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## COEFFICIENT INEQUALITIES FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEROMORPHICALLY STARLIKE AND MEROMORPHICALLY CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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## Abstract

Let  $\Sigma_r$  be the class of meromorphic functions  $f(z)$  in  $\mathbb{D}_r$  with a simple pole at the origin. Two subclasses  $T_r^*(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  of  $\Sigma_r$  are considered. Some coefficient properties of functions  $f(z)$  to be in the classes  $T_r^*(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  of  $\Sigma_r$  are discussed. Also, the starlikeness and the convexity of functions  $f(z)$  in  $\Sigma_r$  are discussed.

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# 1. Introduction

Let  $\Sigma_r$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form:

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

which are analytic in the punctured disk  $\mathbb{D}_r = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < r \leq 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  if it satisfies the inequality:

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}_r)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). We say that  $f(z)$  is in the class  $\mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  for such functions. A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  if it satisfies the inequality:

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ - \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}_r)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). We say that  $f(z)$  is in the class  $\mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  if it is convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{D}_r$ . We note that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  if and only if  $-zf'(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ . There are many papers discussing various properties of classes consisting of univalent, starlike, convex, multivalent, and meromorphic functions in the book by Srivastava and Owa [3].

Ozaki [2] has shown that the necessary and sufficient condition that  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  with  $a_n \geq 0$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) is meromorphic and univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_r$  is that



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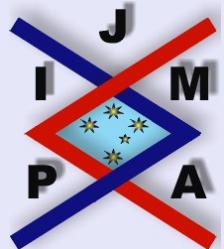
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there should exist the relation:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n r^{n+1} \leq 1$$

between its coefficients.

Our results in the present paper are an improvement and extension of the above theorem by Ozaki [2].



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## 2. Coefficient Inequalities for Functions

Our first result for the functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  is contained in

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  satisfies*

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+k+|2\alpha+n-k|)|a_n|r^{n+1} \leq 2(1-\alpha)$$

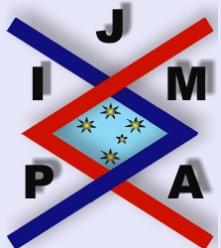
for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) and  $k$  ( $\alpha < k \leq 1$ ), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* For  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} |zf'(z) + kf(z)| - |zf'(z) + (2\alpha - k)f(z)| \\ = \left| (k-1)\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+k)a_n z^n \right| \\ - \left| (2\alpha - k - 1)\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2\alpha + n - k)a_n z^n \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, applying the condition of the theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} r|zf'(z) + kf(z)| - r|zf'(z) + (2\alpha - k)f(z)| \\ \leq (k-1) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+k)|a_n|r^{n+1} - (k+1-2\alpha) \\ + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |2\alpha + n - k||a_n|r^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$



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$$= 2(\alpha - 1) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + k + |2\alpha + n - k|) |a_n| r^{n+1} \\ \leqq 0,$$

which shows that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + k + |2\alpha + n - k|) |a_n| r^{n+1} \leqq 2(1 - \alpha).$$

It follows from the above that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z) + kf(z)}{zf'(z) + (2\alpha - k)f(z)} \right| \leqq 1,$$

so that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}_r).$$

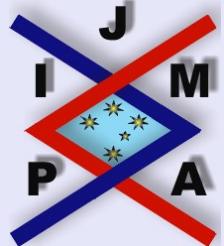
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Letting  $k = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  satisfies*

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + \alpha) |a_n| r^{n+1} \leqq 1 - \alpha$$

*for some  $\alpha$  ( $\frac{1}{2} \leqq \alpha < 1$ ), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ .*




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Theorem 2.1 gives us the following results.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  be given by (1.1) with  $a_n = |a_n|e^{-\frac{n+1}{2\pi}i}$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + \alpha) |a_n| r^{n+1} \leq 1 - \alpha$$

for some  $\alpha (\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1)$ .

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 2.1, we see that if the coefficient inequality (2.3) holds true for some  $\alpha (\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1)$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ .

Conversely, let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $\mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ , then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n+1}}{1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+1}} \right) > \alpha$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}_r$ . Letting  $z = re^{\frac{1}{2\pi}i}$ , we have that  $a_n z^{n+1} = |a_n|r^{n+1}$ . This implies that

$$1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n |a_n| r^{n+1} \geq \alpha \left( 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| r^{n+1} \right),$$

which is equivalent to (2.3).  $\square$

**Example 2.1.** The function  $f(z)$  given by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + a_0 + \left( \frac{1 - \alpha - \alpha |a_0|}{n + \alpha} \right) e^{i\theta} z^n$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  for some real  $\theta$  with  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{1+|a_0|} < 1$ .




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**Remark 2.1.** If  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  with  $a_0 = 0$ , then Corollary 2.3 holds true for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ).

**Corollary 2.4.** Let the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  be given by (1.1) with  $a_n \geq 0$ , then  $f(z) \in T_r^*(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + \alpha) a_n r^{n+1} \leq 1 - \alpha$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1$ ).

**Remark 2.2.** If  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  with  $a_0 = 0$ , then Corollary 2.4 holds true for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

**Remark 2.3.** Juneja and Reddy [1] have given that  $f(z) \in \Sigma_1$  with  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n \geq 0$  belongs to the class  $T_1^*(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n + \alpha) a_n \leq 1 - \alpha.$$

**Theorem 2.5.** If  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n + \alpha) |a_n| r^{n+1} \leq 1 - \alpha$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ), then  $f(z)$  belongs to the class  $C_r(\alpha)$ .




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*Proof.* Noting that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  if and only if  $-zf'(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$ , and that

$$-zf'(z) = \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n z^n,$$

we complete the proof of the theorem with the aid of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** Let the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  be given by (1.1) with  $a_n = |a_n|e^{-\frac{n+1}{2\pi}i}$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  if and only if the inequality (2.4) holds true for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ).

**Example 2.2.** The function  $f(z)$  given by

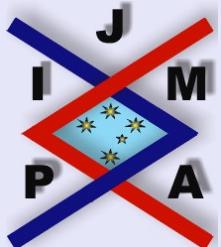
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + a_0 + \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{n(n+\alpha)} \right) e^{i\theta} z^n$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  for some real  $\theta$  with  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** Let the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  be given by (1.1) with  $a_n \geq 0$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\alpha)a_n r^{n+1} \leq 1 - \alpha$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ).




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### 3. Starlikeness and Convexity of Functions

We consider the radius problems for starlikeness and convexity of functions  $f(z)$  belonging to the class  $\Sigma_r$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  belongs to the class  $T_r^*(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_0$ , where  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of the equation*

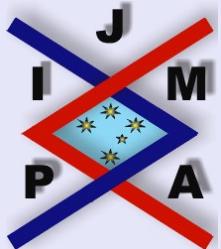
$$(3.1) \quad \alpha|a_0|r^3 - (\delta + 1 - \alpha)r^2 - \alpha|a_0|r + 1 - \alpha = 0,$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \delta = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|a_n|^2} + \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}|a_n|^2}.$$

*Proof.* Using the Cauchy inequality, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n + \alpha)|a_n|r^{n+1} \\ &= \alpha|a_0|r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|r^{n+1} \\ &\leq \alpha|a_0|r + \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|a_n|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr^{2n+2}} + \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}|a_n|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr^{2n+2}} \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \alpha|a_0|r + \sqrt{\frac{r^4}{(1-r^2)^2} \left( \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|a_n|^2} + \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}|a_n|^2} \right)}$$

$$= \alpha|a_0|r + \frac{r^2}{1-r^2}\delta < 1-\alpha,$$

where  $\delta$  is given by (3.2). Therefore, an application of Corollary 2.2 gives us that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_0$ .  $\square$

Letting  $a_0 = 0$  in Theorem 3.1, we have

**Corollary 3.2.** *A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  with  $a_0 = 0$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_0$ , where*

$$r_0 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\delta}{\delta + 1 - \alpha}}$$

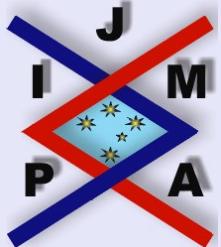
and  $\delta$  is given by (3.2).

**Example 3.1.** If we consider the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} e^{i\theta_n} z^n \quad (\theta_n \text{ is real}),$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_r^*(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_0$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}} + \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}} \\ &= \sqrt{\zeta(2)} + \alpha \sqrt{\zeta(4)} = \pi \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\pi\alpha}{3\sqrt{10}} \right). \end{aligned}$$




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Further, letting  $\alpha = 0$ , we have that

$$\delta = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{6}} \approx 1.282550$$

and

$$r_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6} + \pi}} \approx 0.661896.$$

Finally, for convexity of functions  $f(z)$ , we derive

**Theorem 3.3.** A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_r$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_1$ , where

$$r_1 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma + 1 - \alpha}}$$

and

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 |a_n|^2} + \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2}.$$

**Example 3.2.** Let us consider the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} e^{i\theta_n} z^n \quad (\theta_n \text{ is real}).$$

We see that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_r(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq r < r_0$  with

$$\delta = \pi \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\pi \alpha}{3\sqrt{10}} \right).$$




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