

NEIGHBOURHOODS OF A CERTAIN SUBCLASS OF STRONGLY STARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce and study a new subclass of strongly starlike functions of order α defined by convolution structure. We investigate neighbourhoods and coefficient bounds of this class.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let A be the class of all functions $f(z)$ of the form

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

in the open unit disc $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. Let S be the subclass of A consisting of univalent functions and satisfy the following usual normalization condition $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$. We denote S by the subclass of A consisting of functions which are all univalent in E . Let $ST(\alpha)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, be denoted the class of functions in A that are starlike of order α and CV be denote the class of convex functions. Then we have the classical analytic characterizations

$$f \in ST(\alpha) \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha, z \in E \tag{1}$$

and

$$f \in CV \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, z \in E. \tag{2}$$

Any $f \in A$ has the Taylor's expansion $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ in E . The convolution or Hadamard product of $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ is defined as

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$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

Clearly $f(z) * \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} = zf'(z)$ and $f(z) * \frac{z}{1-z^2} = \frac{f(z)-f(-z)}{2}$.

Strongly starlike and strongly convex functions were introduced and discussed by Brannan and Kirwan [1] and also by Stankiewicz [4] and [5]. The notion of δ -neighbourhood was introduced by Ruscheweyh [2]. In 1973, Ruscheweyh and Sheil-Small [3] proved the Polya-Schoenberg conjecture that the class of convex functions is preserved under convolution.

In this paper we introduce the class $STS_s(\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1$, satisfying the condition $\left| \arg \left(\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}$. We study neighbourhoods of this class and also prove a necessary and sufficient condition in terms of convolution for a function f to be $STS_s(\alpha)$. Furthermore, it is shown that class $STS_s(\alpha)$ is closed under convolution with function f which are convex univalent in E .

Definition 1.1. For $\delta \geq 0$, the δ -neighbourhood of $f(z) \in A$ is defined by

$$N_\delta(f) = \left\{ g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n : \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n - b_n| \leq \delta \right\}, \quad z \in E. \tag{3}$$

To prove our results we need the following lemma.

Lemma 1.1. [3] If ϕ is a convex univalent function with $\phi(0) = \phi'(0) - 1$ in the unit disk E and g is starlike univalent in E then for each analytic function F in E , the image of E under $\frac{(\phi * Fg)(z)}{(\phi * g)(z)}$ is a subset of the convex hull of $F(E)$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we give the definitions of $STS_s(\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and study the neighbourhoods of this class and also prove a necessary and sufficient condition in terms of convolution for a function f to be $STS_s(\alpha)$. Furthermore, it is shown that class $STS_s(\alpha)$ is closed under convolution with function f which are convex univalent in E .

Definition 2.1. A function $f(z)$ is said to be in the class $STS_s(\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ if all $z \in E$

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z) - f(-z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}. \tag{4}$$

$f \in STS_s(\alpha)$ means that the image of E under $w = \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)}$ lies in the region $\Omega = \{ w : |\arg w| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \text{ equivalently } \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} \neq t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \}$.

Now let us give a characterization for a function $f \in A$ to be in $STS_s(\alpha)$ by means of convolution.

Definition 2.2. The class of all analytic functions $STS'_s(\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ is defined in E by

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}} \left[\frac{z}{(1-z)^2} - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{z}{1-z^2} \right) \right], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \tag{5}$$

Theorem 2.1. Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $z \in E$. Then $f \in STS_s(\alpha)$ if and only if $\frac{(f * H)(z)}{z} \neq 0$, for all $H(z) \in STS'_s(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let us assume that $\frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \neq 0$, $z \in E$ and for all $H(z) \in STS'_s(\alpha)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} &= \frac{1}{z(1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}})} \left[f(z) * \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} - (t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}) \left(f(z) * \frac{z}{1-z^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{z(1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}})} \left[z f'(z) - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{f(z) - f(-z)}{2} \right) \right] \neq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently $\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} \neq t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}$. But $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then $t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}$ covers the half lines $arg w = \pm \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}$.

Then $\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} = 1$ at $z = 0$. Hence $\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} \in \Omega = \{z \in C : |arg w| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \text{ or } f \in STS_s(\alpha)\}$.

Conversely let us assume that $f \in STS_s(\alpha)$. Then $\frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)-f(-z)} \neq t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}$.

Or equivalently $f(z) * \left[\frac{z}{(1-z)^2} - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{z}{1-z^2} \right) \right] \neq 0$, for $z \neq 0$.

Normalizing the function with in the brackets, we get $\frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \neq 0$ in E , where $H(z)$ is the function defined (5) \square

Lemma 2.1. Let $H(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n \in STS'_s(\alpha)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then

$$|c_n| \leq \frac{n}{\sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}.$$

Proof. Let $H(z) \in STS'_s(\alpha)$. Then by Definition 2.2, for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$,

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{1}{1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}} \left[\frac{z}{(1-z)^2} - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{z}{1-z^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}} \left[(z + 2z^2 + \dots) - (t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}})(z + z^3 + \dots) \right] \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n. \end{aligned}$$

Then comparing the coefficients on either side, we get

$$c_n = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}}, & \text{when } n \text{ is an even} \\ \frac{n-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}}{1-t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}}, & \text{when } n \text{ is an odd} \end{cases}$$

case (i): If n is an even then

$$\begin{aligned} |c_n|^2 &= \left| \frac{n}{1 - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}} \right|^2 = \frac{n^2}{(1 - t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2 + (t \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{n^2 - 1 + 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) - t^2}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \\ &\leq \max_t \left[1 + \frac{n^2 - 1}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \right], \text{ since } t \geq 0 \\ &\leq \left[1 + \frac{n^2 - 1}{\sin^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} \right] = \frac{n^2 - \cos^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}{\sin^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $|c_n| \leq \frac{n}{\sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}$.

case (ii): If n is an odd then

$$\begin{aligned} |c_n|^2 &= \left| \frac{n - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}}{1 - t e^{\pm i \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}} \right|^2 = \frac{(n - t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2 + (t \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2}{(1 - t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2 + (t \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 - 2nt \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{n^2 - 1 + 2t(n - 1) \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \\ &\leq \max_t \left[1 + \frac{n^2 - 1}{1 - 2t \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}) + t^2} \right], \text{ since } t \geq 0 \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{n^2 - 1}{\sin^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} \right] = \frac{n^2 - \cos^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}{\sin^2(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $|c_n| \leq \frac{n}{\sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}$.

□

Lemma 2.2. For $f \in A$ and for every $\varepsilon \in C$ such that $|\varepsilon| < \delta$, if $F_\varepsilon(z) = \frac{f(z) + \varepsilon z}{1 + \varepsilon} \in STS_s(\alpha)$ then for every $H \in STS'_s(\alpha)$, $\left| \frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \right| \geq \delta$, $z \in E$.

Proof. Let $F_\varepsilon(z) = \frac{f(z) + \varepsilon z}{1 + \varepsilon}$. Then by Theorem 2.1, $\frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \neq 0$, for all $f \in STS_s(\alpha)$, $z \in E$. Equivalently, $\frac{(f*H)(z) + \varepsilon z}{(1 + \varepsilon)z} \neq 0$ in E or $\frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \neq -z$, which show that $\left| \frac{(f*H)(z)}{z} \right| \geq \delta$. □

Theorem 2.2. For $f \in A$ and $\varepsilon \in C$, $|\varepsilon| < \delta < 1$, assume $F_\varepsilon(z) \in STS_s(\alpha)$. Then $N_{\delta'}(f) \subset STS_s(\alpha)$, where $\delta' = \delta \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})$.

Proof. Let $H \in STS'_s(\alpha)$ and $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in N_{\delta'}(f)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(g * H)(z)}{z} \right| &= \left| \frac{(f * H)(z)}{z} + \frac{((g - f) * H)(z)}{z} \right| \\ &\geq \left| \frac{(f * H)(z)}{z} \right| - \left| \frac{(g - f)(z) * H(z)}{z} \right| \\ &\geq \delta - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(b_n - a_n)c_n z^n}{z} \right|, \text{ by Lemma 2.2.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(g * H)(z)}{z} \right| &\geq \delta - |z| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |b_n - a_n| |c_n| \\ &> \delta - \frac{1}{\sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |b_n - a_n|, \text{ by Lemma 2.1} \\ &> \delta - \frac{\delta'}{\sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} = 0, \text{ for } \delta' = \delta \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\frac{(g * H)(z)}{z} \neq 0$ in E for all $H \in STS'_s(\alpha)$ which means by Theorem 2.2, $g \in STS_s(\alpha)$, in other words, $N_{\delta \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} \subset STS_s(\alpha)$. □

Lemma 2.3. *If $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $g \in STS_s(\alpha)$ then $G(z) = \frac{g(z) - g(-z)}{2} \in STS(\alpha) \subset ST(\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $g \in STS_s(\alpha)$. Then $\frac{2zg'(z)}{g(z) - g(-z)} \in \Omega$. Now

$$\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} = \frac{zg'(z)}{2G(z)} + \frac{-zg'(-z)}{2G(-z)}.$$

There exist ζ_1, ζ_2 in Ω such that
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} &= \frac{\zeta_1}{2} + \frac{\zeta_2}{2} \\ &= \zeta_3. \end{aligned}$$

Since Ω is convex sector $\zeta_3 \in \Omega$ and hence $\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \in \Omega$.

It can be easily seen that $STS(\alpha) \subset ST(\alpha)$.

Thus $G(z) \in STS(\alpha) \subset ST(\alpha)$. □

Theorem 2.3. *Let $f \in CV$ and $g \in STS_s(\alpha)$. Then $(f * g)(z) \in STS_s(\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let $f(z) \in CV, g(z) \in STS_s(\alpha), G(z) = \frac{g(z) - g(-z)}{2}$ and Ω is convex domain.

Since $g(z) \in STS_s(\alpha), G(z) = \frac{g(z) - g(-z)}{2} \in ST(\alpha)$, by Lemma 2.3.

Hence, by an application of Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * G)(z)} &= \frac{(f * zg')(z)}{(f * G)(z)} \\ &= \frac{f * \frac{zg'(z)}{G(z)} G(z)}{(f * G)(z)} \\ &\subset \overline{C_0} \left(\frac{zg'(z)}{G(z)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since Ω is convex and $g \in STS_s(\alpha)$. This proves that $(f * g)(z) \in STS_s(\alpha)$. □

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