

# A note on a subclass of analytic functions defined by a generalized Sălăgean and Ruscheweyh operator

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## Abstract

By means of Sălăgean differential operator and Ruscheweyh derivative we define a new class  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$  involving functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ . Parallel results, for some related classes including the class of starlike and convex functions respectively, are also obtained.

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## 1 Introduction and definitions

Let  $\mathcal{A}_n$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} a_j z^j$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  the space of holomorphic functions in  $U$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the subclass of functions that are univalent in  $U$ .

By  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  we denote a subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_n$  consisting of starlike univalent functions of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  which satisfies

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

Further, a function  $f$  belonging to  $\mathcal{S}$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $U$ , if and only if

$$(3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right) > \alpha, \quad z \in U,$$

for some  $\alpha$ , ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). We denote by  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ , the class of functions in  $\mathcal{S}$  which are convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $U$  and denote by  $\mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  the class of functions in  $\mathcal{A}_n$  which satisfy

$$(4) \quad \operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

It is well known that  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}$ .

If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $U$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$ , if there is a function  $w$  analytic in  $U$ , with  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in U$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$  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  $S^m$  be the Sălăgean differential operator [8],  $S^m : \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , defined as

$$\begin{aligned} S^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ S^1 f(z) &= Sf(z) = zf'(z) \\ S^m f(z) &= S(S^{m-1}f(z)) = z(S^m f(z))', \quad z \in U. \end{aligned}$$

In [7] Ruscheweyh has defined the operator  $R^m : \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,

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

Let  $D_\lambda^m$  be a generalized Sălăgean and Ruscheweyh operator introduced by A. Alb Lupaş in [1],  $D_\lambda^m : \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , defined as

$$D_\lambda^m f(z) = (1 - \lambda)R^m f(z) + \lambda S^m f(z), \quad z \in U, \lambda \geq 0.$$

We note that if  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ , then

$$D_\lambda^m f(z) = z + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} (\lambda j^m + (1 - \lambda) C_{m+j-1}^m) a_j z^j, \quad z \in U, \lambda \geq 0.$$

For  $\lambda = 1$ , we get the Sălăgean operator [8] and for  $\lambda = 0$  we get the Ruscheweyh operator [7].

To prove our main theorem we shall need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** [6] *Let  $p$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and suppose that*

$$(5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z)} \right) > \frac{3\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}, \quad z \in U.$$

*Then  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \alpha$  for  $z \in U$  and  $1/2 \leq \alpha < 1$ .*

## 2 Main results

**Definition 1** *We say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  is in the class  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  if*

$$(6) \quad \left| \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)}{z} \left( \frac{z}{D_\lambda^m f(z)} \right)^\mu - 1 \right| < 1 - \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

**Remark 1** The family  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$  is a new comprehensive class of analytic functions which includes various new classes of analytic univalent functions as well as some very well-known ones. For example,  $\mathcal{BL}(0, 1, \alpha, 1) \equiv \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ ,  $\mathcal{BL}(1, 1, \alpha, 1) \equiv \mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{BL}(0, 0, \alpha, 1) \equiv \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ . Another interesting subclasses are the special case  $\mathcal{BL}(0, 2, \alpha, 1) \equiv \mathcal{B}(\alpha)$  which has been introduced by Frasin and Darus [5], the class  $\mathcal{BL}(0, \mu, \alpha, 1) \equiv \mathcal{B}(\mu, \alpha)$  introduced by Frasin and Jahangiri [6], the class  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, 1) = \mathcal{BS}(m, \mu, \alpha)$  introduced and studied by A. Cătaş and A. Alb Lupaş [4] and the class  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, 0) = \mathcal{BR}(m, \mu, \alpha)$  introduced and studied by A. Cătaş and A. Alb Lupaş [1].

In this note we provide a sufficient condition for functions to be in the class  $\mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$ . Consequently, as a special case, we show that convex functions of order  $1/2$  are also members of the above defined family.

**Theorem 1** For the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $1/2 \leq \alpha < 1$  if

$$(7) \quad \frac{(m+2)(1-\lambda)R^{m+2}f(z) - (m+1)(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) + \lambda S^{m+2}f(z)}{(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) + \lambda S^{m+1}f(z)} - \mu \frac{(m+1)(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) - m(1-\lambda)R^m f(z) + \lambda S^{m+1}f(z)}{(1-\lambda)R^m f(z) + \lambda S^m f(z)} + \mu < 1 + \beta z, \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{3\alpha - 1}{2\alpha},$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$ .

**Proof.** If we consider

$$(8) \quad p(z) = \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}f(z)}{z} \left( \frac{z}{D_\lambda^m f(z)} \right)^\mu,$$

then  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . A simple differentiation yields

$$(9) \quad \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{(m+2)(1-\lambda)R^{m+2}f(z) - (m+1)(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) + \lambda S^{m+2}f(z)}{(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) + \lambda S^{m+1}f(z)} - \mu \frac{(m+1)(1-\lambda)R^{m+1}f(z) - m(1-\lambda)R^m f(z) + \lambda S^{m+1}f(z)}{(1-\lambda)R^m f(z) + \lambda S^m f(z)} - 1 + \mu.$$

Using (7) we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right) > \frac{3\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}.$$

Thus, from Lemma 1 we deduce that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}f(z)}{z} \left( \frac{z}{D_\lambda^m f(z)} \right)^\mu \right\} > \alpha.$$

Therefore,  $f \in \mathcal{BL}(m, \mu, \alpha, \lambda)$ , by Definition 1.

As a consequence of the above theorem we have the following interesting corollaries [2].

**Corollary 1** *If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and*

$$(10) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{9zf''(z) + \frac{7}{2}z^2f'''(z)}{f'(z) + \frac{1}{2}zf''(z)} - \frac{2zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > -\frac{5}{2}, \quad z \in U,$$

*then*

$$(11) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \frac{3}{7}, \quad z \in U.$$

*That is,  $f$  is convex of order  $\frac{3}{7}$ .*

**Corollary 2** *If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and*

$$(12) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$(13) \quad \operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

In another words, if the function  $f$  is convex of order  $\frac{1}{2}$  then  $f \in \mathcal{BL}(0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1) \equiv \mathcal{R}(\frac{1}{2})$ .

**Corollary 3** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and

$$(14) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > -\frac{3}{2}, \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$(15) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

That is,  $f$  is a starlike function of order  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Corollary 4** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and

$$(16) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2zf''(z) + z^2f'''(z)}{f'(z) + zf''(z)} - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U,$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{BL}(1, 1, 1/2, 1)$  hence

$$(17) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

That is,  $f$  is convex of order  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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