



## CERTAIN SUBCLASSES OF $p$ -VALENTLY CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. The object of the present paper is to drive some properties of certain class  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$  of multivalent analytic functions in the open unit disk  $E$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

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

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $E = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently starlike of order  $\alpha$  if it satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in E).$$

We denote by  $S_p^*(\alpha)$ .

On the other hand, a function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently close-to-convex functions of order  $\alpha$  if it satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in E),$$

for some starlike function  $g(z)$ . We denote by  $C_p(\alpha)$ .

For  $f \in A_p$  given by (1.1), the generalized Bernardi integral operator  $F_c$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} F_c(z) &= \frac{c+p}{z^c} \int_0^z f(t)t^{c-1} dt \\ (1.2) \quad &= z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{c+p}{c+p+k} a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (c+p > 0, z \in E). \end{aligned}$$

For an analytic function  $g$ , defined in  $E$  by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{p+k} z^{p+k},$$

Flett [3] defined the multiplier transform  $I^\eta$  for a real number  $\eta$  by

$$I^\eta g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^{-\eta} b_{p+k} z^{p+k} \quad (z \in E).$$

Clearly, the function  $I^\eta g$  is analytic in  $E$  and

$$I^\eta(I^\mu g(z)) = I^{\eta+\mu} g(z)$$

for all real numbers  $\eta$  and  $\mu$ .

For any integer  $n$ , J. Patel and P. Sahoo [5] also defined the operator  $D^n$ , for an analytic function  $f$  given by (1.1), by

$$\begin{aligned} D^n f(z) &= z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p+k+1}{1+p} \right)^{-n} a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \\ (1.3) \quad &= f(z) * z^{p-1} \left[ z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+1+p}{1+p} \right)^{-n} z^{k+1} \right] \quad (z \in E), \end{aligned}$$

where  $*$  stands for the Hadamard product or convolution.

It follows from (1.3) that

$$(1.4) \quad z(D^n f(z))^{n-1} f(z) - D^n f(z).$$

We also have

$$D^0 f(z) = f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad D^{-1} f(z) = \frac{zf'(z) + f(z)}{p+1}.$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $E$ , then we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f < g$  or  $f(z) < g(z)$ , if there is a function  $w$  analytic in  $E$ , with  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in E$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ , for  $z \in U$ . If  $g$  is univalent then  $f < g$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(E) \subset g(E)$ .

Making use of the operator notation  $D^n$ , we introduce a subclass of  $A_p$  as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** For any integer  $n$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , a function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be in the class  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$  if

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} < \frac{p(1+Az)}{1+Bz},$$

where  $<$  denotes subordination.

For convenience, we write

$$K_{n,p} \left( 1 - \frac{2\alpha}{p}, -1 \right) = K_{n,p}(\alpha),$$

where  $K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in A_p$  satisfying the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} \right\} > \alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in E).$$

We also note that  $K_{0,p}(\alpha) \equiv C_p(\alpha)$  is the class of  $p$ -valently close-to-convex functions of order  $\alpha$ .

In this present paper, we derive some properties of a certain class  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$  by using differential subordination.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES AND MAIN RESULTS

In our present investigation of the general class  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$ , we shall require the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** ([4]). *If the function  $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$  is analytic in  $E$ ,  $h(z)$  is convex in  $E$  with  $h(0) = 1$ , and  $\gamma$  is complex number such that  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$ . Then the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination*

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma} < h(z)$$

implies

$$p(z) < q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} h(t) dt < h(z) \quad (z \in E)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

For complex numbers  $a, b$  and  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , the hypergeometric series

$$(2.1) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = 1 + \frac{ab}{c}z + \frac{a(a+1)b(b+1)}{2!c(c+1)}z^2 + \dots$$

represents an analytic function in  $E$ . It is well known by [1] that

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be real  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$  and  $c > b > 0$ . Then*

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^1 t^{b-1}(1-t)^{c-b-1}(1-tz)^{-a} dt = \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)}{\Gamma(c)} {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z),$$

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(a, c-b; c; \frac{z}{z-1}\right)$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = {}_2F_1(b, a; c; z).$$

**Lemma 2.3** ([6]). *Let  $\phi(z)$  be convex and  $g(z)$  is starlike in  $E$ . Then for  $F$  analytic in  $E$  with  $F(0) = 1$ ,  $\frac{\phi * Fg}{\phi * g}(E)$  is contained in the convex hull of  $F(E)$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** ([2]). *Let  $\phi(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  and  $\phi(z) < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$ . Then*

$$|c_k| \leq (A - B).$$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $n$  be any integer and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . If  $f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ , then*

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{z^p} < q(z) < \frac{p(1+Az)}{1+Bz} \quad (z \in E),$$

where

$$(2.5) \quad q(z) = \begin{cases} {}_2F_1(1, p+1; p+2; -Bz) \\ \quad + \frac{p+1}{p+2} Az {}_2F_1(1, p+2; p+3; -Bz), & B \neq 0; \\ 1 + \frac{p+1}{p+2} Az, & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant of (2.4). Furthermore,  $f \in K_{n+1,p}(\rho(p, A, B))$ , where

$$(2.6) \quad \rho(p, A, B) = \begin{cases} p {}_2F_1(1, p+1; p+2; B) \\ \quad - \frac{p(p+1)}{p+2} A {}_2F_1(1, p+2; p+3; B), & B \neq 0; \\ 1 - \frac{p+1}{p+2} A, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.7) \quad p(z) = \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{pz^p},$$

where  $p(z)$  is analytic function with  $p(0) = 1$ .

Using the identity (1.4) in (2.7) and differentiating the resulting equation, we get

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} = p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p+1} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} (\equiv h(z)).$$

Thus, by using Lemma 2.1 (for  $\gamma = p+1$ ), we deduce that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} p(z) &< (p+1)z^{-(p+1)} \int_0^z \frac{t^p(1+At)}{1+Bt} dt (\equiv q(z)) \\ &= (p+1) \int_0^1 \frac{s^p(1+Asz)}{1+Bsz} ds \\ &= (p+1) \int_0^1 \frac{s^p}{1+Bsz} ds + (p+1)Az \int_0^1 \frac{s^{p+1}}{1+Bsz} ds. \end{aligned}$$

By using (2.2) in (2.9), we obtain

$$p(z) < q(z) = \begin{cases} {}_2F_1(1, p+1; p+2; -Bz) \\ \quad + \frac{p+1}{p+2} Az {}_2F_1(1, p+2; p+3; -Bz), & B \neq 0; \\ 1 + \frac{p+1}{p+2} Az, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus, this proves (2.5).

Now, we show that

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re} q(z) \geq q(-r) \quad (|z| = r < 1).$$

Since  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , the function  $(1+Az)/(1+Bz)$  is convex(univalent) in  $E$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right) \geq \frac{1-Ar}{1-Br} > 0 \quad (|z| = r < 1).$$

Setting

$$g(s, z) = \frac{1+Asz}{1+Bsz} \quad (0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad z \in E)$$

and  $d\mu(s) = (p + 1)s^p ds$ , which is a positive measure on  $[0, 1]$ , we obtain from (2.9) that

$$q(z) = \int_0^1 g(s, z) d\mu(s) \quad (z \in E).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} q(z) = \int_0^1 \operatorname{Re} g(s, z) d\mu(s) \geq \int_0^1 \frac{1 - A s r}{1 - B s r} d\mu(s)$$

which proves the inequality (2.10).

Now, using (2.10) in (2.9) and letting  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{z^p} \right\} > \rho(p, A, B),$$

where

$$\rho(p, A, B) = \begin{cases} p {}_2F_1(1, p + 1; p + 2; B) \\ \quad - \frac{p(p+1)}{p+2} A {}_2F_1(1, p + 2; p + 3; B), & B \neq 0 \\ p - \frac{p(p+1)}{p+2} A, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

This proves the assertion of Theorem 2.5. The result is best possible because of the best dominant property of  $q(z)$ . □

Putting  $A = 1 - \frac{2\alpha}{p}$  and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 2.5, we have the following:

**Corollary 2.6.** *For any integer  $n$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , we have*

$$K_{n,p}(\alpha) \subset K_{n+1,p}(\rho(p, \alpha)),$$

where

$$(2.11) \quad \rho(p, \alpha) = p \cdot {}_2F_1(1, p + 1; p + 2; -1) - \frac{p(p + 1)}{p + 2} (1 - 2\alpha) {}_2F_1(1, p + 2; p + 3; -1).$$

The result is best possible.

Taking  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2.6, we have the following:

**Corollary 2.7.** *For any integer  $n$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , we have*

$$K_n(\delta) \subset K_{n+1}(\delta(\alpha)),$$

where

$$(2.12) \quad \delta(\alpha) = 1 + 4(1 - 2\alpha) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k + 2} (-1)^k.$$

**Theorem 2.8.** *For any integer  $n$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , if  $f(z) \in K_{n+1,p}(\alpha)$ , then  $f \in K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for  $|z| < R(p)$ , where  $R(p) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + (p+1)^2}}{p+1}$ . The result is best possible.*

*Proof.* Since  $f(z) \in K_{n+1,p}(\alpha)$ , we have

$$(2.13) \quad \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{z^p} = \alpha + (p - \alpha)w(z), \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p),$$

where  $w(z) = 1 + w_1z + w_2z^2 + \dots$  is analytic and has a positive real part in  $E$ . Making use of logarithmic differentiation and using identity (1.4) in (2.13), we get

$$(2.14) \quad \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} - \alpha = (p - \alpha) \left[ w(z) + \frac{zw'(z)}{p + 1} \right].$$

Now, using the well-known (by [5])

$$\frac{|zw'(z)|}{\operatorname{Re} w(z)} \leq \frac{2r}{1-r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re} w(z) \geq \frac{1-r}{1+r} \quad (|z| = r < 1),$$

in (2.14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} - \alpha \right\} &= (p - \alpha) \operatorname{Re} w(z) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{p+1} \frac{\operatorname{Re} zw'(z)}{\operatorname{Re} w(z)} \right\} \\ &\geq (p - \alpha) \operatorname{Re} w(z) \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{p+1} \frac{|zw'(z)|}{\operatorname{Re} w(z)} \right\} \\ &\geq (p - \alpha) \frac{1-r}{1+r} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{p+1} \frac{2r}{1-r^2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that the right-hand side of the above expression is positive if  $|z| < R(p) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + (p+1)^2}}{p+1}$ . Hence  $f \in K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for  $|z| < R(p)$ .

To show that the bound  $R(p)$  is best possible, we consider the function  $f \in A_p$  defined by

$$\frac{z(D^{n+1} f(z))'}{z^p} = \alpha + (p - \alpha) \frac{1-z}{1+z} \quad (z \in E).$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} - \alpha &= (p - \alpha) \cdot \frac{1-z}{1+z} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{p+1} \frac{-2z}{(p+1)(1-z^2)} \right\} \\ &= (p - \alpha) \cdot \frac{1-z}{1+z} \left\{ \frac{(p+1) - (p+1)z^2 - 2z}{(p+1) - (p+1)z^2} \right\} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $z = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + (p+1)^2}}{p+1}$ , we complete the proof of Theorem 2.8. □

Putting  $n = -1$ ,  $p = 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  in Theorem 2.8, we have the following:

**Corollary 2.9.** *If  $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \alpha$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}\{zf''(z) + 2f'(z)\} > \alpha$  for  $|z| < \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .*

**Theorem 2.10.**

- (a) *If  $f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ , then the function  $F_c$  defined by (1.2) belongs to  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$ .*  
 (b)  *$f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$  implies that  $F_c \in K_{n,p}(\eta(p, c, A, B))$  where*

$$\eta(p, c, A, B) = \begin{cases} p_2 F_1(1, p+c; p+c+1; B) \\ \quad - \frac{p(p+c)}{p+c+1} A_2 F_1(1, p+c+1; p+c+2; B), & B \neq 0 \\ p - \frac{p(p+c)}{p+c+1} A, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.15) \quad \phi(z) = \frac{z(D^n F_c(z))'}{pz^p},$$

where  $\phi(z)$  is an analytic function with  $\phi(0) = 1$ . Using the identity

$$(2.16) \quad z(D^n F_c(z))'^n f(z) - cD^n F_c(z)$$

in (2.15) and differentiating the resulting equation, we get

$$\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} = \phi(z) + \frac{z\phi'(z)}{p+c}.$$

Since  $f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ ,

$$\phi(z) + \frac{z\phi'(z)}{p+c} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}.$$

By Lemma 2.1, we obtain  $F_c(z) \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ . We deduce that

$$(2.17) \quad \phi(z) < q(z) < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz},$$

where  $q(z)$  is given by (2.5) and is the best dominant of (2.17).

This proves part (a) of the theorem. Proceeding as in Theorem 2.10, part (b) follows. □

Putting  $A = 1 - \frac{2\alpha}{p}$  and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 2.8, we have the following:

**Corollary 2.11.** *If  $f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , then  $F_c \in K_{n,p}\mathcal{H}(p, c, \alpha)$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(p, c, \alpha) = & p \cdot {}_2F_1(1, p+c; p+c+1; -1) \\ & - \frac{p+c}{p+c+1} (p-2\alpha) {}_2F_1(1, p+c; p+c+1; -1). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $c = p = 1$  in Theorem 2.10, we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.12.** *If  $f \in K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , then the function*

$$G(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$$

*belongs to the class  $K_n(\delta(\alpha))$ , where  $\delta(\alpha)$  is given by (2.12).*

**Theorem 2.13.** *For any integer  $n$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$  and  $c > -p$ , if  $F_c \in K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  then the function  $f$  defined by (1.1) belongs to  $K_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for  $|z| < R(p, c) = \frac{-1+\sqrt{1+(p+c)^2}}{p+c}$ . The result is best possible.*

*Proof.* Since  $F_c \in K_{n,p}(\alpha)$ , we write

$$(2.18) \quad \frac{z(D^n F_c)'}{z^p} = \alpha + (p-\alpha)w(z),$$

where  $w(z)$  is analytic,  $w(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} w(z) > 0$  in  $E$ . Using (2.16) in (2.18) and differentiating the resulting equation, we obtain

$$(2.19) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{z^p} - \alpha \right\} = (p-\alpha) \operatorname{Re} \left\{ w(z) + \frac{zw'(z)}{p+c} \right\}.$$

Now, by following the line of proof of Theorem 2.8, we get the assertion of Theorem 2.13. □

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $f \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$  and  $\phi(z) \in A_p$  convex in  $E$ . Then*

$$(f * \phi(z))(z) \in K_{n,p}(A, B).$$

*Proof.* Since  $f(z) \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ ,

$$\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}.$$

Now

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{z(D^n(f * \phi)(z))'}{pz^p * \phi(z)} &= \frac{\phi(z) * z(D^n f)'}{\phi(z) * pz^p} \\ &= \frac{\phi(z) * \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} pz^p}{\phi(z) * pz^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Then applying Lemma 2.3, we deduce that

$$\frac{\phi(z) * \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} pz^p}{\phi(z) * pz^p} < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Hence  $(f * \phi(z))(z) \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ . □

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let a function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $K_{n,p}(A, B)$ . Then*

$$(2.21) \quad |a_{p+k}| \leq \frac{p(A-B)(p+k+1)^n}{(1+p)^n(p+k)} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

*The result is sharp.*

*Proof.* Since  $f(z) \in K_{n,p}(A, B)$ , we have

$$\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} \equiv \phi(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Hence

$$(2.22) \quad z(D^n f(z))' \phi(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k.$$

From (2.22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} z(D^n f(z))' &= z \left( z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+p}{p+k+1} \right)^n a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \right)' \\ &= pz^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+p}{p+k+1} \right)^n (p+k) a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \\ &= pz^p \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(2.23) \quad \left( \frac{1+p}{p+k+1} \right)^n (p+k) a_{p+k} = pc_k.$$

By using Lemma 2.4 in (2.23),

$$\frac{\left( \frac{1+p}{p+k+1} \right)^n (p+k) |a_{p+k}|}{p} = |c_k| \leq A - B.$$

Hence

$$|a_{p+k}| \leq \frac{p(A-B)(p+k+1)^n}{(1+p)^n(p+k)}.$$

The equality sign in (2.21) holds for the function  $f$  given by

$$(2.24) \quad (D^n f(z))' = \frac{pz^{p-1} + p(A-B-1)z^p}{1-z}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{pz^p} = \frac{1 + (A-B-1)z}{1-z} < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$



The function  $f(z)$  defined in (2.24) has the power series representation in  $E$ ,

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{p(A-B)(p+k+1)^n}{(1+p)^n(p+k)} z^{p+k}.$$

□

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