

CERTAIN GENERALIZATIONS OF PRESTARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract

The classes of prestarlike functions R_α , $\alpha \geq -1$, were studied recently by St. Ruscheweyh. The author generalizes and extends these classes. In particular the author obtains the radius of $R_{\alpha+1}$ for the class R_α , $\alpha \geq -1$.

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1. Introduction

Let A denote the set of analytic functions $f(z)$ in the unit disc $E: \{|z| < 1\}$ normalized by $f(0) = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$. Let

$$(1.1) \quad D^\alpha f(z) = f(z) * \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\alpha+1}}, \quad \alpha \geq -1,$$

where $*$ denotes the Hadamard product (convolution) of two analytic functions in E . A function $f \in A$ is called *prestarlike* of order α , $\alpha \geq -1$, if and only if

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1} f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in E.$$

We let R_α stand for the collection of prestarlike functions of order α .

Note that R_0 and R_1 are known classes of univalent functions that are starlike of order $\frac{1}{2}$ and convex respectively.

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Prestarlike functions, in a different parametrization, have already been studied by Ruscheweyh (1977) and also by Suffridge (1976). The subclasses of R_α where α is a non-negative integer were considered earlier by Ruscheweyh (1975).

Ruscheweyh (1977) obtained the basic relation

$$(1.3) \quad R_\alpha \subset R_\beta, \quad \alpha \geq \beta \geq -1.$$

Consequently all prestarlike functions of order α are univalent at least when $\alpha \geq 0$.

In this note we introduce the classes H_α where $f \in H_\alpha$ in $f \in A$ and if

$$(1.4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}g(z)} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in E, \quad \alpha \geq -1,$$

for some $g \in R_{\alpha+1}$. Note that when $\alpha = 0$, (1.4) shows that $\operatorname{Re} [f'(z)/g'(z)] > \frac{1}{2}$ for some convex function $g(z)$. Thus $f(z)$ is a univalent close-to-convex function (Kaplan (1952)).

In Section 2 we shall show that $H_{\alpha+1} \subset H_\alpha, \alpha \geq -1$. This particular result implies univalence of these classes at least when $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. In Section 3 we study special elements of R_α and H_α which have certain integral representation. In Sections 4 and 5 we consider the converse problems of the results of Sections 2 and 3. In particular the radius of $R_{\alpha+1}$ in $R_\alpha, \alpha \geq -1$, is determined. Section 6 is devoted to further extensions and generalizations of the classes R_α and H_α along the concept of alpha-convex functions as introduced by Mocanu (1969).

2. The classes H_α

We shall prove the following

THEOREM 1. $H_{\alpha+1} \subset H_\alpha, \alpha \geq -1$.

PROOF. Let $f \in H_{\alpha+1}$ and $g \in R_{\alpha+2}$ be its associate function, see (1.4). Define $w(z)$ by

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}g(z)} = \frac{1}{1+w(z)}.$$

Here $w(z)$ is a regular function in E with $w(0) = 0$ and $w(z) \neq -1$ for $z \in E$. Since by (1.1) $g \in R_{\alpha+2}$ then $g \in R_{\alpha+1}$ it suffices to show that $|w(z)| < 1, z \in E$.

Taking the logarithmic derivative of both sides of (2.1) and utilizing the identity

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\alpha+2}} = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\alpha+1}} * \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \frac{z}{1-z} + \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \right], \quad \alpha > -1,$$

one gets

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z)} = \frac{1}{1+w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{(\alpha+2)(1+w(z))^2} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}g(z)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z)}.$$

Equations (2.3) should yield $|w(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in E$, for otherwise by a lemma of Jack (1971) there exists $z_0 \in E$ such that $z_0 w'(z_0) = mw(z_0)$, $|w(z_0)| = 1$ and $m \geq 1$. Applying this result to (2.3) we get

$$\frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z_0)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z_0)} = \frac{1}{1+w(z_0)} - \frac{mw'(z_0)}{(\alpha+2)(1+w(z_0))^2} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}g(z_0)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z_0)}.$$

Since

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{1+w(z_0)} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2}g(z_0)}{D^{\alpha+1}g(z_0)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

and $w(z_0)/(1+w(z_0))^2$ is real and positive, we conclude that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z_0)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z_0)} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

This is a contradiction to the assumption that $f \in R_{\alpha+1}$. Hence $f \in H_\alpha$ when $\alpha > -1$.

The case $\alpha = -1$ is simple. Since

$$f \in H_0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

for some

$$g \in R_1(\text{convex}) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

by a generalization of a lemma due to Libera (1965). Thus $f \in H_{-1}$. This complete the proof of Theorem 1.

REMARK 1. Theorem 1 provides a partial answer to a much deeper problem of whether $H_\alpha \subset H_\beta$ for all $\alpha \geq \beta \geq -1$.

REMARK 2. Another interesting problem is that of determining $\alpha_0 = \inf \alpha$ where every $f \in R_\alpha$ is univalent in E . It is clear that $-1 \leq \alpha_0 \leq 0$.

3. Special elements of R_α and H_α

Let

$$(3.1) \quad h_\gamma(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma+j} z^j, \quad \operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq \frac{1}{2}\alpha, \quad \operatorname{Re} \gamma > -1.$$

The following is a straightforward extension of Ruscheweyh (1975), Theorem 5.

THEOREM 2. *Let $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)$, $\gamma \neq -1$. Then $F \in R_\alpha$ where*

$$F(z) = f(z) * h_\gamma(z) = \frac{1 + \gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} f(t) dt$$

and $f \in R_\alpha$. In particular $h_\gamma(z)$ (as given by (3.1)) are elements of R_α .

We state without proof the following extension of Theorem 2, since its proof uses basically the same method that we employed in the proof of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 3. *Let $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq \frac{1}{2}\alpha$ and let $f \in H_\alpha$. Then $F \in H_\alpha$ where*

$$F(z) = f(z) * h_\gamma(z) = \frac{1 + \gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} f(t) dt.$$

REMARK 3. Theorems 2 and 3 extend and generalize some pioneering results of Libera (1965).

4. The radius of $R_{\alpha+1}$

In this section we raise the natural question of finding the largest disc $E_r: \{|z| < r\}$, $0 < r \leq 1$, so that if $f \in R_\alpha$ then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\beta+1} f(z)}{D^\beta f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta > \alpha, \quad z \in E_r.$$

Theorem 4 provides a partial answer to this rather interesting problem.

THEOREM 4. *Let $f \in R_\alpha$, $\alpha \geq -1$. Then*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2} f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1} f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

holds for $|z| < r_\alpha$ where

$$(4.1) \quad r_\alpha = (\alpha + 2(\alpha + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}})(\alpha + 4 + 2(\alpha + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This result is sharp.

PROOF. For $f \in R_\alpha$, let $p(z)$ be the regular function defined in E by

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+1} f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{1}{2}(p(z) + 1), \quad z \in E, \quad \alpha \geq -1.$$

Here $p(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ in E .

Logarithmic differentiation of (4.2) and the identity (2.2) should yield

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2(\alpha+2)} \left[1 + (1+\alpha)p(z) + 2 \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)+1} \right].$$

In order to find r_α we need to determine the absolute minimum of the right-hand side of (4.3) as $p(z)$ varies in the disc $|p(z) - a| < \rho$ where

$$a = \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{2r}{1-r^2}, \quad |z| = r.$$

However, the right-hand side of (4.3), denoted by $\psi(w_1, w_2)$, $w_1 = p(z)$, $w_2 = zp'(z)$, is analytic in the w_2 -plane and in the half-plane $\text{Re } w_1 > 0$. Consequently by Robertson (1963) the $\min \text{Re } \psi(p, zp')$ should occur for functions in the form

$$(4.4) \quad p(z) = \lambda_1 \frac{1+e^{i\theta}z}{1-e^{i\theta}z} + \lambda_2 \frac{1+e^{-i\theta}z}{1-e^{-i\theta}z}, \quad \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \quad \lambda_1 \geq 0, \quad \lambda_2 \geq 0.$$

We may now use the technique of Zmorovič (1969) to conclude that

$$(4.5) \quad \min \text{Re } \psi(p, zp') \equiv \psi_\rho(p) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\text{Re } p(z) - \frac{1}{(\alpha+2)} \frac{\rho^2 - \rho_0^2}{|p(z)+1|} \right],$$

where $\rho_0 = |p(z) - a| < \rho$. Let $p(z) = a + \xi + i\eta$, $p(z) + 1 = Re^{i\phi}$, $R^2 = (a + \xi + 1)^2 + \eta^2$. Then we can readily show that $\min \psi_\rho(p)$ in the disc $|p - a| < \rho$ is achieved on the diameter of the circle $|p - a| = \rho$, that is when $\eta = 0$. Thus our problem is reduced to minimizing $l(R)$ on the segment $a - \rho + 1 \leq R \leq a + \rho + 1$, where

$$(4.6) \quad l(R) \equiv \psi_\rho(\xi) = \frac{1}{2(\alpha+2)} [(\alpha+3)R - (\alpha+4+2a) + 2(1+a)R^{-1}].$$

Clearly this minimum must occur for $R = \bar{R}$, where

$$(4.7) \quad \bar{R} = (2+2a)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\alpha+3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

While $\bar{R} < a + \rho + 1$ is always true, $\bar{R} > a - \rho + 1$ is valid only when

$$(4.8) \quad r > \frac{a+2}{\alpha+4}.$$

Consequently (4.6) and (4.7) show that $l(\bar{R}) = 0$ if

$$4a^2 - 4(\alpha+2)a + \alpha^2 - 8 = 0$$

which upon replacing a by $(1+r^2)/(1-r^2)$ we get r_α , as given by (4.1), as the smallest positive root. r_α in this case is the desired radius provided it satisfies (4.8). However, this is obviously true.

On the other hand, if $\bar{R} \leq a - \rho + 1$ then the absolute minimum of $l(R)$ on the closed diameter occurs at $a - \rho + 1$. In this case $l(a - \rho + 1) = 0$ shows that $r_\alpha = 1$.

Because of what we have mentioned above $r_\alpha = 1$ would be the desired radius if $1 = r_\alpha \leq (\alpha + 2)/(\alpha + 4)$ which is impossible. Hence r_α as given by (4.1) is the radius of $R_{\alpha+1}$ for the class R_α , $\alpha \geq -1$.

To determine the extremal function $f_\theta(z)$ we note that (4.4) can be written in the form

$$p(z) = \lambda_1(a + \rho e^{i\psi_1}) + \lambda_2(a + \rho e^{i\psi_2}),$$

where $\psi_1 + \psi_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi}$. Hence

$$p(z) = a + \rho \cos \psi_1 + i\rho(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \sin \psi_1.$$

Since the minimum of $l(R)$ was realized at a point on the diameter which is not an endpoint, it then follows from the above that $\sin \psi_1 \neq 0$ while $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0$ or $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$. Consequently the corresponding form of $p(z)$ for $f_\theta(z)$ is

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + ze^{i\theta}}{1 - ze^{i\theta}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + ze^{-i\theta}}{1 - ze^{-i\theta}}.$$

Thus the extremal functions are rotations of $f_0(z)$ which is determined by

$$\frac{D^{\alpha+1}f_0(z)}{D^\alpha f_0(z)} = \frac{p(z) + 1}{2} = \frac{1 - z \cos \theta}{1 - 2z \cos \theta + z^2},$$

where $\cos \theta$ is the solution of

$$\bar{R} = \operatorname{Re}(p(z) + 1) = 1 + (1 - r_\alpha^2)(1 - 2r_\alpha \cos \theta + r_\alpha^2)^{-1},$$

r_α, \bar{R} are given by (4.1) and (4.7), respectively. This completes the proof of this theorem.

REMARK 4. Interesting special cases correspond to $\alpha = 0, -1$. For $\alpha = 0$, $r_0 = (2.3^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is the radius of convexity for the class of starlike functions of order $\frac{1}{2}$. This is a well-known result due to MacGregor (1963).

5. Some converse theorems

In this section we consider the converse of Theorems 2 and 3.

THEOREM 5. Let $F \in R_\alpha$, $\alpha \geq 0$ and $\Gamma = \operatorname{Re} \gamma > \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)$. Let $f(z)$ be the unique solution of $F(z) = h_\gamma(z) * f(z)$ where $h_\gamma(z)$ is given by (3.1). Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

is valid in $|z| < r_{\alpha,\gamma}$, when $r_{\alpha,\gamma}$ is the smallest positive root of

$$(5.1) \quad (\Gamma - \alpha)r^2 + (\alpha + 3)r - \Gamma - 1 = 0.$$

This result is sharp.

PROOF. Let $q(z)$ be the regular function in E defined by

$$(5.2) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+1}F(z)}{D^\alpha F(z)} = q(z).$$

Here $q(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > \frac{1}{2}$ for $z \in E$. A simple generalization of a result in the proof of Ruscheweyh (1975), Theorem 5, shows that

$$(5.3) \quad \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} = q(z) - \frac{1}{2} + z \frac{q'(z)}{\gamma - \alpha(\alpha + 1)q(z)}.$$

However, it is well known that for $|z| = r < 1$

$$(5.4) \quad |zq'(z)| \leq \frac{2r}{1-r^2} (\operatorname{Re} q(z) - \frac{1}{2}).$$

Thus (5.3) and (5.4) give for $|z| = r$

$$(5.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \geq \operatorname{Re} \left(q(z) - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2r}{(1-r)(1+\Gamma+(\Gamma-\alpha)r)} \right).$$

Now the right-hand side of (5.5) is positive provided that $r < r_{\alpha,\gamma}$ where $r_{\alpha,\gamma}$ is the smallest positive root of (5.1).

For sharpness we consider $F(z) = z/(1-z)$. In this case

$$f(z) = \frac{z(1+\gamma-\gamma z)}{(1+\gamma)(1-z)^2}.$$

It is a simple matter to verify that

$$(z^\gamma D^{\alpha+1}F(z))' = (1+\gamma)z^{\gamma-1}D^{\alpha+1}f(z)$$

and

$$(z^\gamma D^\alpha F(z))' = (1+\gamma)z^{\gamma-1}D^\alpha f(z).$$

Using these for our special functions $f(z)$ and $F(z)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} &= \left(z^\gamma \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\alpha+2}} \right)' / \left(z^\gamma \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\alpha+1}} \right)' \\ &= \frac{1}{1-z} + \frac{z}{(1-z)(1+\gamma+(\alpha-\gamma)z)} \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$\frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } z = -r_{\alpha,\gamma}.$$

This completes the proof of this theorem.

Next theorem is a converse of Theorem 3 in the sense of Theorem 5. This theorem follows from (2.3) and Theorem 5 and we omit the proof.

THEOREM 6. *Let $F \in H_\alpha$ and $G \in R_{\alpha+1}$ be its associate function. Let f and g be the unique solution of $F(z) = h_\gamma(z) * f(z)$ and $G(z) = h_\gamma(z) * g(z)$ with $\Gamma = \text{Re } \gamma \geq \frac{1}{2}\alpha$, respectively. Then*

$$\text{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}g(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

for $|z| < R_{\alpha,\gamma}$, where $R_{\alpha,\gamma}$ is the smallest positive root of

$$(\Gamma - \alpha - 1)r^2 + (\alpha + 4)r - \Gamma - 1 = 0.$$

This result is also sharp.

REMARK 5. Theorems 5 and 6 generalize and extend similar results of Livingston (1966).

6. Extensions of the classes R_α and H_α

In this section we extend the notion of prestarlikeness and of its generalization along the concept of alpha-convex functions as introduced by Mocanu (1969).

We say $f \in R_\alpha(\beta)$, $\alpha \geq -1$ if $f \in A$ and

$$(1 - \beta) \text{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} + \beta \text{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in E,$$

and for some $\beta \geq 0$.

We also say that $f \in H_\alpha(\beta)$, $\alpha \geq -1$, if $f \in A$ and if exists $g \in R_{\alpha+2}$ such that

$$(1 - \beta) \text{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1}g(z)} + \beta \text{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2}f(z)}{D^{\alpha+2}g(z)} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in E,$$

and for some $\beta \geq 0$.

A proof similar to that used in Theorem 1 should yield these results:

THEOREM 7. (a) $R_\alpha(\beta) \subset R_\alpha$, $\alpha \geq -1$, $\beta \geq 0$, (b) $H_\alpha(\beta) \subset H_\alpha$, $\alpha \geq -1$, $\beta \geq 0$.

When $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ part (a) was shown by Al-Amiri (1978). Part (b) reduces to Theorem 1 when $\beta = 1$.

Also using the technique of Theorem 4 one can easily prove:

THEOREM 8. Let $f \in R_\alpha$, $\alpha \geq -1$. Then

$$(1 - \beta) \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+1} f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} + \beta \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{\alpha+2} f(z)}{D^{\alpha+1} f(z)} > \frac{1}{2}$$

holds for $|z| < r_\alpha(\beta)$ where $r_\alpha(\beta)$ is given by

$$r_\alpha(\beta) = (\alpha + 2 - 2\beta + 2\Delta)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\alpha + 2 + 2\beta + 2\Delta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \Delta = (\beta(\alpha + 2 + \beta))^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The result is sharp.

The case $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ was treated by Al-Amiri (1978). We also note here that Theorem 8 reduces to Theorem 4 when $\beta = 1$.

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