

## ON SOME ANGULAR ESTIMATES OF CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. The paper is devoted to generalizing the results by Libera [4], MacGregor [5], Pommerenke [6] and Ponnusamy and Karunakaran [7] relating to properties of close-to-convex functions.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $p \in \mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  denote the class of functions

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

which are analytic in the unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  is called *p-valently starlike* if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}^*(p)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  consisting of *p-valently starlike* functions. Further, a function in  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  is said to be *p-valently convex* if

$$1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}(p)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  of such *p-valently convex* functions in  $\mathcal{U}$ . A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  is said to be *p-valently close-to-convex* if there is a function  $g(z) \in \mathcal{C}(p)$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

We shall denote by  $\mathcal{K}(p)$  the class of *p-valently close-to-convex* functions. As is well known, we have the inclusions

$$\mathcal{C}(p) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(p) \subset \mathcal{K}(p).$$

Now, we define the subordination. Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , with  $f(0) = g(0)$ . Suppose  $f(z)$  is univalent, and the range of  $\mathcal{U}$  by  $g(z)$  is contained in that of  $f(z)$ . Then we say the function  $g(z)$  *subordinates* to  $f(z)$  and write  $g(z) \prec f(z)$ .

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**Theorem A.** [3] Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ . Let  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(p)$  satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

then we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

Theorem A was proved by Sakaguchi [3], which is generalized by Libera [4], MacGregor [5], Pommerenke [6], and Ponnusamy and Karunakaran [7].

The generalization of MacGregor [5] is the following, which is quite similar to that of Libera [4]:

**Theorem B.** [5, Lemma 2] Suppose that functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $f(0) = g(0) = 0$ , and  $g(z)$  maps  $\mathcal{U}$  onto a region which is starlike with respect to the origin. Let  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ . If

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

Likewise, if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} < \gamma \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} < \gamma \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

In [6], Pommerenke obtained the following theorem.

**Theorem C.** [6, Lemma 1] Let  $f(z), g(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ . For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

then

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f(z_2) - f(z_1)}{g(z_2) - g(z_1)} \right\} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$$

for  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{U}$ .

In [7], Ponnusamy and Karunakaran lead the next theorem.

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**Theorem D.** [7, Corollary 2] *Let  $p \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\beta < 1$  and  $0 \leq \delta < 1/p$ . If  $f(z), g(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  and  $g(z)$  satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)} \right\} > \delta,$$

*then*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} > \beta$$

*implies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \frac{2\beta + k\delta}{2 + k\delta}.$$

Theorem D may be regarded as a generalization of the results of Theorems A and B.

In 1995, Nunokawa obtained the next two theorems.

**Theorem E.** [8, Theorem 1] *Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ ,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(p)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $\beta$  be a real number. Suppose that*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} - \beta \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

*then we have*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \beta \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

**Theorem F.** [8, Theorem 2] *Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ ,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(p)$ , where  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $\beta > 1$ . Suppose that*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \beta - \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

*then we have*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \beta - \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}$$

*or*

$$\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha < \arg \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \beta \right\} < \pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

**Remark 1.** Theorem E is a generalization of Theorem A, the first half of Theorem B and Theorem C, while Theorem F is a generalization of the second half of Theorem B.

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## 2. Preliminaries

In this paper, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** [10] *Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\beta > 0$  and suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that*

$$|\arg \{p(z)\}| < \frac{\pi}{2}\beta \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0|$$

and

$$|\arg \{p(z_0)\}| = \frac{\pi}{2}\beta.$$

Then we have

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

where

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

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

and

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

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a positive real number and let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $-1 \leq \delta < \lambda \leq 1$  and suppose that*

$$(1) \quad \left| \arg \left\{ p(z) + \frac{g(z)}{g'(z)} p'(z) \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}$$

or

$$p(z) + \frac{g(z)}{g'(z)} p'(z) \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U},$$

where  $g(z)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}^*(p)$  and satisfies

$$(2) \quad \frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)} \prec \frac{1+\lambda z}{1+\delta z}.$$

Then for  $\beta > 0$  being determined by

$$(3) \quad \alpha = \beta + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda) \{(\lambda-\delta)\beta + p(1-\lambda)(1-\delta^2)\}}{p(1-\delta)(\lambda-\delta)} \right\},$$

we have

$$|\arg \{p(z)\}| < \frac{\pi}{2}\beta \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

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*Proof.* Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$|\arg \{p(z)\}| < \frac{\pi}{2}\beta \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0|$$

and

$$|\arg \{p(z_0)\}| = \frac{\pi}{2}\beta.$$

Then, from Lemma 1, we have

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

where

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

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

and

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

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \left\{ p(z_0) + \frac{g(z_0)}{g'(z_0)} p'(z_0) \right\} &= \arg \{p(z_0)\} \left[ 1 + \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \frac{g(z_0)}{z_0 g'(z_0)} \right] \\ &= \arg \{p(z_0)\} \left[ 1 + ik\beta \frac{g(z_0)}{z_0 g'(z_0)} \right] \\ &= \arg \{p(z_0)\} (A + iB). \end{aligned}$$

Here real constants  $A$  and  $B$  can be estimated by virtue of the assumption (2) such as

$$A \leq 1 + \frac{1}{p} \frac{\lambda - \delta}{1 - \delta^2} k\beta,$$

$$(4) \quad B \geq \frac{1}{p} \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - \delta} k\beta.$$

Note that the right hand side of (4) is positive.

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When  $\arg \{p(z_0)\} = \pi\beta/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg \left\{ p(z_0) + \frac{g(z_0)}{g'(z_0)} p'(z_0) \right\} &= \arg \{p(z_0)\} (A + iB) \\
 &\geq \frac{\pi}{2}\beta + \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{1-\lambda}{p} \frac{k\beta}{1-\delta}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} \frac{\lambda-\delta}{1-\delta^2} k\beta} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2}\beta + \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda) \{(\lambda-\delta)k\beta + p(1-\lambda)(1-\delta^2)\}}{p(1-\delta)(\lambda-\delta)} \right\} \\
 &\geq \frac{\pi}{2}\beta + \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda) \{(\lambda-\delta)\beta + p(1-\lambda)(1-\delta^2)\}}{p(1-\delta)(\lambda-\delta)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \beta + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda) \{(\lambda-\delta)\beta + p(1-\lambda)(1-\delta^2)\}}{p(1-\delta)(\lambda-\delta)} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, when  $\arg \{p(z_0)\} = -\pi\beta/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg \left\{ p(z_0) + \frac{g(z_0)}{g'(z_0)} p'(z_0) \right\} &= \arg \{p(z_0)\} (A + iB) \\
 &\leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \beta + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda) \{(\lambda-\delta)\beta + p(1-\lambda)(1-\delta^2)\}}{p(1-\delta)(\lambda-\delta)} \right\} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

These contradict (1), which completes the proof of Lemma 2.

**Remark 2.** Note that when  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\beta = \alpha$  from the equation (1).

**Remark 3.** The existence of  $\beta$  satisfying (3) for any positive  $\alpha$  can be certificated easily.

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\gamma$  be a real number and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ ,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(p)$  and

$$\frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)} \prec \frac{1+\lambda z}{p(1+\delta z)}$$

for  $-1 \leq \delta < \lambda \leq 1$  and suppose that

$$(5) \quad \left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} - \gamma \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

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Then for  $\beta > 0$  being determined by (3) we have

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \gamma \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

*Proof.* Let us put

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \gamma \right\}.$$

Then we have

$$p(z) + \frac{g(z)}{g'(z)} p'(z) = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} - \gamma \right\}.$$

Applying Lemma 2 for this  $p(z)$ , we obtain the required result.

**Remark 4.** Theorem 1 is a revision of Theorem E in view of Remark 2.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\gamma > 1$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ ,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(p)$ . For  $-1 \leq \delta < \lambda \leq 1$  we assume

$$\frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)} \prec \frac{1}{p} \frac{1+\lambda z}{1+\delta z}$$

and suppose that

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \gamma - \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

Then for  $\beta > 0$  being determined by (3) we have

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \gamma - \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}$$

or

$$\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \beta < \arg \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \gamma \right\} < \pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}.$$

*Proof.* Let us put

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \left\{ \gamma - \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\}.$$

Then we have

$$p(z) + \frac{g(z)}{g'(z)} p'(z) = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \left\{ \gamma - \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \right\},$$

which yields the result of the present theorem.

**Remark 5.** Theorem 2 is better than Theorem F, as we noted in Remark 3.

**Remark 6.** In case of  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0$ , Theorem 1 is equivalent to Theorem A.

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