+p)!} a_{k+p-1} z^k \\ &\quad + \cdots \quad (z \in \mathcal{D}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is any integer greater than  $-p$ .

For various interesting developments involving the operators  $D^{n+p-1}$  for functions belonging to  $\Sigma_p$ , the reader may be referred to the recent works of author [1], Uralegaddi and Path [7], and others [8,9].

Let

$$\Sigma_p^*[n; A, B] = \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'(z)}{D^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec p \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . In particular, we note that  $\Sigma_p^*[-p+1; 1, -1]$  is the well known class of meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlike functions. From (1.2), we observe [6] that a function  $f$  is in  $\Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'(z)}{D^{n+p-1}f(z)} + \frac{p(1-AB)}{1-B^2} \right| \\ &< \frac{p(A-B)}{1-B^2} \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathcal{U}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

The object of the present paper is to give some argument estimates of meromorphically multivalent functions belonging to  $\Sigma_p$  and the integral

preserving properties in connection with the differential operators  $D^{n+p-1}$  defined by (1.1).

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

To establish our main results, we need the following lemmas.

LEMMA 2.1 [2] *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$  ( $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ). If  $q$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , then*

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*implies*

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

LEMMA 2.2 [4] *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\lambda(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda(z) \geq 0$ . If  $q$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $q(0) = h(0)$ , then*

$$q(z) + \lambda(z)zq'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*implies*

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

LEMMA 2.3 [5] *Let  $q$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $q(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that*

$$|\arg q(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0| \tag{2.1}$$

*and*

$$|\arg q(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1). \tag{2.2}$$

*Then we have*

$$\frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = i k \alpha, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \text{when } \arg q(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha, \quad (2.4)$$

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \text{when } \arg q(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$q(z_0)^{1/\alpha} = \pm ia \quad (a > 0). \quad (2.6)$$

At first, with the help of Lemma 2.1, we obtain the following

**PROPOSITION 2.1** *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} h$  be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . If  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies the condition*

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < (n+2p)/p$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Proof* Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)}.$$

By using the equation

$$z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = (n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z), \quad (2.7)$$

we get

$$q(z) - \frac{n+2p}{p} = -\frac{(n+p)D^{n+1}f(z)}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)}. \quad (2.8)$$

Taking logarithmic derivatives in both sides of (2.8) and multiplying by  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{-pq(z) + n + 2p} + q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

From Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $q(z) \prec h(z)$  for  $\text{Re}(-h(z) + (n + 2p)/p) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ), which means

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \text{Re } h(z) < (n + 2p)/p$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2** *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\text{Re } h$  be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $F$  be the integral operator defined by*

$$F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} f(t) dt \quad (c > 0). \tag{2.9}$$

*If  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies the condition*

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

*then*

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \text{Re } h(z) < (c + p)/p$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).*

*Proof* From (2.9), we have

$$z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))' = cD^{n+p-1}f(z) - (c + p)D^{n+p-1}F(z). \tag{2.10}$$

Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)}.$$

Then, by using (2.10), we get

$$q(z) - (c + p) = -c \frac{D^{n+p-1}f(z)}{D^{n+p-1}F(z)}. \tag{2.11}$$

Taking logarithmic derivatives in both sides of (2.11) and multiplying by  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{-pq(z) + (c + p)} + q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < (c + p)/p$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Remark* Taking  $p = 1$  and  $h(z) = (1 + z)/(1 - z)$  in Propositions 2.1 and 2.2, we have the results obtained by Ganigi and Uralegaddi [3].

Applying Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and Proposition 2.1, we now derive

**THEOREM 2.1** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . Choose an integer  $n$  such that*

$$n \geq \frac{p(1 + A)}{1 + B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n + 1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( (\alpha \sin \pi/2(1 - t(A, B))) \right. \\ \left. / (((n + 2p)(1 - B) + A - 1)/(1 - B)) \right. \\ \left. + \alpha \cos \pi/2(1 - t(A, B)) \right) \tag{2.12}$$

when

$$t(A, B) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{p(A - B)}{(n + 2p)(1 - B^2) - p(1 - AB)} \right). \tag{2.13}$$

*Proof* Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

By (2.7), we have

$$(p - \gamma)zq'(z)D^{n+p-1}g(z) + (1 - \gamma)q(z)z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))' \\ - (n + 2p)z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' \\ = -(n + p)z(D^{n+p}f(z))' - \gamma z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))'(z). \tag{2.14}$$

Dividing (2.14) by  $D^{n+p-1}g(z)$  and simplifying, we get

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{-r(z) + n + 2p} = -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} + \gamma \right), \tag{2.15}$$

where

$$r(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)}.$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n + 1; A, B]$ , from Proposition 2.1, we have

$$r(z) \prec p \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Using (1.3), we have

$$-r(z) + n + 2p = \rho e^{i(\pi/2)\phi},$$

where

$$\frac{(n+2p)(1+B) - (1+A)}{1+B} < \rho < \frac{(n+2p)(1-B) + A - 1}{1-B},$$

$$-t(A, B) < \phi < t(A, B)$$

when  $t(A, B)$  is given by (2.13). Let  $h$  be a function which maps  $\mathcal{U}$  onto the angular domain  $\{w: |\arg w| < (\pi/2)\delta\}$  with  $h(0) = 1$ . Applying Lemma 2.2 for this  $h$  with  $\lambda(z) = 1/(-r(z) + n + 2p)$ , we see that  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and hence  $q(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that the conditions (2.1) and (2.2) are satisfied, then (by Lemma 2.3) we obtain (2.3) under the restrictions (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6).

At first, suppose that  $q(z_0)^{1/\alpha} = ia (a > 0)$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left[ -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+p}f(z_0))'}{D^{n+p}g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right] \\ &= \arg \left( q(z_0) + \frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{-r(z_0) + n + 2p} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \arg(1 + i\alpha k (\rho e^{i(\pi/2)\phi})^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\eta k \sin \pi/2(1-\phi)}{\rho + \alpha k \cos \pi/2(1-\phi)} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( (\alpha \sin \pi/2(1-t(A, B))) / (((n+2p)(1-B) + A - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. / ((1-B) + \alpha \cos \pi/2(1-t(A, B)))) \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \delta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  and  $t(A, B)$  are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively. This is a contradiction to the assumption of our theorem.



Next, suppose that  $p(z_0)^{1/\alpha} = -ia$  ( $a > 0$ ). Applying the same method as the above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left[ -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+p}f(z_0))'}{D^{n+p}g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right] \\ & \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha - \tan^{-1} \left( (\alpha \sin \pi/2(1-t(A,B))) \right. \\ & \quad \left. / (((n+2p)(1-B) + A - 1) \right. \\ & \quad \left. / (1-B) + \alpha \cos \pi/2(1-t(A,B))) \right) \\ & = -\frac{\pi}{2}\delta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  and  $t(A, B)$  are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively, which contradicts the assumption. Therefore we complete the proof of our theorem.

Letting  $A = 1, B = 0$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

**COROLLARY 2.1** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p)$$

*for some  $g \in \Sigma_p$  satisfying the condition*

$$\left| \frac{z(D^{n+p}g(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} + p \right| < p,$$

*then*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} \right\} > \gamma.$$

Taking  $A = 1, B = 0$  and  $g(z) = 1/z^p$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

**COROLLARY 2.2** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . If*

$$|\arg[-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p}f(z))' - \gamma]| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p; 0 < \delta \leq 1),$$

then

$$|\arg[-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' - \gamma]| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta.$$

Making  $n = 0$ ,  $p = 1$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Corollary 2.2, we have

**COROLLARY 2.3** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_1$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re}\{z^2(zf''(z) + 3f'(z))\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1),$$

then

$$-\operatorname{Re}\{z^2f'(z)\} > \gamma.$$

By the same techniques as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we obtain

**THEOREM 2.2** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . Choose an integer  $n$  such that*

$$n \geq \frac{p(1+A)}{1+B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{(D^{n+p}g(z))} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (\gamma > p, 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n+1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation given by (2.12).

Next, we prove

**THEOREM 2.3** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and choose a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$c \geq \frac{1+A}{1+B} - p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha,$$

where  $F$  is the integral operator given by (2.9),

$$G(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} g(t) dt \quad (c > 0), \tag{2.16}$$

and  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} & \left( ((\alpha \sin \pi/2(1 - t(A, B, c))) \right. \\ & \left. / (((c + p)(1 - B) + A - 1) \right. \\ & \left. / (1 - B) + \alpha \cos \pi/2(1 - t(A, B, c))) \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

when

$$t(A, B, c) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{p(A - B)}{(c + p)(1 - B^2) - p(1 - AB)} \right).$$

*Proof* Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n G(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , from Proposition 2.2,  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ . Using (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (p - \gamma)q(z)D^{n+p-1}G(z) - (c + p)D^{n+p-1}F(z) \\ = -cD^{n+p-1}f(z) - \gamma D^{n+p-1}G(z). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by a simple calculation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (p - \gamma)(zq'(z) + q(z)(-r(z) + c + p)) + \gamma(-r(z) + c + p) \\ &= -\frac{cz(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$r(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}G(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)}.$$

Hence we have

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{-r(z) + c + p} = -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 and so we omit it.

Letting  $n = -p + 1$ ,  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**COROLLARY 2.4** *Let  $c > 0$  and  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p)$$

*for some  $g \in \Sigma_p$  satisfying the condition*

$$\left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + p \right| < p,$$

*then*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} > \gamma,$$

*where  $F$  and  $G$  are given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively.*

Taking  $n = 0$ ,  $B \rightarrow A$  and  $g(z) = 1/z^p$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**COROLLARY 2.5** *Let  $c > 0$  and  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . If*

$$|\arg(-z^{p+1}f'(z) - \gamma)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta, \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

then

$$|\arg(-z^{p+1}F'(z) - \gamma)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $F$  is the integral operator given by (2.9) and  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{c+p-1} \right).$$

By using the same methods as in proving Theorem 2.3, we have

**THEOREM 2.4** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and choose a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$c \geq \frac{1+A}{1+B} - p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (\gamma > p; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively, and  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation given by (2.17).

Finally, we derive

**THEOREM 2.5** *Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . Choose an integer  $n$  such that*

$$n \geq \frac{p(1+A)}{1+B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < p; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p}F(z))'}{D^{n+p}G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta,$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are given by (2.9) and (2.16) with  $c = n + p$ , respectively.

*Proof* From (2.7) and (2.8) with  $c = n + p$ , we have  $D^{n+p-1}f(z) = D^{n+p}F(z)$ . Therefore

$$\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} = \frac{z(D^{n+p}F(z))'}{D^{n+p}G(z)}$$

and the result follows.

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