

# New Result for Strongly Starlike Functions

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## Abstract

In this paper, using Salagean differential operator, we define and investigate a new subclass of univalent functions  $S_{\alpha}^n(\beta)$ . We also establish a characterization property for functions belonging to the class  $S_{\alpha}^n(\beta)$ .

## Keywords

Strongly Starlike Functions, Strongly Convex Functions, Salagean Differential Operator

## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z \in C : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \quad (z \in U) \quad (2)$$

We denote by  $S^*(\alpha)$  the subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions which are starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $U$ .

Also, a function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \quad (z \in U) \quad (3)$$

We denote by  $C(\alpha)$  the subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions which are convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $U$ .

If  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1, \quad (z \in U) \quad (4)$$

then  $f(z)$  is said to be strongly starlike of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$  in  $U$ , denoted by [1].

If  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \alpha \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1, \quad (z \in U) \tag{5}$$

then  $f(z)$  is said to be strongly convex of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$  in  $U$ , denoted by  $C_\alpha(\beta)$  [1].

The following lemma is needed to derive our result for class  $S_\alpha^n(\beta)$ .

**Lemma (1)** [2] [3] [4] [5]. Let a function  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $U$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0 (z \in U)$ , if there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that

$$|\arg(p(z))| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2} \quad (|z| < |z_0|) \quad \text{and} \quad |\arg(p(z_0))| = \frac{\pi\beta}{2} \quad \text{with} \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1, \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = ik\beta \tag{6}$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \left( \text{when } \arg(p(z_0)) = \frac{\pi\beta}{2} \right)$$

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \left( \text{when } \arg(p(z_0)) = -\frac{\pi\beta}{2} \right)$$

And  $p(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} = \pm ia \quad (a > 0)$ .

**Definition 1.** A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $S_\alpha^n(\beta)$  if

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - \alpha \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}, \quad (z \in U) \tag{7}$$

For some  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}, 0 < \beta \leq 1$ .

**Remark**

When  $n = 0$  then  $S_\alpha^n(\beta)$  is the class studied by [1].

**Definition 2.** For functions  $f(z) \in A$  the Salagean differential operator [6] is  $D^n : A \rightarrow A$

$$D^0 f(z) = f(z), \quad D^1 f(z) = zf'(z), \dots, D^n f(z) = D[D^{n-1} f(z)], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The main focus of this work is to provide a characterization property for the class of functions belonging to the class  $S_\alpha^n(\beta)$ .

## 2. Main Result

**Theorem 1.** If  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies

$$(i) \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(ii) \left| \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)/D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)/D^n f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{\beta}{2}, (z \in U)$$

for some  $\beta, 0 < \beta \leq 1, n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}$ , then  $f(z) \in S_{\frac{1}{2}}^n(\beta)$

**Proof.** Let

$$p(z) = 2 \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - 1, \quad n \in N_0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{8}$$

Taking the logarithmic differentiation in both sides of Equation (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} &= \left[ \frac{D^n f(z) 2(D^{n+1}f(z))' - 2D^{n+1}f(z)[D^n f(z)]'}{[D^n f(z)]^2} \right] \left[ \frac{D^n f(z)}{2D^{n+1}f(z) - D^n f(z)} \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{D^n f(z) 2(D^{n+1}f(z))' - 2D^{n+1}f(z)[D^n f(z)]'}{D^n f(z)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{2D^{n+1}f(z) - D^n f(z)} \right] \tag{9} \\ &= \frac{2(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^n f(z)p(z)} - \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)[D^n f(z)]'}{[D^n f(z)]^2 p(z)} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply Equation (9) through by  $p(z)$ , to get

$$p'(z) = \frac{2(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} - \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)(D^n f(z))'}{(D^n f(z))^2} \tag{10}$$

Multiply Equation (10) by  $z$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} zp'(z) &= \frac{2z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} - \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)z(D^n f(z))'}{(D^n f(z))^2} \\ &= \frac{2(D^{n+2}f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} - \frac{(1+p(z))^2}{2} \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Multiply Equation (11) through by 2 and divide through by  $(1+p(z))^2$  to give

$$\frac{2zp'(z)}{(1+p(z))^2} = \frac{4(D^{n+2}f(z))'}{D^n f(z)(1+p(z))^2} - 1 \tag{12}$$

Multiplying Equation (12) by  $\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} = \frac{1+p(z)}{2}$ , and further simplification, we obtain

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{2zp'(z)}{(1+p(z))^2} \right) = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)}, \quad z \in U, \quad n \in N_0 \tag{13}$$

therefore,

$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)/D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)/D^n f(z)} = 1 + \frac{2zp'(z)}{(1+p(z))^2} \tag{14}$$

If  $\exists$  a point  $z_0 \in U$  which satisfies  $|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}$  ( $|z| < |z_0|$ ) and  $|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi\beta}{2}$

then by lemma [2]

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = ik\beta$$

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \text{ and } p(z_0) = a^\beta e^{\frac{i\pi\beta}{2}} \text{ or } p(z_0) = a^\beta e^{-\frac{i\pi\beta}{2}} \quad (a > 0)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{D^{n+2} f(z_0)/D^{n+1} f(z_0)}{D^{n+1} f(z_0)/D^n f(z_0)} - 1 \right| &= 2k\beta \left| \frac{p(z_0)}{(1+p(z_0))^2} \right| \\ &\geq \frac{2\beta \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) |p(z_0)|}{|(1+p(z_0))^2|} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Since,

$$\frac{1}{|(1+p(z_0))^2|} \geq \frac{1}{1+2|p(z_0)|+|p(z_0)|^2} \tag{16}$$

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+2} f(z_0)/D^{n+1} f(z_0)}{D^{n+1} f(z_0)/D^n f(z_0)} - 1 \right| \geq \frac{\beta \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) |p(z_0)|}{1+2|p(z_0)|+|p(z_0)|^2} \tag{17}$$

$$p(z_0) = a^\beta e^{\frac{i\pi\beta}{2}}, \quad a > 0 \Rightarrow |p(z_0)| = a^\beta$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\beta \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) a^\beta}{1+2a^\beta+a^{2\beta}} \\ &= \frac{\left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \beta}{a^{-\beta} + 2 + a^\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$S(a) = \frac{a + \frac{1}{a}}{a^{-\beta} + 2 + a^\beta}$$

then

$$S'(a) = \frac{2(a^2 - 1) + (1 - \beta)a^{-\beta}(a^{2(1+\beta)} - 1) + (1 + \beta)a^\beta(a^{2(1-\beta)} - 1)}{a^2(a^\beta + 2 + a^{-\beta})^2} \tag{18}$$

Hence,  $S'(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1$ .

It implies that

$S'(a) < 0$  when  $0 < a < 1$  and  $S'(a) > 0$  when  $a > 1$ , hence,  $a = 1$  is a minimum point of  $S(a) \cdot S(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Therefore, we have that

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+2} f(z) f(z_0)/D^{n+1} f(z_0)}{D^{n+1} f(z_0)/D^n f(z_0)} - 1 \right| \geq \frac{\beta}{2}, \quad n \in N_0, \quad z \in U \tag{19}$$

which contradicts the condition of the theorem.

Hence, it is concluded from lemma [2] that

$$|\arg p(z)| = \left| \arg \left( \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}, \quad z \in U, \quad n \in N_0 \quad (20)$$

so that

$$f(z) \in S_{\frac{1}{2}}^n(\beta).$$

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