

## Differential Subordination Properties of Sokół-Stankiewicz Starlike Functions

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ABSTRACT. Let  $p(z)$  be an analytic function defined on the open unit disk  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $p(0) = 1$ . Condition  $\beta$  in terms of complex numbers  $D$  and real  $E$  with  $-1 < E < 1$  and  $|D| \leq 1$  is determined such that  $1 + \beta zp'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ . Furthermore, the expression  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p(z)}$  and  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p^2(z)}$  are considered in obtaining similar results.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  denote the class of all analytic functions  $f$  in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{D} := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalised by  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ . An analytic function  $f$  is subordinate to an analytic function  $g$ , written  $f(z) \prec g(z) (z \in \mathbf{D})$ , if there exists an analytic function  $w$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$  and  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . In particular, if  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbf{D}$ , then  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  is equivalent to  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathbf{D}) \subset g(\mathbf{D})$ .

Sokół and Stankiewicz [6] introduced the class  $SL^*$  consisting of normalised analytic functions  $f$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  satisfying the condition  $\left| \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right]^2 - 1 \right| < 1, z \in \mathbf{D}$ . Geometrically, a function  $f \in SL^*$  if  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is in the interior of the right half of the lemniscate of Bernoulli  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 2(x^2 - y^2) = 0$ . A function in the class  $SL^*$  is

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called Sokół-Stankiewicz starlike function. Alternatively, we can also write

$$f \in SL^* \Leftrightarrow \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \sqrt{1+z}.$$

Properties of functions in  $SL^*$  have intensively been studied by authors in [4], [7], [8], [9] and [10].

Next, we denote  $S^*[A, B]$  as the class of Janowski starlike functions introduced by Janowski [1] and it consists of functions  $f \in A$  satisfying

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1).$$

For analytic function  $p(z)$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  with  $p(0) = 1$ , Nunokawa et. al. [3] investigated and established the relation  $1 + zp'(z) \prec 1 + z$  implies  $p(z) \prec 1 + z$ . Ali et. al. [5] extended this result and obtained conditions for which  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$ . Recently, in [4], condition for which  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$  were determined. Motivated by these studies, this paper considers ascertaining condition so that  $1 + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  implies  $p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ . Other results involving the expression  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p(z)}$  and  $1 + \frac{\beta zp'(z)}{p^2(z)}$  were also looked at.

## 2. Main Results

In proving our results, the following lemma proved by Miller and Mocanu is used.

**Lemma 2.1** ([2], p. 135. *Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\mathbf{D}$  and let  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $q(\mathbf{D})$ . Let  $zq'(z)\varphi[q(z)]$  be starlike. If  $p$  is analytic in  $D$ ,  $p(0) = q(0)$  and satisfies  $zp'(z)\varphi[p(z)] \prec zq'(z)\varphi[q(z)]$  then  $p \prec q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.*

Our first result is as follows:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $p$  be an analytic function on  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $p(0) = 1$ .*

*Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$  where  $-1 < E < 1$  and  $|D| \leq 1$ .*

*If*

$$1 + \beta zp'(z) \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez},$$

*then*

$$p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$  with  $q(0) = 1, q : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow C$ . Since  $q(\mathbf{D})$  is a convex set thus  $q$  is a convex function which implies  $zq'(z)$  is starlike with respect to 0.

Lemma 2.1 suggests

$$1 + \beta zp'(z) \prec 1 + \beta zq'(z) \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z),$$

so to prove our result, it is suffice to show

$$s(z) = \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \prec 1 + \beta zq'(z) = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2\sqrt{1+z}} = h(z).$$

Since  $s^{-1}(w) = \frac{w-1}{D-Ew}$ , then

$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2\sqrt{1+z}(D-E) - \beta Ez} .$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |s^{-1}[h(z)]| &= |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \\ &= \frac{\beta}{|2\sqrt{1+e^{i\theta}}(D-E) - \beta Ee^{i\theta}|} \\ &\geq \frac{\beta}{2|\sqrt{1+e^{i\theta}}||D-E| + \beta|E|} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2|\cos\frac{\theta}{2}||D-E| + \beta|E|}} \end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that the above expression is minimum when  $\theta = 0$ .

Thus

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \geq \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2}|D-E| + \beta|E|} \geq 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{D} \subset s^{-1}[h(\mathbf{D})]$  or  $s(\mathbf{D}) \subset h(\mathbf{D})$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ . Hence, the result is proven.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$  where  $-1 < E < 1$ ,  $|D| \leq 1$ , and  $f \in A$ .

i) If  $f$  satisfies the following

$$1 + \beta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez}$$

then  $f \in SL^*$ .

ii) If  $1 + \beta z f''(z) \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez}$  then  $f'(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  and using Theorem 2.1, the first part of Corollary 2.1 is proved. The second part of our results in Corollary 2.1 can be derived by letting  $p(z) = f'(z)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $p$  be an analytic function in  $D$  and  $p(0) = 1$ . Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$  and  $|D| \leq 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . Elementary calculation will show that  $\frac{\beta z q'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)}$  is starlike. Thus, Lemma 2.1 can be applied as

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z).$$

Next, we prove the subordination

$$s(z) = \frac{1+Dz}{1+Ez} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)} = h(z).$$

$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)(D-E) - \beta E z}.$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |s^{-1}[h(z)]| &= |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \\ &= \frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})(D-E) - \beta E e^{i\theta}|} \\ &\geq \frac{\beta}{|2(1+e^{i\theta})||D-E| + \beta|E|} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{4|\cos \frac{\theta}{2}||D-E| + \beta|E|} \end{aligned}$$

A straight forward computation verifies that the above expression is minimum when  $\theta = 0$ .

Then

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \geq \frac{\beta}{4|(D-E)| + \beta|E|} \geq 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{4|(D-E)|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Hence  $s(D) \subset h(D)$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$  and  $|D| \leq 1$ ,

i)

$$1 + \beta \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow f \in SL^* .$$

ii)

$$1 + \beta \left[ \frac{(zf(z))''}{f'(z)} - \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)} \prec \sqrt{1+z} .$$

*Proof.* Letting  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in (i) and  $p(z) = \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)}$  in (ii) and applying Theorem 2.2 proves the results.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$  and  $|D| \leq 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \sqrt{1+z} .$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ , which implies  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)}$  is starlike.

Using Lemma 2.1,

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec q(z) .$$

Next, let  $h(z) = 1 + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

$$s^{-1}[h(z)] = \frac{\beta z}{2(1+z)^{\frac{3}{2}}(D-E) - \beta Ez} .$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |s^{-1}[h(z)]| &= |s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \\ &= \frac{\beta}{|2(1 + e^{i\theta})^{\frac{3}{2}}(D - E) - \beta E e^{i\theta}|} \\ &\geq \frac{\beta}{|2(1 + e^{i\theta})^{\frac{3}{2}}||D - E| + \beta|E|} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{2|(2\cos\frac{\theta}{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}||D - E| + \beta|E|} \end{aligned}$$

As in previous case, the above expression is minimum when  $\theta = 0$ . Then

$$|s^{-1}[h(z)]| \geq \frac{\beta}{4\sqrt{2}|(D - E)| + \beta|E|} \geq 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{4\sqrt{2}|(D-E)|}{(1-|E|)}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{D} \subset s^{-1}[h(\mathbf{D})]$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{4\sqrt{2}|D-E|}{(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$ ,  $|D| \leq 1$  and  $f \in A$ ,

$$1 - \beta + \beta \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}} \right] \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow f \in SL^*.$$

*Proof.* The result is obtained by taking  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $p$  be an analytic function in  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $p(0) = 1$ .

Let  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $\beta_0 = \frac{|1+A||1+B||D-E|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$ ,  $|D| \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \Rightarrow p(z) \prec \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right)^\alpha.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q(z) = \left( \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right)^\alpha$ , Then

$$\frac{\beta z q'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{\beta \alpha z (A - B)}{(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)} = Q(z)$$

It can easily be verified that  $Q(z)$  is starlike. Lemma 2.1, we prove the subordination

$$s(z) = \frac{1 + Dz}{1 + Ez} \prec 1 + \beta \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} = 1 + \frac{\beta \alpha z (A - B)}{(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)} = h(z)$$

Since  $s^{-1}(w) = \frac{w-1}{D-Ew}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |s^{-1}[h(z)]| &= \left| \frac{\beta \alpha z (A - B)}{[(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)(D - E)] - \beta \alpha z E (A - B)} \right| \\ &\geq \frac{|\beta \alpha z (A - B)|}{|[(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)(D - E)] + |\beta \alpha z E (A - B)|}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$|s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \geq \frac{\beta \alpha |A - B|}{|[(1 + Ae^{i\theta})(1 + Be^{i\theta})(D - E)] + \beta \alpha |E(A - B)|}$$

with minimum value being attained at  $\theta = 0$ .

Hence

$$|s^{-1}[h(e^{i\theta})]| \geq \frac{\beta \alpha |A - B|}{|[(1 + A)(1 + B)(D - E)] + \beta \alpha |E(A - B)|} \geq 1$$

for  $\beta \geq \frac{\|(1+A)(1+B)(D-E)\|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$  implies  $s(z) \prec h(z)$  and the result is obtained.  $\square$

**Remark.** Theorem 2.4 is reduced to Theorem 2.2 when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $A = 1$  and  $B = 0$ .

Finally, we state the next obvious result.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $\beta_0 = \frac{|1+A||1+B||D-E|}{\alpha|A-B|(1-|E|)}$ ,  $-1 < E < 1$ ,  $|D| \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ .

$$1 + \beta \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \prec \frac{1+Dz}{1+ Ez} \Rightarrow \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \left( \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right)^\alpha.$$

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