

## ON A CLASS OF $p$ -VALENT STARLIKE FUNCTIONS OF ORDER $\alpha$

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $\Omega$  denote the class of functions  $w(z)$ ,  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$  analytic in the unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . For arbitrary fixed numbers  $A, B$ ,  $-1 < A \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq B < 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , denote by  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  the class of functions  $P(z) = p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  analytic in  $U$  such that  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if  $P(z) = \frac{p + [(pB + (A-B)(p-\alpha))w(z)]}{1 + Bw(z)}$ ,  $w \in \Omega$ ,  $z \in U$ . Moreover, let  $S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  analytic in  $U$  and satisfying the condition that  $f(z) \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = P(z)$  for some  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  and all  $z$  in  $U$ .

In this paper we determine the bounds for  $|f(z)|$  and  $|\arg \frac{f(z)}{z}|$  in  $S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , we investigate the coefficient estimates for functions of the class  $S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  and we study some properties of the class  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Let  $A_p$  ( $p$  a fixed integer greater than zero) denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  which are analytic in  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . We use  $\Omega$  to denote the class of bounded analytic functions  $w(z)$  in  $U$  satisfies the conditions  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| \leq |z|$  for  $z \in U$ .

Let  $P(A, B)$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) denote the class of functions having the form

$$P_1(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in  $U$  and such that  $P_1(z) \in P(A, B)$  if and only if

$$P_1(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad w \in \Omega, \quad z \in U. \quad (1.2)$$

The class  $P(A, B)$  was introduced by Janowski [1].

For  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , denote by  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  the class of functions

$P(z) = p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  which are analytic in  $U$  and which satisfy that  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$P(z) = (p - \alpha) P_1(z) + \alpha, \quad P_1(z) \in P(A, B). \quad (1.3)$$

Using (1.2) in (1.3), one can show that  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$P(z) = \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \alpha)]w(z)}{1 + B w(z)}, \quad w \in \Omega. \quad (1.4)$$

It was shown in [1] that

$$P_1(z) \in P(A, B) \text{ if and only if}$$

$$P_1(z) = \frac{(1 + A) p(z) + 1 - A}{(1 + B) p(z) + 1 - B} \quad (1.5)$$

for some  $p(z) \in P(1, -1) = P$  (the class of functions of form (1.1) which are analytic in  $U$  and have a positive real part in  $U$ ). Thus, from (1.3) and (1.5), we have

$$P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha) \text{ if and only if}$$

$$P(z) = \frac{[p + pB + (A - B)(p - \alpha)]p(z) + [p - pB - (A - B)(p - \alpha)]}{(1 + B)p(z) + 1 - B}, \quad p(z) \in P. \quad (1.6)$$

Moreover, let  $S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) \in A_p$  which satisfy

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = P(z) \quad (1.7)$$

for some  $P(z)$  in  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$  and all  $z$  in  $U$ .

We note that  $S(A, B, 1, 0) = S^*(A, B)$ , is the class of functions  $f_1(z) \in A_1$  which satisfy

$$\frac{zf'_1(z)}{f_1(z)} = P_1(z), \quad P_1 \in P(A, B). \quad (1.8)$$

The class  $S^*(A, B)$  was introduced by Janowski [1]. Also,  $S(1, -1, p, \alpha) = S_\alpha(p)$ , is the class of  $p$ -valent starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , investigated by Goluzine [2].

From (1.3), (1.7) and (1.8), it is easy to show that  $f \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if for  $z \in U$

$$f(z) = z^p \left[ \frac{f_1(z)}{z} \right]^{(p - \alpha)}, \quad f_1 \in S^*(A, B). \quad (1.9)$$

## 2. THE ESTIMATION OF $|f(z)|$ AND $|\arg \frac{f(z)}{z}|$ FOR THE CLASS $S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ .

LEMMA 1. Let  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ . Then, for  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$\left| P(z) - \frac{p - [pB + (A-B)(p-\alpha)]Br^2}{1-B^2r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)r}{1-B^2r^2} .$$

PROOF. It is easy to see that the transformation

$$P_1(z) = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)} \text{ maps } |w(z)| \leq r \text{ onto the circle}$$

$$\left| P_1(z) - \frac{1-ABr^2}{1-B^2r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(A-B)r}{1-B^2r^2} . \quad (2.1)$$

Then the result follows from (1.3) and (2.1).

THEOREM 1. If  $f(z) \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,

$$C(r; -A, -B, p, \alpha) \leq |f(z)| \leq C(r; A, B, p, \alpha), \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$r^p \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)}{1+Br} \quad \text{for } B \neq 0,$$

$$C(r; A, B, p, \alpha) =$$

$$r^p \cdot e^{A(p-\alpha)r} \quad \text{for } B=0.$$

These bounds are sharp, being attained at the point  $z = re^{i\phi}$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ , by

$$f_*(z) = z^p f_0(z; -A, -B, p, \alpha) \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$f^*(z) = z^p f_0(z; A, B, p, \alpha), \quad (2.4)$$

respectively, where

$$f_0(z; A, B, p, \alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1+Be^{-i\phi}z)^{(p-\alpha)}}{B} & \text{for } B \neq 0 \\ e^{A(p-\alpha)}e^{-i\phi}z & \text{for } B = 0 . \end{cases}$$

PROOF. From (1.9), we have  $f(z) \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$f(z) = z^p \left[ \frac{f_1(z)}{z} \right]^{(p-\alpha)}, \quad f_1 \in S^*(A, B) . \quad (2.5)$$

It was shown by Janowski [1] that for  $f_1(z) \in S^*(A, B)$

$$f_1(z) = z \exp \left( \int_0^z \frac{P_1(\zeta) - 1}{\zeta} d\zeta \right), \quad P_1(z) \in P(A, B) . \quad (2.6)$$

Thus from (2.5) and (2.6), we have for  $f(z) \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$

$$f(z) = z^p \exp \left( \int_0^z \frac{P(\zeta) - p}{\zeta} d\zeta \right), \quad P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha).$$

Therefore

$$|f(z)| = |z|^p \exp \left( \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z \frac{P(\zeta) - p}{\zeta} d\zeta \right).$$

substituting  $\zeta = zt$ , we obtain

$$|f(z)| = |z|^p \exp \left( \operatorname{Re} \int_0^1 \frac{P(zt) - p}{t} dt \right).$$

Hence

$$|f(z)| \leq |z|^p \exp \left( \int_0^1 \max_{|zt|} \frac{P(zt) - p}{t} dt \right) = rt \left( \operatorname{Re} \int_0^1 \frac{P(zt) - p}{t} dt \right).$$

From Lemma 1, it follows that

$$\max_{|zt|} \frac{P(zt) - p}{t} = \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)r}{1+Brt};$$

then, after integration, we obtain the upper bounds in (2.2). Similarly, we obtain the bounds on the left-hand side of (2.2) which ends the proof.

#### REMARKS ON THEOREM 1.

- Choosing  $A = 1$  and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 1, we get the result due to Goluzina [2].
- Choosing  $P = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 1, we get the result due to Janowski [1].
- Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$  and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 1, we get the result due to Robertson [3].
- Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$  and  $B = \alpha = 0$  in Theorem 1, we get the result due to Singh [4].

THEOREM 2. If  $f(z) \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right) \right| \leq \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)}{B} \sin^{-1} (Br), \quad B \neq 0, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right) \right| \leq A(p-\alpha)r, \quad B = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

These bounds are sharp, being attained by the function  $f_0(z)$  defined by

$$f_0(z) = \begin{cases} z^p \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)}{B} & , B \neq 0, \\ z^p \exp(A(p-\alpha) \delta z) & , B = 0, |\delta| = 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.9)$$

PROOF. It was shown by Goel and Mehrok [5] that for  $f_1 \in S^*(A, B)$

$$\left| \arg \frac{f_1(z)}{z} \right| \leq \frac{(A - B)}{B} \sin^{-1} (Br), \quad B \neq 0, \quad (2.10)$$

$$\left| \arg \frac{f_1(z)}{z} \right| \leq Ar, \quad B = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

Therefore, the proof of Theorem 2 is an immediate consequence of (1.9), (2.10) and (2.11).

REMARK ON THEOREM 2.

Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$  and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 2, we get the result due to Pinchuk [6].

3. COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES FOR THE CLASS  $S(A, B, P, \alpha)$ .

LEMMA 2. If integers  $p$  and  $m$  are greater than zero;  $0 \leq \alpha < p$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{|(B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j + 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{m^2} \{ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + \\ \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} [k^2(B^2 - 1) &+ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + 2kB(B - A)(p - \alpha)] \times \\ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{|(B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j + 1)^2} \} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

PROOF. We prove the lemma by induction on  $m$ . For  $m = 1$ , the lemma is obvious.

Next, suppose that the result is true for  $m = q-1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{q^2} \{ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{q-1} [k^2(B^2 - 1) &+ \\ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + 2kB(B - A)(p - \alpha)] \times \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{|(B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j + 1)^2} \} \\ = \frac{1}{q^2} \{ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{q-2} [k^2(B^2 - 1) &+ \\ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + 2kB(B - A)(p - \alpha)] \times \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{|(B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j + 1)^2} \} \\ + [(q - 1)^2(B^2 - 1) &+ (B - A)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + 2(q - 1)B(B - A)(p - \alpha)] \times \\ \sum_{j=0}^{q-2} \frac{|(B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j + 1)^2} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \prod_{j=0}^{q-2} \frac{\left| (B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj \right|^2}{(j+1)^2} \times \left\{ \frac{(q-1)^2 B^2 + (B - A)^2 (p - \alpha)^2 + 2(q-1)B(B - A)(p - \alpha)}{q^2} \right\} \\
 &= \prod_{j=0}^{q-1} \frac{\left| (B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bj \right|^2}{(j+1)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Showing that the result is valid for  $m = q$ . This proves the lemma.

THEOREM 3. If  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \prod_{k=0}^{n-(p+1)} \frac{\left| (B - A)(p - \alpha) + Bk \right|}{k+1} \quad (3.2)$$

for  $n \geq p + 1$ , and these bounds are sharp for all admissible  $A, B$  and  $\alpha$  and for each  $n$ .

PROOF. As  $f \in S(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , from (1.4) and (1.7), we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{p + [pB + (A - B)(p - \alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad w \in \Omega.$$

This may be written as

$$\{Bzf'(z) + [-pB + (B - A)(p - \alpha)]f(z)\}w(z) = pf(z) - zf'(z).$$

Hence

$$[B \{pz^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (p+k)a_{p+k} z^{p+k}\} + [-pB + (B - A)(p - \alpha)] \{z^p +$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}\}]w(z) = p \{z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (p+k)a_{p+k} z^{p+k}\} -$$

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

or

$$[pB + [-pB + (B - A)(p - \alpha)] + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(p+k)B +$$

$$[-pB + (B - A)(p - \alpha)]\} a_{p+k} z^k] w(z) = (p - p) +$$

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

which may be written as

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \{ (p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)] \} a_{p+k} z^k \right] w(z) \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \{ -k \} a_{p+k} z^k \quad (3.3)$$

$$\text{where } a_p = 1 \text{ and } w(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} z^{k+1}.$$

Equating coefficients of  $z^m$  on both sides of (3.3), we obtain

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \{ (p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)] \} a_{p+k} b_{m-k} =$$

$$\{ -m \} a_{p+m};$$

which shows that  $a_{p+m}$  on right-hand side depends only on

$$a_p, a_{p+1}, \dots, a_{p+(m-1)}$$

of left-hand side. Hence we can write

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \left[ \{ (p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)] \} a_{p+k} z^k \right] w(z) \\ = \sum_{k=0}^m \{ -k \} a_{p+k} z^k + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} A_k z^k$$

for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and a proper choice of  $A_k (k \geq 0)$ .

Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} |(p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)]|^2 |a_{p+k}|^2 r^{2k} \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \{ (p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)] \} a_{p+k} r^k e^{i\theta k} \right|^2 d\theta \\ \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \{ (p+k) B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)] \} a_{p+k} r^k e^{i\theta k} \right|^2 |w(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta \\ \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^m \{ -k \} a_{p+k} r^k e^{i\theta k} + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} A_k r^k e^{i\theta k} \right|^2 d\theta \\ \geq \sum_{k=0}^m | -k |^2 | a_{p+k} |^2 r^{2k} + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} | A_k |^2 r^{2k} \\ \geq \sum_{k=0}^m k^2 | a_{p+k} |^2 r^{2k}. \quad (3.4)$$

Setting  $r \rightarrow 1$  in (3.4), the inequality (3.4) may be written as

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \{ |(p+k)B + [-pB + (B-A)(p-\alpha)]|^2 - k^2 \} |a_{p+k}|^2 \geq m^2 |a_{p+m}|^2. \quad (3.5)$$

Simplification of (3.5) leads to

$$|a_{p+m}|^2 \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \{ k^2(B^2 - 1) + (B-A)(p-\alpha)[(B-A)(p-\alpha) + 2kB] \} |a_{p+k}|^2. \quad (3.6)$$

Replacing  $p+m$  by  $n$  in (3.6), we are led to

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-p)^2} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-(p+1)} \{ k^2(B^2 - 1) + (B-A)(p-\alpha) \times \\ &\quad [B-A)(p-\alpha) + 2kB] \} |a_{p+k}|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $n \geq p+1$ .

For  $n = p+1$ , (3.7) reduces to

$$|a_{p+1}|^2 \leq (B-A)^2(p-\alpha)^2$$

or

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq (B-A)(p-\alpha) \quad (3.8)$$

which is equivalent to (3.2).

To establish (3.2) for  $n > p+1$ , we will apply induction argument.

Fix  $n$ ,  $n \geq p+1$ , and suppose (3.2) holds for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, \dots, \dots, n-(p+1)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-p)^2} \{ (B-A)^2(p-\alpha)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-(p+1)} \{ k^2(B^2 - 1) + \\ &\quad (B-A)(p-\alpha)[(B-A)(p-\alpha) + 2kB] \} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{|(B-A)(p-\alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j+1)^2} \}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Thus, from (3.7), (3.9) and Lemma 2 with  $m = n-p$ , we obtain

$$|a_n|^2 \leq \sum_{j=0}^{n-(p+1)} \frac{|(B-A)(p-\alpha) + Bj|^2}{(j+1)^2}.$$

This completes the proof of (3.2). This proof is based on a technique found in Clunie [7].

For sharpness of (3.2) consider

$$f(z) = \frac{z^p}{\frac{(B-A)(p-\alpha)}{B}} , \quad |\delta| = 1, \quad B \neq 0.$$

REMARK ON THEOREM 3.

Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$ , and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 3, we get the result due to Robertson [3] and Schild [8].

#### 4. DISTORTION AND COEFFICIENT BOUNDS FOR FUNCTIONS IN $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ .

THEOREM 4. If  $P(z) \in P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then

$$|\arg P(z)| \leq \sin^{-1} \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)r}{p - [pB + (A-B)(p-\alpha)]Br^2}, \quad |z| = r.$$

The bound is sharp.

PROOF. The proof follows from Lemma 1. To see that the result is sharp, let

$$P(z) = p \left\{ \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p})]\delta_1 z}{1 + \delta_1 Bz} \right\}, \quad |\delta_1| = 1. \quad (4.1)$$

Putting

$$\delta_1 = \frac{r}{z} \left\{ \frac{-[B + (A-B)(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p})] + Br}{1 + [B + (A-B)(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p})]Br^2} + \frac{i\sqrt{1 - [B + (A-B)(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p})]^2r^2}\sqrt{1 - B^2r^2}}{1 + [B + (A-B)(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p})]Br^2} \right\}, \quad r = |z|,$$

in (4.1), we have

$$\arg P(z) = \sin^{-1} \frac{(A-B)(p-\alpha)r}{p - [pB + (A-B)(p-\alpha)]Br^2}.$$

An immediate consequence of Lemma 1 is

COROLLARY 1. If  $P(z)$  is in  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then for  $|z| \leq r < 1$

$$\frac{p - (A-B)(p - \alpha)r - [pB + (A-B)(p - \alpha)]Br^2}{1 - B^2r^2} \leq |P(z)| \leq \frac{p + (A-B)(p - \alpha)r - [pB + (A-B)(p - \alpha)]Br^2}{1 - B^2r^2},$$

and

$$\frac{p - (A-B)(p - \alpha)r - [pB + (A-B)(p - \alpha)]Br^2}{1 - B^2r^2} \leq \operatorname{Re} \{P(z)\} \leq$$

$$\frac{p + (A-B)(p - \alpha)r - [pB + (A-B)(p - \alpha)]Br^2}{1 - B^2r^2}.$$

## REMARK ON COROLLARY 1.

Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$  and  $B = -1$  in the above corollary we get the following distortion bounds studied by Libera and Livingston [9] stated in the following corollary.

COROLLARY 2. If  $P(z)$  is in  $P(1, -1, \alpha) = P(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  (the class of functions  $P(z)$  with positive real part of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ), then for  $|z| \leq r < 1$

$$\frac{1 - 2(1 - \alpha)r + (1 - 2\alpha)r^2}{1 - r^2} \leq |P(z)| \leq \frac{1 + 2(1 - \alpha)r + (1 - 2\alpha)r^2}{1 - r^2}.$$

and

$$\frac{1 - 2(1 - \alpha)r + (1 - 2\alpha)r^2}{1 - r^2} \leq \operatorname{Re} \{P(z)\} \leq \frac{1 + 2(1 - \alpha)r + (1 - 2\alpha)r^2}{1 - r^2}.$$

The coefficient bounds which follow are derived by using the method of Clunie [7].

THEOREM 5. If  $P(z) = p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  is in  $P(A, B, p, \alpha)$ , then

$$|b_n| \leq (A - B)(p - \alpha), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; \quad (4.2)$$

these bounds are sharp.

PROOF. The representation  $P(z)$  in (1.4) is equivalent to

$$[B + (A - B)(p - \alpha) - B P(z)]w(z) = P(z) - p, \quad w \in \Omega. \quad (4.3)$$

or

$$[B + (A - B)(p - \alpha) - B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k]w(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad b_0 = p. \quad (4.4)$$

This can be written as

$$[(A - B)(p - \alpha) - B \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_k z^k]w(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k z^k + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} q_k z^k, \quad (4.5)$$

the last term also being absolutely and uniformly convergent in compacta on  $U$ . Writing  $z = re^{i\theta}$ , performing the indicated integration and making use of the bound  $|w(z)| \leq |z| < 1$  for  $z$  in  $U$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A - B)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + B^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_k|^2 r^{2k} = \\
 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| (A - B)(p - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_k r^k e^{ik\theta} \right|^2 d\theta \\
 \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \{ (A - B)(p - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_k r^k e^{ik\theta} \} w(re^{i\theta}) \right|^2 d\theta \\
 \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n b_k r^k e^{ik\theta} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} q_k r^k e^{ik\theta} \right|^2 d\theta \\
 \geq \sum_{k=1}^n |b_k|^2 r^{2k} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |q_k|^2 r^{2k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last term is non-negative and  $r < 1$ , therefore

$$(A - B)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + B^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_k|^2 \geq \sum_{k=1}^n |b_k|^2, \quad (4.6)$$

or

$$|b_n|^2 \leq (A - B)^2(p - \alpha)^2 + (B^2 - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_k|^2. \quad (4.7)$$

Since  $-1 \leq B < 1$ , we have  $B^2 - 1 \leq 0$ . Hence

$$|b_n| \leq (A - B)(p - \alpha), \quad (4.8)$$

and this is equivalent to (4.2). If  $w(z) = z^n$ , then

$$P(z) = p + (A - B)(p - \alpha)z^n + \dots,$$

which makes (4.2) sharp.

#### REMARK ON THEOREM 5.

Choosing  $p = 1$ ,  $A = 1$ , and  $B = -1$  in Theorem 5, we get the result due to Libera [10] stated in the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3. If  $P(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \in P(1, -1, 1, \alpha) = P(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,

then

$$|b_n| \leq 2(1 - \alpha), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots;$$

these bounds are sharp.

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