

SOME RESULTS ON THE CLASS OF α -CONVEX
JANOWSKI TYPE FUNCTIONS AND CLASS \mathcal{U}

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Abstract: Using methods from the theory of differential subordinations, we obtain several results that describe the relation between two classes univalent functions. Examples that demonstrate these results are provided.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} denote the class of analytic functions f in the open unit disk $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ that are normalized such that $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$.

The class of *starlike functions of order* α , $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, is defined by

$$\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] > \alpha, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}.$$

For $\alpha = 0$ we receive the class of *starlike functions* $\mathcal{S}^* \equiv \mathcal{S}^*(0)$ consisting of

functions f that map the unit disk onto a starlike region, i.e., if $\omega \in f(\mathbb{D})$, then $t\omega \in f(\mathbb{D})$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Next, we denote by

$$\mathcal{K}^*(\alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \left[1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right] > \alpha, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}$$

the class of *convex functions of order* α , $0 \leq \alpha < 1$. Here, $K^* \equiv K^*(0)$ is the class of *convex functions* such that $f \in \mathcal{K}$ if and only if $f(\mathbb{D})$ is a convex region, i.e., if for any $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in f(\mathbb{D})$ follows $t\omega_1 + (1-t)\omega_2 \in f(\mathbb{D})$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. All the above classes are in the class of univalent functions in \mathbb{D} and even more, $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{S}^*$. For details, see [2].

Now, let A and B be real numbers such that $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$. Then, the function $(1 + Az)/(1 + Bz)$ maps the unit disk univalently onto an open disk that lies in the right half of the complex plane and is centered on the real axis with diameter end points $(1 - A)/(1 - B)$ and $(1 + A)/(1 + B)$. Thus, classes \mathcal{S}^* and \mathcal{K} can be generalized with

$$\mathcal{S}^*[A, B] = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}[A, B] = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right\}.$$

Functions in $\mathcal{S}^*[A, B]$ and $\mathcal{K}[A, B]$ are called Janowski starlike and Janowski convex functions, respectively ([4]).

Using the operators

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \equiv (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{R})$$

and

$$U(f, \mu; z) = \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^{1+\mu} \cdot f'(z) \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{C}),$$

we can define classes

$$\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha] = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : J(f, \alpha; z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right\} \quad (-1 \leq B \leq A \leq 1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \frac{z}{f(z)} \neq 0 \text{ and } |U(f, \mu; z) - 1| < \lambda, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\} \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda > 0).$$

The class $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ is called class of α -convex Janowski type functions. Well known results are that $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha] \subset \mathcal{M}[A, B, \beta] \subset \mathcal{M}[A, B, 0] = \mathcal{S}^*[A, B]$ for $0 \leq \alpha/\beta \leq 1$, and $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha] \subset \mathcal{M}[A, B, 1] = \mathcal{K}[A, B]$. So, class $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ makes a "bridge" between the classes of Janowski starlike and Janowski convex functions and consists of univalent functions.

The other class, class $\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu)$ and its special cases $\mathcal{U}(\lambda) \equiv \mathcal{U}(\lambda, 1)$ and $\mathcal{U} \equiv \mathcal{U}(1) = \mathcal{U}(1, 1)$ are also widely studied in the past decades ([1], [3], [8]-[16]). It is known [1, 16] that functions in $\mathcal{U}(\lambda)$ are univalent if $0 < \lambda \leq 1$, but not necessarily univalent if $\lambda > 1$. Its importance raises from the fact that $\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu)$ is not a subset of \mathcal{S}^* which is rear case in the theory of univalent functions. An example for such behaviour is the function

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{2}z^3} \in \mathcal{U} \setminus \mathcal{S}^*.$$

The aim of this paper is to study the relation between the classes $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ and $\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu)$. For that purpose we will use methods from the theory of first order differential subordinations.

Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be analytic in the unit disk \mathbb{D} . Then we say that $f(z)$ is subordinate to $g(z)$, and we write $f(z) \prec g(z)$, if $g(z)$ is univalent in \mathbb{D} , $f(0) = g(0)$ and $f(\mathbb{D}) \subseteq g(\mathbb{D})$. Further, we use the method of differential subordination introduced by Miler and Mocanu ([5],[6]). In fact, if $\phi: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (\mathbb{C} is the complex plane) is analytic in domain $D \subset \mathbb{C}$, if $h(z)$ is univalent in \mathbb{D} , and $p(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{D} with $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$, when $z \in \mathbb{D}$, then we say that $p(z)$ satisfies a first-order differential subordination if

$$\phi(p(z), zp'(z)) \prec h(z). \quad (1)$$

The univalent function $q(z)$ is called a dominant of the differential subordination (1) if $p(z) \prec q(z)$ for all $p(z)$ satisfying (1). If $\tilde{q}(z)$ is a dominant of (1) and $\tilde{q}(z) \prec q(z)$ for all dominants of (1), then we say that $\tilde{q}(z)$ is the best dominant of the differential subordination (1).

We will make use of the following lemma.

Lemma 1. [7] *Let q be univalent in the unit disk \mathbb{D} , and let $\theta(w)$ and $\phi(w)$ be analytic in a domain D containing $q(\mathbb{D})$, with $\phi(w) \neq 0$ when $w \in q(\mathbb{D})$. Set $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$, $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$, and suppose that:*

- (i) Q is starlike in the unit disk \mathbb{D} ,
- (ii) $\operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} = \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} + \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \right] > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$

If p is analytic in \mathbb{D} , with $p(0) = q(0)$, $p(\mathbb{D}) \subseteq D$ and

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = h(z) \quad (2)$$

then $p(z) \prec q(z)$, and q is the best dominant of (2).

2. Main Results and Consequences

The following theorem will lead us to certain connections between the class $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ and the class $\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu)$.

Theorem 1. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $-1 \leq B < A < 1$ and $\alpha \neq 0$. Also, let $f'(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. If

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \equiv h(z), \quad (3)$$

then

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \prec q(z) \equiv \begin{cases} (1 + Bz)^{c_1}, & \text{if } B \neq 0 \text{ and } \arcsin|B| \leq \pi/|c_1| \\ e^{Az/\alpha}, & \text{if } B = 0 \end{cases}, \quad (4)$$

where $c_1 = \frac{A-B}{\alpha B}$ and $c_2 = \frac{A}{\alpha}$. The function $q(z)$ is the best dominant of (3).

Proof. Let $p(z) = U(f, -1/\alpha; z) = \left(\frac{z}{f(z)}\right)^{1-1/\alpha} \cdot f'(z)$, $q(z) = (1 + Bz)^c$, $\theta(\omega) = 1$ and $\phi(\omega) = \frac{\alpha}{\omega}$. Now we will prove that all the conditions of Lemma 1 hold.

First, let note that $q(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{D} and next we will show that it is also univalent. If $B = 0$, i.e. for $q(z) = e^{Az/\alpha}$ it is obvious. Further, let consider the case $B \neq 0$. In the beginning note that the condition $\arcsin|B| \leq \pi/|c_1|$ implies

$$|\arg q(z)| = |c_1| \cdot |\arg(1 + Bz)| < |c_1| \cdot \arcsin|B| \leq \pi, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}$$

which ensures that for any $z \in \mathbb{D}$, z and $q(z)$ lie on the same side of the real axis. So, if z_1 and z_2 lie on different sides of the real axis ($z_1 \neq z_2$), then so do $q(z_1)$ and $q(z_2)$, i.e. $q(z_1) \neq q(z_2)$. If $z_1 \neq z_2$ and they are on the same side of the real axis, then

$$z_1 \neq z_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1 + Bz_1 \neq 1 + Bz_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(z_1) \neq q(z_2).$$

This completes the proof that $q(z)$ is an univalent function.

Further, functions $\theta(\omega)$ and $\phi(\omega)$ are analytic with domain $D \equiv \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ containing $q(\mathbb{D})$, and $q(\mathbb{D})$ does not contain the origin. Also, $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$ when $\omega \in q(\mathbb{D})$, since $\alpha \neq 0$.

The conditions (i) and (ii) from Lemma 1 hold since

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \alpha \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{(A-B)z}{1+Bz},$$

$$h(z) = 1 + Q(z) \text{ and } zh'(z)/Q(z) = zQ'(z)/Q(z) = \frac{1}{1+Bz}.$$

Next, $p(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{D} and $p(0) = q(0) = 1$. Also, $p(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, i.e. $p(\mathbb{D}) \subseteq D$, since $f'(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ (condition of the theorem); $z/f(z) = 1 \neq 0$ for $z = 0$ (because $f \in \mathcal{A}$) and $f(z)$ has no poles on \mathbb{D} .

Therefore, from Lemma 1 and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \alpha \cdot \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} &= \theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) = J(f, \alpha; z) \\ &\prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} = \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)), \end{aligned}$$

we receive $p(z) \prec q(z)$, i.e. the relation (4), and we also receive that $q(z)$ is the best dominant of (3). \square

Using the definition of subordination we obtain a corollary with additional information about the relation between the classes $\mathcal{U}(\lambda, \mu)$ and $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$.

Corollary 1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. If $f \in \mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ and $f'(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, then*

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \prec q(z) \equiv \begin{cases} (1 + Bz)^{c_1}, & \text{if } B \neq 0 \text{ and } \arcsin|B| \leq \pi/|c_1| \\ e^{Az/\alpha}, & \text{if } B = 0 \end{cases},$$

where $c_1 = \frac{A-B}{\alpha B}$ and $c_2 = \frac{A}{\alpha}$. Additionally, if $z/f(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, $A - B \leq |\alpha|$, then

$$f \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda, -1/\alpha),$$

where

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} (1 + |B|)^{c_1} - 1, & B\alpha > 0 \\ (1 - |B|)^{c_1} - 1, & B\alpha < 0 \\ e^{|c_2|} - 1, & B = 0 \end{cases}.$$

This implication is sharp, i.e., the constant λ can not be replaced by a smaller one such that the implication still holds.

Proof. In the beginning, let note that from the definition of the class $\mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (5)$$

and that all other conditions of Theorem 1 hold. So,

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \prec q(z)$$

and $q(z)$ is the best dominant of (5). Further, in the proof of Theorem 1 it was shown that $q(z)$ is an univalent function. Therefore, by the definition of subordination, we have that

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \in q(\mathbb{D}), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

and in order to prove the second implication of this corollary, it is enough to show that

$$\lambda = \sup \{|q(z) - 1| : z \in \mathbb{D}\}.$$

Indeed, the function

$$q_1(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{q(z)-1}{Bc_1}, & B \neq 0 \\ \frac{q(z)-1}{c_1}, & B = 0 \end{cases}$$

is symmetric with respect to the real axis ($q_1(\bar{z}) = \overline{q_1(z)}$) and it is also in the class of convex functions \mathcal{K} since

$$1 + \frac{zq_1''(z)}{q_1'(z)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1+Bc_1z}{1+Bz}, & B \neq 0 \\ 1 + c_2z, & B = 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$A - B \leq \alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} |Bc_1| \leq 1, & B \neq 0 \\ |c_2| \leq 1, & B = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sup \{|q(z) - 1| : z \in \mathbb{D}\} = \max \{q(1) - 1, q(-1) - 1\}$$

which is easy to be verified that is equal to λ .

The sharpness of the second implication of the corollary follows from the fact that $q(z)$ is the best dominant of (5) and the definition of the best dominant. Namely, if $f \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda_1, -1/\alpha)$ for some λ_1 , then

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \prec 1 + \lambda_1 z$$

which implies $q(z) \prec 1 + \lambda_1 z$, i.e., $\lambda \leq \lambda_1$. □

Remark 1. In Corollary 1, only for simplicity of the results, α is taken to be real (non zero) number. The corollary can be extended to $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Choosing $A = (1 + \alpha)\lambda$ and $B = \lambda$ in Theorem 1 we receive the following result.

Corollary 2. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $0 < \lambda \leq 1$ and $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} - 1$. Also, let $f'(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. If $f \in \mathcal{M}[(1 + \alpha)\lambda, \lambda, \alpha]$, or equivalently,

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \prec 1 + \alpha - \frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda z},$$

then

$$U(f, -1/\alpha; z) \prec 1 + \lambda z,$$

or equivalently

$$\left| U\left(f, -\frac{1}{\alpha}; z\right) - 1 \right| < \lambda, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Additionally, if $z/f(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, then $f \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda, -1/\alpha)$. Both implications are sharp, i.e., the coefficient λ can not be replaced by a smaller number so that the corresponding implications hold.

Proof. For $A = (1 + \alpha)\lambda$ and $B = \lambda$, the condition $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} - 1$ ensures $\lambda < (1 + \alpha)\lambda \leq 1$, i.e. $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$. Further, $B = \lambda \neq 0$, $c_1 = \frac{A-B}{\alpha B} = 1$ and

$$1 + \alpha - \frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda z} = \frac{1 + (1 + \alpha)\lambda z}{1 + \lambda z} = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Thus, all conditions of Theorem 1 hold which implies the conclusions of this corollary. \square

Choosing some exact values of A and/or B in Corollary 1, we directly receive

Corollary 3. Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Also, let $f'(z) \neq 0$ and $z/f(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

(i) If $\alpha \leq -2$ and $\operatorname{Re} J(f, \alpha; z) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$), then

$$f \in \mathcal{U}(2^{-2/\alpha} - 1, -1/\alpha).$$

($A = 1$ and $B = -1$ in Corollary 1);

(ii) If $0 \leq \beta < 1$, $\alpha < 0$, $2(1 - \beta) \leq |\alpha|$ and $\operatorname{Re} J(f, \alpha; z) > \beta$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$), then

$$f \in \mathcal{U}(2^c - 1, -1/\alpha). \quad (A = 1 - 2\beta \text{ and } B = -1)$$

where $c = -\frac{2(1-\beta)}{\alpha}$. ($A = 1 - 2\beta$ and $B = -1$ in Corollary 1);

(iii) If $0 < A \leq 1$, $A \leq |\alpha|$ and $|J(f, \alpha; z) - 1| < A$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$), then

$$f \in \mathcal{U}(e^c - 1, -1/\alpha). \quad (B = 0)$$

where $c = \frac{A}{\alpha}$ ($B = 0$ in Corollary 1).

3. Examples

In this section we give two examples where using Corollaries 1 and 2 we will show that a given function is both, of α -convex Janowski type and in the class \mathcal{U} . A direct conclusion (by the definitions of the classes) is more delicate.

Example 1. Let $\alpha > 0$, $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{1+\alpha}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Also, let $|a| < 1$,

$$\frac{|a|}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{1 - |a|} \leq \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \quad (6)$$

and $f(z) = z \cdot e^{az}$. Then

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{M}[(1 + \alpha)\lambda, \lambda, \alpha] \cap \mathcal{U}(\lambda, -1/\alpha).$$

Proof. It is easy to verify that $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $f'(z) \neq 0$ and $z/f(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Also,

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \equiv (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) = 1 + \alpha + az - \frac{\alpha}{1 + az}.$$

Further,

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \prec 1 + \alpha - \frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda z} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad az - \frac{\alpha}{1 + az} \prec -\frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda z}$$

and the last subordination is equivalent to

$$\sup_{|z|=1} \left| az - \frac{\alpha}{1 + az} \right| \leq \inf_{|z|=1} \left| -\frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda z} \right| = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \lambda}. \quad (7)$$

Now, let put $z = e^{i\theta}$, $t = \cos \theta$ and define a function

$$h(t) \equiv \left| az - \frac{\alpha}{1+az} \right|^2 \bigg|_{z=e^{i\theta}} = a^2(1+\alpha) - 2\alpha t + \frac{\alpha[\alpha + a^2(1-a^2)]}{1+2at+a^2}.$$

Next,

$$h'(t) = -2a\alpha \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\alpha + a^2(1-a^2)}{(1+2at+a^2)^2} \right]$$

has constant sign, i.e.,

$$\sup_{|t| \leq 1} h(t) = \max\{h(-1), h(1)\} = \begin{cases} h(-1), & a \geq 0 \\ h(1), & a < 0 \end{cases} = \frac{[\alpha + |a|(1-|a|)]^2}{(1-|a|)^2}.$$

Thus, inequality (7) holds if and only if

$$\frac{\alpha + |a|(1-|a|)}{1-|a|} \leq \frac{\alpha}{1+\lambda}$$

which is equivalent to (6). This means that $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}[(1+\alpha)\lambda, \lambda, \alpha]$. Finally, applying Corollary 2 we receive $f(z) \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda, -1/\alpha)$. \square

Example 2. Let $\alpha > 0$, $a > 0$ and $0 < \gamma \leq \frac{1}{1+a}$. Then

$$f(z) = z \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{1+a} \cdot z \right)^a \in \mathcal{M}[(1+\alpha)\lambda, \lambda, \alpha] \cap \mathcal{U}(\lambda, -1/\alpha).$$

Proof. It is easy to check that $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $f'(z) \neq 0$ and $z/f(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Also,

$$J(f, \alpha; z) \equiv (1-\alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) = 1 + \frac{a\gamma z}{1+\gamma z} = \frac{1+\gamma(1+a)z}{1+\gamma z},$$

i.e., $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}[A, B, \alpha]$ for $A = \gamma(1+a)$ and $B = \gamma$. Also,

$$f'(z) = f(z) \cdot (1+a) \cdot \left[1 - \frac{a}{1+a+\gamma z} \right]$$

and

$$\frac{z}{f(z)} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{1+a} \cdot z \right)^{-a}$$

do not vanish on the unit disk. The rest follows directly from Corollary 1. \square

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