

## SUFFICIENCY CRITERIA FOR A CLASS OF $p$ -VALENT ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX ORDER

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In this paper we obtain extensions of sufficient conditions for analytic functions  $f(z)$  in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$  to be starlike and convex of complex order. Our results unify and extend some starlikeness and convexity conditions for analytic functions discussed by Mocanu [4], Uyanik et al. [6], Goyal et al. [2] and others.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p(n)$  be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p, n \in N := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}) \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathcal{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$$

In particular  $\mathcal{A}_1(n) = \mathcal{A}(n)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_1(1) = \mathcal{A}$

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only if it satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \right] > 0 \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \quad (2)$$

we denote by  $\mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ , the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p(n)$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  which are starlike of complex order  $b$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and in particular

$\mathcal{S}_1^*(1; b) = \mathcal{S}^*(b)$  is the subclass of starlike functions of complex order  $b$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_1^*(n; 1) = \mathcal{S}^*$  is the subclass of starlike functions.

A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  is said to be convex of complex order  $b$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  if and only if it satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p + 1 \right) \right] > 0 \quad (3)$$

we denote by  $\mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ , the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p(n)$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  which are convex of complex order  $b$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and in particular

$\mathcal{C}_1(1; b) = \mathcal{C}(b)$  is the subclass of convex functions of complex order  $b$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ;

$\mathcal{C}_1(n; 1) = \mathcal{C}$  is the subclass of convex functions.

## 2. Conditions for starlikeness of complex order $b$

In order to consider the starlikeness of complex order  $b$  for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$ . We need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [5]). *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  satisfies the condition*

$$\left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| < \frac{n}{n+1}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (4)$$

then

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([3]). *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  satisfies the condition*

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_n \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where  $\delta_n$  is the unique root of the equation

$$2 \tan^{-1} [n(1 - \delta_n)] + \pi(1 - 2\delta_n) = 0 \quad (5)$$

then

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$$

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies*

$$\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left( z^{\frac{1-p+b}{b}} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - pz^{\frac{1-p}{b}} \right) \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} |b|$$

for some  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* Let us define a function  $h(z)$  by

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} = z + \frac{a_{p+n}}{b} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (6)$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$ . Then  $h(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ .

Differentiating (6) logarithmically, we find that

$$\frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{(p-b)}{z} \right] \quad (7)$$

which gives

$$\left| h'(z) - \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left( z^{\frac{1-p+b}{b}} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - pz^{\frac{1-p}{b}} \right) \right|. \quad (8)$$

Thus using the condition given with the theorem, we get

$$\left| h'(z) - \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (9)$$

Hence using the Lemma 2.1, we have  $h(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$ . From (7), we infer that

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} = 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \quad (10)$$

Since

$$h(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right) > 0$$

therefore from (10), we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \right] > 0 \quad (b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, z \in \mathcal{U})$$

Thus  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$  which completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let a function  $h(z)$  be defined by

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^{p-b}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \quad (b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$ . If  $h(z)$  satisfies

$$|h''(z)| \leq \frac{2n}{n+1} \quad (b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, z \in \mathcal{U})$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* From (6), we have  $h(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} \left| h'(z) - \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z t h''(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|z|} \int_0^{|z|} |r e^{i\theta} \cdot h''(r e^{i\theta})| dr \\ &\leq \frac{2n}{(n+1)|z|} \int_0^{|z|} r dr \\ &< \frac{n}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $h(z)$  satisfies the condition of Lemma 2.1, thus  $h(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$  which implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} + \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - p + b \right) \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_n \quad (11)$$

where  $\delta_n$  is unique root of (5), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* Let us define the function  $h(z)$  by

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^{p-b}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \quad dt = z + \frac{a_{p+n}}{b} z^{n+1} + \dots$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$ . Then  $h(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \arg h'(z) &= \arg \left[ \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p + b \right) \right] \\ &= \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} + \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p + b \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 2.2, we see that if

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} + \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p + b \right) \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_n$$

then  $h(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$ . This implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ . □

Setting  $n = p = 1$  in Theorem 3.1, we get the following

**Corollary 3.4.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right] \right| < \frac{|b|}{2}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(b)$ .

Setting  $b = 1$  in above Corollary, we get

**Corollary 3.5.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| < \frac{1}{2}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

#### 4. Conditions for Convexity of Complex Order $b$

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies*

$$\left| \left\{ \frac{(f'(z))^{1-b}}{pz^{p-1}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{b}} [zf''(z) + (1-p)f'(z)] \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} |b|$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* Let us define a function  $h(z)$  by

$$h(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f'(t)}{pt^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} dt = z + \frac{(p+n)a_{p+n}z^{n+1}}{(n+1)pb} + \dots$$

Further, let

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) = zh'(z) &= z \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} = z \left( 1 + \frac{p+n}{pb} a_{p+n} z^n + \dots \right) \\ &= z + \frac{(p+n)a_{p+n}z^{n+1}}{(n+1)pb} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Obviously  $h(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  and  $g(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ . Now

$$g(z) = z \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}}$$

Differentiating logarithmically, we find after some computation that

$$g'(z) = \left( \frac{(f'(z))^{1-b}}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left[ \frac{1}{b} \{zf''(z) + (1-p+b)f'(z)\} \right]$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| g'(z) - \frac{g(z)}{z} \right| &= \left| \left( \frac{(f'(z))^{1-b}}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left[ \frac{1}{b} \{zf''(z) + (1-p)f'(z)\} \right] \right| \\ &< \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus application of Lemma 2.1 gives

$$g(z) = zh'(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1) \Rightarrow h(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1)$$

Since

$$\frac{zh''(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - (p-1) \right]$$

therefore

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - (p-1) \right) \right] > 0 \quad (\text{as } h(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1))$$

it follows that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies*

$$\left| f''(z) \left( \frac{(f'(z))^{1-b}}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} - \frac{(p-1)}{z} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} |b|$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$h(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f'(t)}{pt^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} dt,$$

then

$$zh'(z) = z \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}}.$$

Further, suppose that  $g(z) = zh'(z)$ . Then we obtain

$$g(z) = z + \frac{(p+n)a_{p+n}z^{n+1}}{pb} + \dots \in \mathcal{A}(n)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| g'(z) - \frac{g(z)}{z} \right| &= |zh''(z)| = \left| \frac{z}{b} \left[ f''(z) \left( \frac{(f'(z))^{1-b}}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} - \frac{(p-1)}{z} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \right] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{n}{n+1} |z| < \frac{n}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus using the Lemma 2.1, we obtain  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$ , that is  $zh'(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$  which means that  $h(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1)$ . Thus we conclude that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \right\} + \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p + b \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_n$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ .

*Proof.* If we define the function  $h(z)$  by

$$h(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f'(t)}{pt^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} dt = z + \frac{(p+n)a_{p+n}z^{n+1}}{(n+1)pb} + \dots$$

and the function  $g(z)$  by  $g(z) = zh'(z)$ , then we have

$$g'(z) = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + b - p \right]$$

Thus by applying Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$|\arg g'(z)| = \left| \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{pz^{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \right\} + \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + b - p \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_n$$

which shows that  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(n; 1)$ . This gives us that  $h(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1)$ , that is  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_p(n; b)$ . □

Setting  $p = b = 1$ , the Theorem (4.2) reduces to

**Corollary 4.4.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  satisfies*

$$|f''(z)| < \frac{n}{n+1}$$

*then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1)$*

Setting  $p = n = 1$  in Theorem 4.1, we get the following corollary

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| zf''(z) (f'(z))^{\frac{1-b}{b}} \right| < \frac{|b|}{2}$$

*then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}(1; b)$*

### 5. An application of generalized Alexander integral operator

For  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$ , define

$$g(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f(t)}{t^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} dt = z + \frac{a_{p+n}}{(n+1)b} z^{n+1} + \dots \tag{12}$$

Here note that  $g(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  and for  $p = 1$  and  $b = 1$  we obtain the well known Alexander integral operator [1].

Considering the above generalized Alexander integral operator, we derive

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p(n)$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{1}{z} \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} |b| \tag{13}$$

*then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$*



*Proof.* From (12), we get

$$g'(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}}. \quad (14)$$

Now differentiating (14) logarithmically and multiplying by  $z$ , we get

$$\frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} = \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right]. \quad (15)$$

Therefore

$$|g''(z)| = \left| \frac{1}{bz} \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{b}} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \right| < \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Since  $g(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ , therefore by Corollary 4.4, we get  $g(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1)$

From (15), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right) \right\} > 0 \quad (\text{as } g(z) \in \mathcal{C}(n; 1))$$

which proves that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_p^*(n; b)$ . □

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