

Certain functions with positive real part

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Abstract

We find conditions on the complex-valued functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined in the unit disc U and the real constants α, β, γ such that the differential inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} [A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \gamma] > 0$$

implies $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$, where $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$, and n, k are two positive integers.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

We let $\mathcal{H}[U]$ denote the class of holomorphic functions in the unit disc

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

For $a \in \mathbb{C}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ we let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}[U], f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}[U], f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + a_{n+2} z^{n+2} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

with $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$.

In order to prove the new results we shall use the following lemma, which is a particular form of Theorem 2.3.i [1, p. 35].

Lemma A. [1, p. 35]. *Let $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a function which satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(\rho i, \sigma; z) \leq 0,$$

where $\rho, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma \leq -\frac{n}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$, $z \in U$ and $n \geq 1$.

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

2 Main results

Theorem. *Let $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, $\gamma \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1}$ and n, k be two positive integers.*

Suppose that the functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfy:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} & i) \operatorname{Re} A(z) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} \\ & ii) \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq -2k\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} - \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{Re} [A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \gamma] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

Proof. We let $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be defined by

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) &= \\ &= A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \gamma \end{aligned}$$

From (2) we have

$$(4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) > 0 \text{ for } z \in U.$$

For $\sigma, \rho \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $\sigma \leq -\frac{n}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$ and $z \in U$, by using (1) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(\rho i, \sigma; z) &= \operatorname{Re} [A(z)(\rho i)^{4k} + B(z)(\rho i)^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha\sigma^{2k} + \beta\sigma^{2k-1} + \gamma] \leq \\ &\leq \rho^{4k} \operatorname{Re} A(z) - \rho^{4k-2} \operatorname{Re} B(z) - \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} (1 + \rho^2)^{2k} - \\ &- \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1} (1 + \rho^2)^{2k-1} + \gamma \leq \rho^{4k} \operatorname{Re} A(z) - \rho^{4k-2} \operatorname{Re} B(z) - \\ &- \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} [1 + C_{2k}^1 \rho^2 + C_{2k}^2 \rho^4 + \dots + C_{2k}^{2k-1} (\rho^2)^{2k-1} + C_{2k}^{2k} (\rho^2)^{2k}] - \\ &- \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1} (1 + C_{2k-1}^1 \rho^2 + C_{2k-1}^2 (\rho^2)^2 + \dots + C_{2k-1}^{2k-2} (\rho^2)^{2k-2} + \\ &+ C_{2k-1}^{2k-1} (\rho^2)^{2k-1}] \leq \rho^{4k} \left[\operatorname{Re} A(z) - \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} \right] - \\ &- \rho^{4k-2} \left[\operatorname{Re} B(z) + 2k \cdot \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1} \right] - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\rho^{4k-4} \left[\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} (2k-1)k + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} (2k-1) \right] - \\
& -\rho^{4k-6} \left[\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} \cdot \frac{k(2k-2)(2k-1)}{3} + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} \cdot (k-1)(2k-1) \right] - \dots - \\
& -\rho^4 \left[\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} k(2k-1) + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} \cdot \frac{2k-1}{2} \right] - \\
& -\rho^2 \left[\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} \cdot 2k + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} (2k-1) \right] - \\
& -\alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} - \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} + \gamma \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma A we have that $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$.

If $\delta = \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1}$, then the Theorem can be rewritten as follows:

Corollary 1. *Let $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$ and n, k be two positive integers.*

Suppose that the functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfy:

- i) $\operatorname{Re} A(z) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k}$*
- ii) $\operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq -2\alpha k \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} - \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1}$.*

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Re} \left[A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \right. \\
& \left. + \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k} + \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1} \right] > 0
\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $\alpha \equiv 0$, then the Theorem can be rewritten as follows:

Corollary 2. *Let $\beta \geq 0$, $\gamma \leq \beta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{2k-1}$, and n, k be two positive integers.*

Suppose that the functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfy:

- i) $\operatorname{Re} A(z) \leq 0$*

$$ii) \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq -\beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1}.$$

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} [A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \gamma] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $\beta \equiv 0$, then the Theorem can be rewritten as follows:

Corollary 3. Let $\alpha \geq 0$, $\gamma \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k}$ and n, k be two positive integers.

Suppose that the functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfy

$$i) \operatorname{Re} A(z) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k}$$

$$ii) \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq -2\alpha k \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k}.$$

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} [A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \gamma] > 0$$

then $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$.

If $\gamma = 0$, then the Theorem can be rewritten as follows:

Corollary 4. Let $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, and n, k be two positive integers.

Suppose that the functions $A, B : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfy:

$$i) \operatorname{Re} A(z) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k}$$

$$ii) \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq -2\alpha k \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k} - \beta \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2k-1}.$$

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} [A(z)p^{4k}(z) + B(z)p^{4k-2}(z) - \alpha(zp'(z))^{2k} + \beta(zp'(z))^{2k-1}] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $n = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 2$, $\gamma = \frac{5}{2^k}$, $A(z) = -1 + \frac{z}{2}$, $B(z) = 1 + 2z$, then in this case from Corollary 1 we deduce:

Example 1. If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[\left(-1 + \frac{z}{2} \right) p^{4k}(z) + (1 + 2z) p^{4k-2}(z) - (zp'(z))^{2k} + 2(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + \frac{5}{2^k} \right] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $n = 2$, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 3$, $\gamma = 3$, $A(z) = -3 + z$, $B(z) = 1 + z$, then in this case from Corollary 2 we deduce:

Example 2. If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 2]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} [(-3 + z)p^{4k}(z) + (1 + z)p^{4k-2}(z) + 3(zp'(z))^{2k-1} + 3] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $n = 3$, $\alpha = 4$, $\beta = 0$, $\gamma = 4 \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{2k}$, $A(z) = -2 + \frac{z}{2}$, $B(z) = 2 - z$, then in this case from Corollary 3 we deduce:

Example 3. If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 3]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[\left(-2 + \frac{z}{2} \right) p^{4k}(z) + (2 - z) p^{4k-2}(z) - 4(zp'(z))^{2k} + 4 \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{2k} \right] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

If $n = 4$, $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta = \frac{3}{4}$, $A(z) = -4 + 2z$, $B(z) = 3 - \frac{z}{2}$, then in this case from Corollary 4 we deduce:

Example 4. If $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 4]$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[(-4 + 2z)p^{4k}(z) + \left(3 - \frac{z}{2}\right)p^{4k-2}(z) - \frac{1}{2}(zp'(z))^{2k} + \frac{3}{4}(zp'(z))^{2k-1} \right] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

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