

New Classes of Univalent Functions

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Abstract

In this paper we define and study some properties of the classes $B_n(A)$ of univalent functions.

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1 Introduction

Let U denote the open unit disc: $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| < 1\}$, let \mathcal{A} denote the class of functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j$$

which are analytic in U , and let S denote the class of functions of this form which are analytic and univalent in U .

A function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be starlike of order α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) in the unit disk U if

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > \alpha$$

for all $z \in U$. The class of starlike functions of order α it is denoted by $S^*(\alpha)$ and $S^*(0) = S^*$.

For $f \in S$ we define the Sălăgean's differential operator D^n (see [2])

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ D^1 f(z) &= Df(z) = zf'(z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D^n f(z) = D(D^{n-1}f(z)) \quad ; \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

For $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ Sălăgean introduced the class of n -starlike functions of order α

$$S_n(\alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} > \alpha, \quad z \in U \right\}$$

and for this class be obtained the following results:

Theorem 1.(see [2]) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ we have $S_{n+1}(\alpha) \subset S_n(\delta(\alpha))$, where

$$\delta(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\alpha - 1}{2(1 - 2^{1-2\alpha})}, & \alpha \in [0, 1) \setminus \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\} \\ \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}, & \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

and the result is sharp.

Corollary 1.(see [2]) $S_{n+1}(\alpha) \subset S_n(\alpha)$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1)$.

Remark 1. Since

$$S_n(\alpha) \subset S_{n-1}(\alpha) \subset \dots \subset S_1(\alpha) \subset S_0(\alpha) = S^*(\alpha)$$

and $S^*(\alpha) \subseteq S^*(0) = S^*$, all functions of $S_n(\alpha)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ are starlike and univalent, and because $S_1(\alpha) = K(\alpha) \subseteq K(0) = K$, all functions of $S_n(\alpha)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ are convex.

Theorem 2.(see [1]) Let $-1 \leq B \leq 1$, let $A, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\beta \neq 0$ and $A \neq B$ such that $\beta(A - B) \in \mathbb{R}$, $\operatorname{Re}(\beta + \gamma) > 0$,

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}[\beta(1 + A) + \gamma(1 + B)] \geq 0, & \text{if } B \neq -1 \\ \operatorname{Re}[\beta(1 - A) + \gamma(1 - B)] \geq 0, & \text{if } B \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$|\beta A + \gamma B| \leq |\beta + \gamma|.$$

Then the differential equation

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$$

has a univalent solution q , with $q(0) = 1$, given by

$$q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z^{\beta+\gamma} (1 + Bz)^{\beta \frac{A-B}{B}}}{\beta \int_0^z t^{\beta+\gamma-1} (1 + Bt)^{\beta \frac{A-B}{B}} dt} - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, & \text{if } B \neq 0 \\ \frac{z^{\beta+\gamma} e^{\beta Az}}{\beta \int_0^z t^{\beta+\gamma-1} e^{\beta At} dt} - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, & \text{if } B = 0 \end{cases}.$$

If the function p is analytic in U and satisfy the differential subordination

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$$

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$$

and the function q it is the best dominant.

Definition 1. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and let $A \in (0, 1)$. We define the class

$$\mathcal{B}_n(A) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \prec 1 + Az, \quad z \in U \right\}.$$

Remark 2. $\mathcal{B}_n(A) \subset S_n(1 - A)$. From this we deduce that all functions of $\mathcal{B}_n(A)$ are univalent.

2 Some properties of the classes $\mathcal{B}_n(A)$.

Theorem 3. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $A \in (0, 1)$, The $\mathcal{B}_{n+1}(A) \subset \mathcal{B}_n(A)$.

Proof. Let $f \in \mathcal{B}_{n+1}(A)$. Then from definition of the class $\mathcal{B}_n(A)$ we have

$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} \prec 1 + Az.$$

Let

$$(1) \quad p(z) = \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}, \quad z \in \dot{U} \quad \text{and} \quad p(0) = 1.$$

We observe that p is analytic in U , and from definition of the Sălăgean's differential operator D^n we have

$$(2) \quad p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} \prec 1 + Az.$$

Since the conditions by the hypothesis of Theorem 4 are satisfied for $B = 0$, $\beta = 1$, $\gamma = 0$ and $A \in (0, 1)$, then the differential equation

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + 1} = 1 + Az$$

has a univalent solution given by

$$q(z) = \frac{ze^{Az}}{\frac{e^{Az}}{A} - \frac{1}{A}}$$

and because p is analytic in U and satisfies (2) we have

$$(3) \quad p(z) \prec q(z) \prec 1 + Az$$

and q is the best dominant. From (3) and (1) we have

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \prec \frac{ze^{Az}}{e^{Az} - \frac{1}{A}} \prec 1 + Az$$

therefore $f \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$ and hence $\mathcal{B}_{n+1}(A) \subset \mathcal{B}_n(A)$.

Theorem 4. *If $A \in (0, 1)$, $c \geq A - 1$ and $f \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$, then $I(f) \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$ where*

$$I(f)(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z f(t) t^{c-1} dt.$$

Proof. Since $f \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$ we have

$$(4) \quad \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \prec 1 + Az.$$

If we denote

$$g(z) = I(f)(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z f(t) t^{c-1} dt$$

then

$$f(z) = \frac{cg(z)}{c+1} + \frac{zg'(z)}{c+1}$$

and

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} = \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{D^n g(z)} \frac{c + \frac{D^{n+2}g(z)}{D^{n+1}g(z)}}{c + \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{D^n g(z)}}.$$

If we get

$$p(z) = \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{D^n g(z)}$$

then

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{D^{n+2}g(z)}{D^{n+1}g(z)}$$

and

$$(5) \quad \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} = p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{c+p(z)}.$$

From (4) and (5) and because the conditions of Theorem 4 are satisfied for $B = 0$, $\beta = 1$, $\gamma = c \geq A - 1 > -1$ then we have that the differential equation

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + c} = 1 + Az$$

has a univalent solution given by

$$q(z) = \frac{z^{1+c}e^{Az}}{\int_0^z t^c e^{At} dt} - c.$$

Since p is analytic in U , then

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec 1 + Az$$

and q is the best dominant. Hence

$$p(z) = \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{D^n g(z)} \prec \frac{z^{1+c}e^{Az}}{\int_0^z t^c e^{At} dt} - c \prec 1 + Az$$

then $g \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$ and $I(f) \in \mathcal{B}_n(A)$.

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