# A REMARK ON MEROMORPHICALLY MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS WITH MISSING COEFFICIENTS

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#### Abstract

The purpose of the present paper is to derive certain properties of meromorphically multivalent functions with missing coefficients.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\Sigma_p(n)$  denote the class of functions of the form

(1.1) 
$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k z^{-p+k} \quad (p, n \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}),$$

which are analytic in the punctured open unit disk  $U^* = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ . For functions f(z) and g(z) analytic in U, we say that f(z) is subordinate to g(z) in U, and we write  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ), if there exists an analytic function w(z) in U such that

 $|w(z)| \le |z|$  and f(z) = g(w(z))  $(z \in U)$ .

Furthermore, if the function g(z) is univalent in U, then

 $f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in U) \iff f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(U) \subset g(U).$ 

Many important properties and characteristics of various interesting subclasses of the class  $\Sigma_p(n)$  of meromorphically multivalent functions were investigated extensively by several authors (see, e.g., [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13]). In this note we shall derive certain properties of meromorphically multivalent functions with missing coefficients.

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## 2. Main results

Our main result is the following.

**2.1. Theorem.** Let f(z) belong to the class  $\Sigma_p(n)$  and satisfy

(2.1) 
$$\frac{zf'(z)}{z^{-p}} \prec -p\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\gamma} \quad (0 < \gamma \le 1; \ z \in U).$$

Then

(2.2) 
$$Re\left\{ (1-\delta) \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{-pz^{-p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \rho \quad (|z| < r_n(p,\gamma,\delta,\rho)),$$

where  $0 \le \rho < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta < \frac{1-\rho}{1+p}$  and  $r_n(p,\gamma,\delta,\rho)$  is the smallest root in (0,1) of the equation

$$[1 + \rho + (p - 1)\delta]r^{2n} - 2(1 - \delta + n\delta\gamma)r^n + 1 - \rho - (p + 1)\delta = 0$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* From (2.1) we can write

(2.3) 
$$\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{-pz^{-p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} = \frac{1+z^n\varphi(z)}{1-z^n\varphi(z)}$$

where  $\varphi(z)$  is analytic and  $|\varphi(z)| \le 1$  in U. Differentiating both sides of (2.3) logarithmically, we arrive at

(2.4) 
$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = -p + \frac{2n\gamma z^n \varphi(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} + \frac{2\gamma z^{n+1} \varphi'(z)}{1 - (z^n \varphi(z))^2} \quad (z \in U).$$

Put |z| = r < 1 and  $\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{-pz^{-p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} = u + iv \ (u, v \in R)$ . Then (2.3) implies that u - 1 + iv

(2.5) 
$$z^n \varphi(z) = \frac{u-1+iv}{u+1+iv}$$

and

(2.6) 
$$\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \le u \le \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n}$$

With the help of the Carathéodory inequality (see also [8]):

$$|\varphi'(z)| \le \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - r^2},$$

it follows from (2.5) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ (1-\delta) \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{-pz^{-p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \right\}$$
  

$$\geq (1-\delta)u - p\delta + 2n\delta\gamma \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z^n\varphi(z)}{1 - (z^n\varphi(z))^2}\right\} - 2\delta\gamma \left|\frac{z^{n+1}\varphi'(z)}{1 - (z^n\varphi(z))^2}\right|$$
  

$$\geq (1-\delta)u - p\delta + \frac{n\delta\gamma}{2}\left(u - \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}\right) + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2}\frac{(u-1)^2 + v^2 - r^{2n}((u+1)^2 + v^2)}{r^{n-1}(1-r^2)(u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}}$$
  
(2.7) 
$$= F_n(u,v) \quad (say)$$
  
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(2.8) 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v}F_n(u,v) = \delta\gamma v G_n(u,v),$$

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where  $0 < r < 1, 0 < \delta \leq 1$  and

$$(2.9) G_n(u,v) = \frac{nu}{(u^2+v^2)^2} + \frac{1-r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1-r^2)(u^2+v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{r^{2n}((u+1)^2+v^2) - ((u-1)^2+v^2)}{2r^{n-1}(1-r^2)(u^2+v^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} > 0$$

because of (2.5) and (2.6). Since  $F_n(u, v)$  is a even function of v, from (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), we see that

(2.10) 
$$F_n(u,v) \ge F_n(u,0) = (1-\delta)u + p\delta + \frac{n\delta\gamma}{2}\left(u - \frac{1}{u}\right) + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2r^{n-1}(1-r^2)}\left[(1-r^{2n})\left(u + \frac{1}{u}\right) - 2(1+r^{2n})\right].$$

Let us now calculate the minimum value of  $F_n(u, 0)$  on the closed interval  $\left[\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}, \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n}\right]$ . Noting that

$$\frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} \ge n \quad (\text{see } [12])$$

and (2.6), we deduce from (2.10) that

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{d}{du}F_n(u,0) = 1 - \delta + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} + n \right) - \frac{1}{u^2} \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} - n \right) \right] \\ \ge 1 - \delta + \frac{\delta\gamma}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} + n \right) - \left( \frac{1 + r^n}{1 - r^n} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 - r^{2n}}{r^{n-1}(1 - r^2)} - n \right) \right] = 1 - \delta + \frac{2\delta\gamma I_n(r)}{(1 - r^n)^2},$$

where

$$I_n(r) = \frac{n}{2}(1+r^{2n}) - r(1+r^2+\dots+r^{2n-2}).$$

Also

$$I'_{n}(r) = n^{2}r^{2n-1} - (1+3r^{2}+\dots+(2n-1)r^{2n-2}).$$

 $I'_1(r) = r - 1 < 0$ . Suppose that  $I'_n(r) < 0$ . Then

$$I'_{n+1}(r) = (n+1)^2 r^{2n+1} - (2n+1)r^{2n} - (1+3r^2 + \dots + (2n-1)r^{2n-2})$$
  
$$< n^2 r^{2n} - (1+3r^2 + \dots + (2n-1)r^{2n-2})$$
  
$$< I'_n(r) < 0.$$

Hence, by virtue of the mathematical induction, we have  $I_n'(r)<0$  for all  $n\in N$  and  $0\leq r<1.$  This implies that

(2.12) 
$$I_n(r) > I_n(1) = 0 \quad (n \in N; \ 0 \le r < 1).$$

In view of (2.11) and (2.12), we see that

(2.13) 
$$\frac{d}{du}F_n(u,0) > 0 \quad \left(\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \le u \le \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n}\right).$$

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Further it follows from (2.7), (2.10) and (2.13) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ (1-\delta) \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{-pz^{-p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \right\} - \rho \ge F_n \left(\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}, 0\right) - \rho$$
$$= (1-\delta)\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} + \delta \frac{-p - 2n\gamma r^n + pr^{2n}}{1-r^{2n}} - \rho$$
$$(2.14) \qquad = \frac{J_n(r)}{1-r^{2n}},$$

where

$$J_n(r) = [1 + \rho + (p-1)\delta]r^{2n} - 2(1 - \delta + n\delta\gamma)r^n + 1 - \rho - (p+1)\delta$$

Note that  $J_n(0) = 1 - \rho - (p+1)\delta > 0$  and  $J_n(1) = -2n\delta\gamma < 0$ . If we let  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  denote the smallest root in (0, 1) of the equation  $J_n(r) = 0$ , then (2.14) yields the desired result (2.2).

To see that the bound  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  is the best possible, we consider the function

(2.15) 
$$f(z) = -p \int_0^z t^{-p-1} \left(\frac{1+t^n}{1-t^n}\right)^{\gamma} dt.$$

It is clear that for  $z = r \in (r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho), 1)$ ,

$$(1-\delta)\left(\frac{rf'(r)}{-pr^{-p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta\left(1 + \frac{rf''(r)}{f'(r)}\right) - \rho = \frac{J_n(r)}{1 - r^{2n}} < 0,$$

which shows that the bound  $r_n(p, \gamma, \delta, \rho)$  can not be increased. Taking  $\gamma = 1$  in Theorem, we get the following.

**2.2. Corollary.** Let f(z) belong to the class  $\Sigma_p(n)$  and satisfy

(2.16) 
$$\frac{zf'(z)}{z^{-p}} \prec -p\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right) \quad (z \in U).$$

Then

$$(2.17) \quad Re\left\{ (1-\delta) \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{pz^{-p}} \right) + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \rho \quad (|z| < r_n(p, 1, \delta, \rho)),$$

where  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta < \frac{1-\rho}{1+\rho}$  and  $r_n(p, 1, \delta, \rho)$  is the smallest root in (0, 1) of the equation

$$[1+\rho+(p-1)\delta]r^{2n} - 2(1-\delta+n\delta)r^n + 1 - \rho - (p+1)\delta = 0.$$

The result is sharp.

Letting p = 1 in Theorem, we have

**2.3. Corollary.** Let f(z) belong to the class  $\Sigma_p(n)$  and satisfy

(2.18) 
$$\frac{f'(z)}{z^{-2}} \prec -\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\gamma} \quad (0 < \gamma \le 1; \ z \in U).$$

Then

(2.19) 
$$Re\left\{ (1-\delta) \left( -\frac{f'(z)}{z^{-2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} + \delta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \rho \quad (|z| < r_n(1,\gamma,\delta,\rho)),$$

where  $0 \le \rho < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta < \frac{1-\rho}{2}$  and  $r_n(1,\gamma,\delta,\rho)$  is the smallest root in (0,1) of the equation

$$(1+\rho)r^{2n} - 2(1-\delta + n\delta\gamma)r^n + 1 - \rho - 2\delta = 0.$$

The result is sharp.

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