

On Generalized Close-to-Convex Functions

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Abstract: In this paper, we define and study a new class of analytic functions by using the concept of generalized close-to-convexity. Coefficient results, Hankel determinant problem and some other interesting properties of this class are investigated. Results proved in this paper may stimulate further research in this area.

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1 Introduction

Let A be the class of functions analytic in the open unit disc $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and be given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \tag{1}$$

Let $S \subset A$ be the class of functions which are univalent and also K, S^*, C be well known subclasses of S which, respectively, contain close-to-convex, starlike and convex functions. For more details, we refer to [2,4,6, 8,9] and the references therein.

Let V_k be the class of functions f with bounded boundary rotation. Paatero [19] showed that a function $f \in A, f'(z) \neq 0$ belongs to the class V_k if and only if

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| \Re \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right| d\theta \leq k\pi; \quad z = re^{i\theta}. \tag{2}$$

It is geometrically obvious that $k \geq 2$.

By Paatero representation theorem [19] for $f \in V_k$, we can write

$$\frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} = h(z),$$

where

$$h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)h_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right)h_2(z), \Re h_i(z) > 0, i = 1, 2. \tag{3}$$

The function h , defined by (3) is said to belong to the class P_k , see [20]. Clearly $P_2 = P$, where P is the class of functions with positive real part.

We note that $V_2 = C$ and it is known [19] that $V_k, 2 \leq k \leq 4$, consists entirely of univalent functions. We now define the following.

Definition 1. Let $f \in A$ and be locally univalent satisfying the condition $f'(z) \neq 0$. Then $f \in M_{m,k}$ if there exists a function $g \in V_k, k \geq 2$, such that, for $z \in E$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| \Re \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right| d\theta \leq m\pi, \quad m \geq 2. \tag{4}$$

The condition (4) is equivalent to the following condition that

$$\frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \in P_m, m \geq 2, g \in V_k. \tag{5}$$

Clearly $M_{2,2} = K$ and $M_{2,k} = T_k$ is the class introduced and studied in [12].

The following is a necessary condition for the functions f in the class $M_{m,k}$.

Theorem 1. Let $f \in M_{m,k}$. Then, for all $\theta_1 < \theta_2$ and for all $0 \leq r < 1, z = re^{i\theta}$,

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} d\theta > -\left(\frac{m+k}{2} - 1\right)\pi. \tag{6}$$

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Proof. From definition, it follows that

$$|\arg f'(z) - \arg g'(z)| \leq \frac{m\pi}{2}, \quad g \in V_k. \tag{7}$$

Let

$$F(r, \theta) = \arg \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(re^{i\theta}) \right\} = \arg f'(re^{i\theta}) + \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta,$$

and

$$G(r, \theta) = \arg \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} g(re^{i\theta}) \right\} = \arg g'(re^{i\theta}) + \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta.$$

Thus

$$|F(re^{i\theta}) - G(r, \theta)| \leq \frac{m\pi}{2}, \tag{8}$$

and so, for $\theta_1 < \theta_2$

$$\begin{aligned} & F(r, \theta_2) - F(r, \theta_1) \\ &= [\{F(r, \theta_2) - G(r, \theta_2)\} + \{G(r, \theta_2) - G(r, \theta_1)\} \\ &+ \{G(r, \theta_1) - F(r, \theta_1)\}] \\ &< \frac{m\pi}{4} + \left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right)\pi + \frac{m\pi}{4} = \left(\frac{m}{2} + \frac{k}{2} - 1\right)\pi, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (8) and a necessary condition for $g \in V_k$, see [1]. This proves (6).

Remark 1. From Theorem 1, we can interpret some geometrical meaning for $f \in M_{m,k}$. For simplicity, let us suppose that the image domain is bounded by an analytic curve C_1 . At a point on C_1 , the outward drawn normal has an angle $\arg\{e^{i\theta} f'(re^{i\theta})\}$. Then it follows that the angle of the outward drawn normal turns back at most $\left(\frac{m}{2} + \frac{k}{2} - 1\right)\pi$.

Remark 2. Goodman [5] defines the class $K(\beta)$ of function f as follows.

Let $f \in A$ and $f'(z) \neq 0$. Then, for $\beta \geq 0$, $f \in K(\beta)$ if and only if, for $z = re^{i\theta}$, $\theta_1 < \theta_2$

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \Re \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} d\theta > -\beta\pi.$$

We note that

$$M_{m,k} \subset K\left(\frac{m+k}{2} - 1\right), \quad m, k \geq 2.$$

The functions in $M_{m,k}$ are univalent for $m+k \leq 4$ and when $(m+k) > 4$, $f \in M_{m,k}$ need not even be finitely valent.

2 Main Results

Theorem 2. From Remark 2 and the results given in [5] for the class $K(\beta)$, we at once have:

Let $f \in M_{m,k}$. Then, for $z = re^{i\theta}$, $0 \leq r < 1$,

- (i) $|f'(z)| \leq \frac{m(1+r)^{\frac{k}{2}}}{2(1-r)^{\frac{k}{2}+2}},$
- (ii) $|f(z)| \leq \frac{m}{2(k+2)} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}+1} - 1 \right\}$

The function $F_0 \in M_{m,k}$, defined as

$$\begin{aligned} F_0(z) &= \frac{m}{2(k+2)} \left[\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}-1} - 1 \right] \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n(m,k)z^n, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

shows that these upper bounds are sharp.

(iii) $|a_n| \leq A_n(m,k)$, $n \geq 2$, where $A_n(m,k)$ is defined by (9), a_n is given by (1) and $\frac{m+k}{2}$ is an even integer. This result is sharp for each $n \geq 2$.

We now deal with the arc length problem for the class $M_{m,k}$ as follows.

Theorem 3. Let $L(r, f)$ denote the length of the image of the circle $|z| = r$ under f and let $f \in M_{m,k}$. Then, for $0 \leq r < 1$,

$$L(r, f) = O(1) \left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{m+k}{2}}, \quad (r \rightarrow 1),$$

where $O(1)$ is a constant.

Proof. Since $M_{m,k} \subset K(\beta_1)$, $\beta_1 = \left(\frac{m+k}{2} - 1\right)$, and it is known [5] that, for $K(\beta_1)$, there exists $\phi \in C$ such that

$$\left| \arg \frac{f'(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\beta_1\pi}{2}, \quad \beta_1 \geq 0.$$

That is, $f \in M_{m,k}$ implies that

$$f'(z) = \phi'(z)h^{\beta_1}(z), \quad \phi \in C, h \in P. \tag{10}$$

From these observations and (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & L(r, f) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} |zf'(z)| d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} |s(z)h^{\beta_1}(z)| d\theta, \quad s = z\phi' \in S^*, \beta_1 = \left(\frac{m+k}{2} - 1\right) \\ &\leq 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |s(z)|^2 d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |h(z)|^{2\beta_1} d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C(m,k) \left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\beta_1+1} \\ &= O(1) \left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{m+k}{2}}, \quad m, k \geq 2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Schwarz inequality, subordination for starlike functions and a result due to Hayman [8] for the function $h \in P$. \square

We can deduce the rate of growth of the coefficients for $f \in M_{m,k}$ from Theorem 2 as:

Let $f \in M_{m,k}$ and be given by (1). Then, for $n \geq 2$

$$a_n = O(1).n^{\left(\frac{m+k}{2}-1\right)},$$

where $O(1)$ is a constant.

Theorem 4. Let $f \in M_{m,k}$ and be given by (1). Then

$$a_n = O(1).n^{\frac{1}{2}}, (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

and $O(1)$ is a constant depending only on m and k . The function $F_0 \in M_{m,k}$, defined by (8), shows that the exponent $\frac{k}{2}$ is best possible.

Proof. Since $f \in M_{m,k}$, there exists $g \in V_k$ such that

$$f'(z) = g'(z)H(z), \quad H \in P_m, m \geq 2.$$

Set

$$F(z) = (zf'(z))' = g'(z)h(z)H(z)zH'(z),$$

where $(zg'(z))' = g'(z)h(z)$. Now, by Cauchy Theorem, for $z = re^{i\theta}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} n^2|a_n| &= \frac{1}{2\pi r^{n+2}} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} F(z)e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi r^{n+2}} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} |g'(z)\{H(z)h(z) + zH'(z)\}| d\theta \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

For $g \in V_k$, it is known [1] that

$$g'(z) = \frac{\left(\frac{s_1(z)}{z}\right)^{\frac{k}{4}+\frac{1}{2}}}{\left(\frac{s_2(z)}{z}\right)^{\frac{k}{4}-\frac{1}{2}}}, s_1, s_2 \in S^*. \quad (12)$$

Also, see [13, 14], for $H \in P_m$, we have

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |H(z)|^2 d\theta \leq \frac{1+(m^2-1)r^2}{1-r^2}, \quad z = re^{i\theta},$$

and

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |zH'(z)| d\theta \leq \frac{m}{1-r^2}, \quad z = re^{i\theta}. \quad (13)$$

Thus, on using (12) together with the well known [4] distortion result for $s_1, s_2 \in S^*$ and Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &n62|a_n| \\ &\leq \frac{2^{\frac{k}{2}-1}}{r^{n+1}} \left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \\ &\times \left[\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |H(z)|^2 d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |h(z)|^2 d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |zH'(z)|^2 d\theta \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

We make use of (13) in (14) and this leads us to the required result. The proof is complete. \square

Golusion [3] has shown that we can choose a $z_1 = z_1(r)$ with $|z_1| = r$ such that, for any univalent function $s(z)$

$$\max_{|z|=r} |(z-z_1)s(z)| \leq \frac{2r^2}{1-r^2}. \quad (15)$$

Using similar technique of Theorem 4 with (15), we can easily prove the following.

Theorem 5. Let $f \in M_{m,k}$ and be given by (1.1). Then, for $k \geq 2$

$$||a_n| - |a_{n+1}|| \leq c(m,k)n^{\frac{k}{2}-1}, \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where $c(m,k)$ is a constant.

Let $f \in A$ and be given by (1). The q th Hankel determinant of f is defined for $q \geq 1, n \geq 1$ by

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \dots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & a_{n+2} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & \dots & \dots & a_{n+2q-2} \end{vmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Hankel determinants play an important role in the study of singularities and in the theory of power series with integral coefficients (see, for example [2;pp. 320-335].

The problem of determining the rate of growth of $H_q(n)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for f belonging to certain subclasses of analytic functions is well known, see [6,7,10-13, 15-18, 21,22].

For $f \in S^*$, Pommerenke solved this problem completely. He showed that, if $f \in S^*$, then

$$H_q(n) = O(1).n^{2-q}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

and the exponent $(2-q)$ is best possible, see [22]. Noor [15] generalized this result for close-to-convex functions. We also refer to [16].

Noonan and Thomas [10] have shown that, for a really mean p -valent functions f ,

$$H_q(n) = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{2p-1}, & q = 1, p > \frac{1}{4}, \\ n^{2pq-q^2}, & q \geq 2, p \geq 2(q-1), \end{cases}$$

where $O(1)$ depends upon p, q and f and the exponent $(2pq - q^2)$ is best possible.

For $p = 1$, Hayman[7] has shown that $H_2(n) = o(1)n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and this is best possible.

In [13], it was shown that, if $f \in V_K$, then

$$H_q(n) = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{\frac{k}{2}-1}, & q = 1 \\ n^{\frac{kq}{2}-q^2}, & q \geq 2, k \geq 8q - 10, \end{cases}$$

The exponent $\left(\frac{kq}{2} - q^2\right)$ is best possible in some sense.

In this paper, we estimate the rate of growth of Hankel determinant for $f \in M_{n,k}$.

Theorem 6. Let $f \in M_{m,k}$ and let the Hankel determinant of $f(z)$, for $q \geq 2$ be defined by (16). Then The $O(1)$ is a constant depending upon k, m, q and f .

To prove this theorem, we need the following known lemmas, see [10]

Lemma 1. Let $f \in A$ and be given by (1). Let the q th Hankel determinant of f , for $q \geq 1, n \geq 1$, be defined by (16). Then writing $\Delta_j(n) = \Delta_j(n, z_1, f)$, we have

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} \Delta_{2q-1}(n) & \Delta_{2q-3}(n+1) & \dots & \Delta_{q-1}(n+q-1) \\ \Delta_{2q-3}(n+1) & \Delta_{2q-4}(n+2) & \dots & \Delta_{q-2}(n+q) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Delta_{q-1}(n+q-1) & \dots & \dots & \Delta_q(n+2q-2) \end{vmatrix},$$

where, with $\Delta_0(n, z_1, f) = a_n$, we define for $J \geq 1$.

$$\Delta_j(n, z_1, f) = \Delta_{j-1}(n, z_1, f) - n\Delta_{j-1}(n+1, z_1, f) \dots \quad (19)$$

Lemma 2. With $x = (\frac{n}{n+1}y), v \geq 0$ and integer

$$\Delta_j(n+v, x, zf'(z)) = \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} \frac{y^k (v - (k-1)n)}{(n+1)^k} \cdot \Delta_{j-k}(n+v+k, y, f(z))$$

We now prove Theorem 6.

Proof. We shall prove this result by using the differences (17). Since $f \in M_{m,k}$, there exists $g \in V_u$ such that

$$f'(z) = g'(z)H(z),$$

where $H \in P_m$ and, with $(zg'(z))' = g'(z)h(z), h \in P_k$, we have

$$F(z) = (zf'(z))' = g'(z) [H(z)h(z) + zH'(z)]$$

Now, for $j \geq 0, z_1$ any non-zero complex, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Delta_j(n, z_1, F(z))| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi r^{n+j}} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} (z-z_1)^j (zf'(z))' e^{-i(n+j)\theta} d\theta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi r^{n+j}} \int_0^{2\pi} |(z-z_1)|^j |g'(z)| |H(z)h(z) + zH'(z)| d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

We use (12) and (15) and distortion result for S^* to have, with $k \geq 4j-2$,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Delta_j(n, z_1, F(z))| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{4}{r}\right)^{\frac{k}{4}-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi r^{n+j}} \left(\frac{2r^2}{1-r^2}\right)^j \left(\frac{r}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}+1-2j} \\ &\times \int_0^{2\pi} |H(z)h(z) + zH'(z)| d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Applying Schwarz inequality and using (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |H(z)h(z) + zH'(z)| d\theta \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |H(z)|^2 d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |h(z)|^2 d\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |zH'(z)| d\theta \\ &\leq c_1(m, k) \cdot \frac{1}{1-r}, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where $c_1(m, k)$ is constant.

From (18), (19) and Lemma 2, it follows that

$$\Delta_j(n, z_1, f(z)) = O(1) \cdot n^{\frac{k}{2}-j}, \quad (22)$$

$O(1)$ depends only on m, k and j .

We use similar argument due to Noonan and Thomas [10] together with Lemma 1 to estimate the rate of growth of $H_q(n)$.

For $q = 1, H_1(n) = a_n = \Delta_0(n)$ and, from Theorem 4, it follows that

$$H_1(n) = O(1) \cdot n^{\frac{k}{2}}$$

For $q \geq 2$, we have, from (20) and Lemma 1,

$$H_q(n) = O(1) \cdot n^{q\{\frac{k}{2}-(q-1)\}}, k \geq 4(q-1) - 2 = 4q - 6.$$

This gives us the required result. \square

As a special case, we note that

$$H_2(n) = O(1) \cdot n^{k-2}, k \geq 2$$

Also, for $k = 2, f \in M_{m,2}$ and in this case

$$H_q(n) = O(1) \cdot n^{2q-q^2}.$$

Theorem 7. Let $f \in M_{m,k}$ then f maps $|z| < R$ onto a convex domain where R is the least positive root of

$$T(R) = R^3 - (r_2 + 2r_1)R^2 - (2r_1r_2 + r_1^2)R + r_1^2r_2 = 0, \quad (23)$$

where

$$r_2 = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 - 4}}{2}, \quad r_1 = \frac{m - \sqrt{m^2 - 4}}{2}$$

As a special case, when $k = m$, then $r_1 = r_2$ and we have $R = (2 - \sqrt{3})r_2$.

Proof. For $f \in M_{m,k}$, we can write

$$f'(z) = g'(z)H(z), g \in V_k \text{ and } H \in P_m$$

. It is known that, for $|z| < r_1$, $\Re H(z) > 0$, see [20]. Let α be any complex number such that $|\alpha| < r_1$. Then

$$p(z) = H\left(\frac{r_1^2(2+\alpha)}{r_1^2+\alpha z}\right) = H'(\alpha)\left(1 - \frac{|\alpha|^2}{r_1^2}z + \dots\right)$$

is analytic in $|z| < r_1$ and $\Re p(z) > 0$ for all $|z| < r_1$. Hence, by a result due to Nehari [9], we have

$$\left|H'(\alpha)\left(1 - \frac{|\alpha|^2}{r_1^2}\right)\right| \leq \frac{2|H(\alpha)|}{r_1},$$

which implies that

$$\left|\frac{\alpha H'(\alpha)}{H(\alpha)}\right| \leq \frac{2r_1|\alpha|}{r_1^2 - |\alpha|^2}. \tag{24}$$

Since α is any complex number such that $|\alpha| < r_1$, we can write the inequality (22) as

$$\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)}\right| \leq \frac{2r_1|z|}{r_1^2 - |z|^2}.$$

Hence

$$\Re \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \geq \Re \frac{(zg'(z))'}{g'(z)} - \frac{2r_1|z|}{r_1^2 - |z|^2}.$$

Also, for $g \in V_k$, $\Re \frac{(zg'(z))'}{g'(z)} \geq 0$ for $|z| < r_2 = \frac{k-\sqrt{k^2-4}}{2}$. Using Harnack Inequality, we can write

$$\Re \frac{(zg'(z))'}{g'(z)} \geq \frac{r_2 - |z|}{r_2 + |z|}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} &\geq \frac{r_2 - |z|}{r_2 + |z|} - \frac{2r_1|z|}{r_1^2 - |z|^2} \\ &= \frac{(r_2 - |z|)(r_1^2 - |z|^2) - 2r_1|z|(r_2 + |z|)}{(r_2 + |z|)(r_1^2 - |z|^2)} \\ &= \frac{T(|z|)}{(r_2 + |z|)(r_1^2 + |z|^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

where, with $|z| = R$, $T(R)$ is given by (21). We note that $T(0) = r_2r_1^2$ and $T_1 < 0$, so $R \in (0, 1)$ exists.

Hence $\Re \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} > 0$ for $|z| < R$, where R is the least positive root of $T(R) = 0$. This completes the proof. \square

As a special case, let $m = k$. In this case $f \in M_{k,k}$ maps $|z| < (2 - \sqrt{3})r_2$ onto a convex domain. Here

$$\begin{aligned} T(R) &= R^3 - 3r_2R^2 - 3r_2^2R + r_2^3 \\ &= (r_2 + R)(R^2 - 4r_2R + r_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

That is $R = (2 - \sqrt{3})r_2$. We note that, by taking

$$\frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} = \frac{1+z}{1-z}, g \in V_2,$$

it can be shown that $(2 - \sqrt{3})$ cannot be replaced by a smaller constant.

Conclusion

We have used the concept of close-t-convexity to introduce and investigate some new classes of analytic functions. The rate of growth for Hankel determinant of coefficients of these functions has been studied. Arclength problem is also a part of our results. Several applications our main results have been pointed out. The ideas and techniques of this paper may motivate further research in this field.

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