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Results on spirallike p -valent functions

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce two new subclasses of p -valent spirallike functions of order α . We prove necessary and sufficient conditions for these newly defined classes and also point out some known consequences of our results.

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1. Introduction

Let $A(p)$ denote the class of all functions f defined by

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

which are analytic and p -valent in the unit disk

$$\mathbb{E} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}.$$

For a real number α ($0 \leq \alpha < p$) the well-known subclasses $S_p^*(\alpha)$, p -valently starlike functions of order α and $C_p(\alpha)$, p -valently convex functions of order α of $A(p)$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} S^*(\alpha, p) &= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}) \right\}, \\ C(\alpha, p) &= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \Re \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, a function $f \in A$ is said to be β -spirallike of order α in \mathbb{E} if

$$\Re \left\{ e^{i\beta} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \cos \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}). \quad (1.2)$$

The class of all such functions is denoted by $S_\beta(\alpha)$ [3], (also see [5, 14, 15]). In recent years many interesting subclasses of analytic univalent, multivalent and spirallike functions and their many special cases were investigated, see for example [1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10].

Motivated and inspired by the above mention work, we here define the following.

Definition 1.1. A function $f \in A(p)$ belongs to the class $S_\beta(\alpha, p)$ if it satisfies the inequality

$$\left| \frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{e^{i\beta} z f^{(p)}(z)} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E},$$

for some real β and $0 < \alpha < 1$, where $f^{(p)}(z)$ is the p^{th} derivative of $f(z)$.

Remark 1.2. First of all, it is easily seen that, for

$$p = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = 0, S_0(\alpha, 1) = M(\alpha),$$

where $M(\alpha)$ is a function class introduced and studied in [12]. Secondly, we have

$$p = 1, \quad S_\beta(\alpha, 1) = S_\beta(\alpha),$$

where $S_\beta(\alpha)$ is a function class introduced by Owa and Kamali [13].

Definition 1.3. A function $f \in A(p)$ is said to be in the class $C_\beta(\alpha, p)$ if it satisfies the inequality

$$\left| \frac{f^{(p)}(z)}{e^{i\beta} (z f^{(p)}(z))'} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (1.3)$$

for some real β and $0 < \alpha < 1$, where $f^{(p)}(z)$ is the p th derivative of $f(z)$.

As a special case, the class $C_\beta(\alpha, 1) = K_\beta(\alpha)$, is introduced by Owa and Kamali [13]. Using essentially their technique, we prove the main results for the classes $S_\beta(\alpha, p)$ and $C_\beta(\alpha, p)$ which is the main motivation of this paper.

2. Preliminary results

Lemma 2.1. [4]. Let $\phi(u, v)$ be a complex-valued function such that

$$\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad D \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$$

\mathbb{C} being the complex plane and let $u = u_1 + iu_2$ and $v = v_1 + iv_2$. Suppose that the function $\phi(u, v)$ satisfies each of the following conditions

1. $\phi(u, v)$ is continuous in D ;
2. $(1, 0) \in D$ and $\Re\{\phi(1, 0)\} > 0$;
3. $\Re\{\phi(iu_2, v_1)\} \leq 0$ for all $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$ such that $v_1 \leq -\frac{(1+u_2^2)}{2}$. Let

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$$

be analytic (regular) in the unit disk \mathbb{E} such that

$$(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D, \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

If

$$\Re\{\phi(p(z), zp'(z))\} > 0, \quad \text{then } \Re\{p(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}).$$

3. Main results

Theorem 3.1. A function $f \in S_\beta(\alpha, p)$ if and only if, $\Re\left(e^{i\beta} \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)}\right) > \alpha$.

Proof. Let $f(z) \in S_\beta(\alpha, p)$, then we can write

$$\left| \frac{1}{e^{i\beta} F(z)} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha} \quad (z \in E)$$

where $F(z) = \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)}$. From above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)}{2\alpha e^{i\beta} F(z)} \right| &< \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha} \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow |2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)|^2 &< (e^{i\beta} F(z))^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow [2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)] [2\alpha - \overline{e^{i\beta} F(z)}] &< (e^{i\beta} F(z)) [\overline{e^{i\beta} F(z)}] \\ \Leftrightarrow [2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)] [2\alpha - e^{-i\beta} \overline{F(z)}] &< (e^{i\beta} F(z)) [e^{-i\beta} \overline{F(z)}] \\ \Leftrightarrow 4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta} \overline{F(z)} - 2\alpha e^{i\beta} F(z) + F(z) \overline{F(z)} &< F(z) \overline{F(z)} \\ \Leftrightarrow 4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha (e^{-i\beta} \overline{F(z)} + e^{i\beta} F(z)) &< 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2\alpha - 2\Re(e^{i\beta} F(z)) &< 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow -2\Re(e^{i\beta} F(z)) &< -2\alpha \\ \Leftrightarrow \Re\left(e^{i\beta} \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)}\right) &> \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This complete the proof. □

When $p = 1$ we have the following known result proved by Owa and Kamali [13].

Corollary 3.2. $f(z) \in S_\beta(\alpha)$ iff $\Re\left(e^{i\beta} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha$.

Theorem 3.3. If $f(z) \in A(p)$ satisfies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} \left(n+1 + |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \right) |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - |1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \quad (3.1)$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$, then $f(z) \in S_\beta(\alpha, p)$.

Proof. If $f(z) \in S_\beta(\alpha, p)$ then, it suffices to show that

$$\left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)}{e^{i\beta} F(z)} \right| < 1$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$, where $F(z) = \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)}$.

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta} F(z)}{e^{i\beta} F(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{2\alpha e^{-i\beta} f^{(p-1)}(z) - z f^{(p)}(z)}{z f^{(p)}(z)} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - (n+1)) a_{n+p} z^n}{1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1) a_{n+p} z^n} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{|2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - 1| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - (n+1)) |a_{n+p}| |z^n|}{1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1) |a_{n+p}| |z^n|} \\
 &< \frac{|1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| |a_{n+p}|}{1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1) |a_{n+p}|}. \quad (3.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

The last expression in (3.2) is bounded above by 1 if

$$|1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} |(n+1) a_{n+p}|. \quad (3.3)$$

After simplification of (3.3) we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} \{(n+1) + |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}|\} |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - |1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}|.$$

Therefore, $f(z) \in S_{\beta}(\alpha, p)$ for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$. \square

When $\beta = 0$ and $p = 1$, we have the following result proved by Owa *et al.* [12].

Corollary 3.4. Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. If $f(z) \in A$ satisfies the following coefficient inequality

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n - \alpha) |a_n| \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 - |1 - 2\alpha|) = \begin{cases} \alpha; & (0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ 1 - \alpha; & (\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1) \end{cases}$$

then $f(z) \in M(\alpha)$.

Taking $\beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ in above Theorem we have the following result.

Corollary 3.5. If $f(z) \in A(p)$ satisfies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} \left(n+1 + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\alpha(n+1) + 4\alpha^2} \right) |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - \sqrt{1 - 2\sqrt{2}\alpha + 4\alpha^2}$$

for some $0 < \alpha < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, then $f(z) \in S_{\frac{\pi}{4}}(\alpha, p)$.

Theorem 3.6. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.1) be in the class $S_{\beta}(\alpha, p)$ and let

$$0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2(\cos \beta - \alpha)}, \quad 0 < \alpha < \cos \beta. \quad (3.4)$$

Then we have

$$\Re \left\{ \left(\frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{z} \right)^{\lambda e^{i\beta}} \right\} > \frac{(p!)^{-\lambda e^{i\beta}}}{2\lambda(\cos \beta - \alpha) + 1} \quad (z \in E). \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. If we put

$$A = \frac{1}{2\lambda(\cos\beta - \alpha) + 1}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{p!z} \right)^{\lambda e^{i\beta}} = (1-A)p(z) + A \quad (3.6)$$

where λ satisfies (3.4) then $p(z)$ is regular in the unit disk E and $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$. Logarithmic differentiation of (3.6) yields

$$\lambda e^{i\beta} \left[\frac{f^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right] = (1-A) \frac{p'(z)}{(1-A)p(z) + A}.$$

This can be written as

$$e^{i\beta} \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} - e^{i\beta} = (1-A) \frac{zp'(z)}{\lambda \{(1-A)p(z) + A\}},$$

equivalently

$$e^{i\beta} \frac{zf^{(p)}(z)}{f^{(p-1)}(z)} - \alpha = e^{i\beta} - \alpha + (1-A) \frac{zp'(z)}{\lambda \{(1-A)p(z) + A\}}. \quad (3.7)$$

Since $f(z) \in S_\beta(\alpha, p)$ then from (3.7) we have

$$\Re \left\{ e^{i\beta} - \alpha + (1-A) \frac{zp'(z)}{\lambda \{(1-A)p(z) + A\}} \right\} > 0, \quad (z \in E, 0 < \alpha < \cos\beta).$$

Let us consider the functional $\theta(u, v)$ defined by

$$\theta(u, v) = e^{i\beta} - \alpha + (1-A) \frac{v}{\lambda \{(1-A)u + A\}},$$

where $u = p(z)$ and $v = zp'(z)$. Then $\theta(u, v)$ is continuous in $D = \left(\mathbb{C} - \left\{ \frac{A}{A-1} \right\} \right) \times \mathbb{C}$.

Also, $(1, 0) \in D$ and $\Re \{ \theta(1, 0) \} = \cos\beta - \alpha > 0$. Furthermore, for all $(u_2, v_1) \in D$ such that $v_1 \leq -\frac{(1+u_2^2)}{2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \{ \theta(u_2, v_1) \} &= \cos\beta - \alpha + \Re \left\{ (1-A) \frac{v_1}{[\lambda(1-A)u_2 + A]} \right\} \\ &= \cos\beta - \alpha + \frac{A(1-A)v_1}{\lambda[(1-A)^2u_2^2 + A^2]} \\ &< \cos\beta - \alpha - \frac{A(1-A)(1+u_2^2)}{2\lambda[(1-A)^2u_2^2 + A^2]} \\ &= (\cos\beta - \alpha) \frac{A^2[4\lambda^2(\cos\beta - \alpha)^2 - 1]u_2^2}{[(1-A)^2u_2^2 + A^2]} \\ &\leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

because $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$ and $4\lambda^2(\cos \beta - \alpha)^2 - 1 \leq 0$ implies that $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{2(\cos \beta - \alpha)}$.

Therefore, the functional $\theta(u, v)$ satisfies all the conditions of Lemma 2.1. This proves that $\Re \{p(z)\} > 0$, that is from (3.6)

$$\begin{aligned}\Re \left(\frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{p!z} \right)^{\lambda e^{i\beta}} &> A \\ \Re \left(\frac{f^{(p-1)}(z)}{z} \right)^{\lambda e^{i\beta}} &> \frac{(p!)^{-\lambda e^{i\beta}}}{2\lambda(\cos \beta - \alpha) + 1}.\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

For $\beta = 0$ and $p = 1$, in above theorem we have the following known result given by [11].

Corollary 3.7. Let $f \in A$ be in the class $S_0(\alpha, 1)$ and $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2(1-\alpha)}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ then

$$\Re \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\lambda > \frac{1}{2\lambda(1-\alpha) + 1}, \quad z \in E.$$

Theorem 3.8. A function $f \in C_\beta(\alpha, p)$ if and only if

$$\Re \left\{ e^{i\beta} \left(1 + \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)} \right) \right\} > \alpha.$$

Proof. Let $f(z) \in C_\beta(\alpha, p)$, then we can write

$$\left| \frac{1}{e^{i\beta}G(z)} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha}.$$

This can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{1}{e^{i\beta}G(z)} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| &< \frac{1}{2\alpha} \Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta}G(z)}{2\alpha e^{i\beta}G(z)} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha} \\ &\Leftrightarrow |2\alpha - e^{i\beta}G(z)|^2 < (e^{i\beta}G(z))^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (2\alpha - e^{i\beta}G(z))\overline{(2\alpha - e^{i\beta}G(z))} < (e^{i\beta}G(z))\overline{(e^{i\beta}G(z))} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (2\alpha - e^{i\beta}G(z))(2\alpha - e^{-i\beta}\overline{G(z)}) < (e^{i\beta}G(z))(e^{-i\beta}\overline{G(z)}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha[e^{-i\beta}\overline{G(z)} + e^{i\beta}G(z)] + G(z)\overline{G(z)} < G(z)\overline{G(z)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha[e^{-i\beta}\overline{G(z)} + e^{i\beta}G(z)] < 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2\alpha[2\alpha - \Re(e^{i\beta}G(z))] < 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2\alpha - 2\Re(e^{i\beta}G(z)) < 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \Re \left\{ e^{i\beta} \left(1 + \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)} \right) \right\} > \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3.9. If $f(z) \in A(p)$ satisfies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{n!} \left\{ n+1 + |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \right\} |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - |1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \quad (3.8)$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$, then $f(z) \in C_{\beta}(\alpha, p)$.

Proof. To prove that $f(z) \in C_{\beta}(\alpha, p)$ we need to prove that

$$\left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta} G(z)}{e^{i\beta} G(z)} \right| < 1 \quad (3.9)$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, where $G(z) = 1 + \frac{zf^{(p+1)}(z)}{f^{(p)}(z)}$.

For this consider the left hand side of (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2\alpha - e^{i\beta} G(z)}{e^{i\beta} G(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{2\alpha e^{-i\beta} f^{(p)}(z) - (f^{(p)}(z) + zf^{(p+1)}(z))}{(f^{(p)}(z) + zf^{(p+1)}(z))} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1) a_{n+p} 2\alpha e^{-i\beta} - (n+1)}{1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1)^2 |a_{n+p}|} \right| \\ &= \frac{|1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1) |a_{n+p}| |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}|}{1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1)^2 |a_{n+p}|}. \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is bounded above by 1 if

$$\begin{aligned} &|1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} |(n+1) a_{n+p}| |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \\ &\leq 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{(n+1)!} (n+1)^2 |a_{n+p}| \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$. After simplification, inequality (3.10) can be written as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{n!} \left\{ n+1 + |(n+1) - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \right\} |a_{n+p}| \leq 1 - |1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}|.$$

This completes the proof. □

When we take $p = 1$, we have the following known result given in [13].

Corollary 3.10. If $f \in A$ satisfies

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left\{ n \left(n + |n - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}| \right) \right\} |a_n| \leq 1 - |1 - 2\alpha e^{-i\beta}|$$

for some $|\beta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 < \alpha < \cos \beta$, then $f \in K_{\beta}(\alpha)$.

Taking $p = 1, \beta = 0$ in above theorem we have the following result given in [12].

Corollary 3.11. *Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. If $f \in A$ satisfies the following coefficient inequality*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\alpha)|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{2}(1-|1-2\alpha|) = \begin{cases} \alpha; & (0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ 1-\alpha; & (\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1) \end{cases}$$

then $f(z) \in N(\alpha)$.

Taking $\beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ in above Theorem we have the following result.

Corollary 3.12. *If $f(z) \in A(p)$ satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p+n)!}{n!} \left(n+1 + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\alpha(n+1) + 4\alpha^2} \right) |a_{n+p}| \\ \leq 1 - \sqrt{1 - 2\sqrt{2}\alpha + 4\alpha^2}$$

for some $0 < \alpha < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, then $f(z) \in S_{\frac{\pi}{4}}(\alpha, p)$.

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