



## COEFFICIENTS BOUNDS IN SOME SUBCLASS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we consider a class of analytic functions introduced by Mishra and Gochhayat, *Fekete-Szegő problem for a class defined by an integral operator*, Kodai Math. J., 33(2010) 310–328, which is connected with  $k$ -starlike functions through Noor operator. We find inclusion relations and coefficients bounds in this class.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the class of analytic functions in the unit disc  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{H}$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\Delta$ .

In [16] Noor defined an operator  $I_n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  as follows:

$$I_n f(z) = f_n^\dagger(z) * f(z), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $f_n^\dagger$  is defined by the relation

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^{n+1}} * f_n^\dagger(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}. \quad (1.3)$$

It is obvious that  $I_0 f(z) = z f'(z)$  and  $I_1 f(z) = f(z)$ . The operator  $I_n f$  defined by (1.2) is called Noor operator and for  $n \geq 2$  it represent an integral operator of  $f$ . For details see [16].

It is well known that for  $\alpha > 0$

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_m}{m!} z^{m+1} \quad (z \in \Delta),$$

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where  $(x)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol

$$(x)_n = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0, x \neq 0, \\ x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1) & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}. \end{cases}$$

By (1.3) we obtain

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)_m}{m!} z^{m+1} * f_n^\dagger(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2)_m}{m!} z^{m+1}. \tag{1.4}$$

Then (1.4) implies that

$$f_n^\dagger(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2)_m}{(n+1)_m} z^{m+1} \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

Therefore, if  $f$  is of the form (1.1), then

$$I_n f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2)_{m-1}}{(n+1)_{m-1}} a_m z^m = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(n+1)_{m-1}} a_m z^m \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{1.5}$$

A function  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be in class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  of starlike functions if

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

Let  $\mathcal{CV}$  denote the class of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  that are convex univalent. It is known that  $f \in \mathcal{CV}$  if and only if  $zf' \in \mathcal{S}^*$ , for details see [3].

Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a smooth directed curve  $z = z(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$ , the direction being that determines as  $t$  increases. Let  $f(\Gamma)$  be the image of  $\Gamma$  under a function that is analytic on  $\Gamma$ . The arc  $f(\Gamma)$  is said to be convex if the argument of the tangent to  $f(\Gamma)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $t$ . In 1991 Goodman [4] investigated a class of functions mapping circular arcs contained in the unit disk, with center at an arbitrarily chosen point in  $\Delta$ , onto a convex arcs. Goodman denoted the class of such functions by  $\mathcal{UCV}$ . Recall here his definition.

**Definition 1.1** ([4]). A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be uniformly convex in  $\Delta$ , if  $f$  is convex in  $\Delta$ , and has the property that for every circular arc  $\gamma$ , contained in  $\Delta$ , with center  $\zeta \in \Delta$ , the arc  $f(\gamma)$  is convex.

In [18] Rønning and independently in [14] Ma and Minda gave a more applicable characterization of the class  $\mathcal{UCV}$ , stated below.

**Definition 1.2** ([14, 18]). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{UCV}$  if and only if

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{1.6}$$

In [10] and in the next papers of these authors generalized the notions of starlikeness and convexity. Let  $0 \leq k < \infty$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be  $k$ -uniformly convex in  $\Delta$ , if the image of every circular arc  $\gamma$  contained in  $\Delta$ , with center  $\zeta$ , is convex, where  $|\zeta| \leq k$ . For fixed  $k$ , the class of all  $k$ -uniformly convex functions will be denoted by  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$ . Clearly,  $0 - \mathcal{UCV} = \mathcal{CV}$ , and  $1 - \mathcal{UCV} = \mathcal{UCV}$ . As with the class  $\mathcal{UCV}$  it is possible to get a one-variable characterization of the class  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$ .

**Definition 1.3** ([11]). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f \in k - \mathcal{UCV}$  iff

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

The class  $k - \mathcal{ST}$  consisting of  $k$ -starlike functions, is defined from  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  via the Alexander's transform (see [1]) i.e.

$$f \in k - \mathcal{UCV} \iff zf' \in k - \mathcal{ST}.$$

**Definition 1.4** ([11]). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f \in k - \mathcal{ST}$  if and only if

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{1.7}$$

The class  $k - \mathcal{ST}$  for  $k = 1$  becomes the class  $\mathcal{PST}$ , introduced earlier by Rønning [18]. The class  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  started earlier in papers [2, 23] with some additional conditions and without the geometric interpretation given in [11]. Recently Mishra and Gochhayat [15] defined a new class of functions using Noor operator as follows:

**Definition 1.5** ([15]). A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$ , ( $0 \leq k < \infty$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ) if and only if  $I_n f \in k - \mathcal{ST}$ . Or equivalently

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{z(I_n f)'(z)}{(I_n f)(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{z(I_n f)'(z)}{(I_n f)(z)} - 1 \right| \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{1.8}$$

Note that the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$  unifies many subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{M}(0, 0) = \mathcal{CV}$ , the class of convex functions;  $\mathcal{M}(0, 1) = \mathcal{UCV}$ , the class of uniformly convex functions;  $\mathcal{M}(1, 0) = \mathcal{S}^*$ , the class of starlike functions;  $\mathcal{M}(1, 1) = \mathcal{PST}$ , the class of parabolic starlike functions;  $\mathcal{M}(0, k) = k - \mathcal{UCV}$  and  $\mathcal{M}(1, k) = k - \mathcal{ST}$ .

Let  $\varphi(z) = z + a_m z^m$ . It is easy to verify that  $\varphi \in k - \mathcal{UCV}$  if and only if  $|a_m| \leq 1/[m(m + k(m - 1))]$ , and  $\varphi \in k - \mathcal{ST}$  if and only if  $|a_m| \leq 1/(m + k(m - 1))$ . It is easy to check that for  $n \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots\}$  we have

$$\frac{1}{m + k(m - 1)} \frac{m!}{(n + 1)_{m-1}} \leq \frac{1}{m(m + k(m - 1))},$$

hence, if  $\varphi \in k - \mathcal{ST}$ , then

$$I_n \varphi(z) = z + \frac{m!}{(n+1)_{m-1}} a_m z^m$$

is in  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  for  $n \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ . Moreover,  $I_n \varphi \notin k - \mathcal{UCV}$  for  $n \in \{1, 2\}$ . It would be interesting to check this property of the Noor operator for other functions in  $k - \mathcal{ST}$ .

**Conjecture.** If  $f \in k - \mathcal{ST}$  and  $n \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ , then

$$I_n f \in k - \mathcal{UCV}.$$

Our aim in this paper is to find coefficient bounds and coefficient inequalities for the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$ .

In the present investigation we also need the following definitions and notations, for the presentation of our results.

For arbitrary chosen  $k \in [0, \infty)$  let  $\Omega_k$  denote the domain

$$\Omega_k = \{u + iv : u^2 > k^2(u - 1)^2 + k^2v^2, u > 0\}. \tag{1.9}$$

Note that  $1 \in \Omega_k$  for all  $k$  and each  $\Omega_k$  is convex and symmetric in the real axis.  $\Omega_0$  is nothing but the right half-plane and when  $0 < k < 1$ ,  $\Omega_k$  is an unbounded domain contained in the right branch of a hyperbola. When  $k = 1$ , the domain  $\Omega_1$  is still unbounded domain enclosed by the parabola  $v^2 = 2u - 1$ . When  $k > 1$ , the domain  $\Omega_k$  becomes bounded domain being the interior of an ellipse. Note also that for no choice of parameter  $k$ ,  $\Omega_k$  reduces to a disk.

Under the above notations we may rewrite the Definition 3, as follows

$$f \in k - \mathcal{UCV} \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \in \Omega_k \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{1.10}$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the class of Caratheodory functions, e.g.

$$\mathcal{P} = \{p : p \text{ analytic in } \Delta, p(0) = 1, \Re \{p(z)\} > 0\}, \tag{1.11}$$

and let  $p_k$  denote a conformal mapping of  $\Delta$  onto  $\Omega_k$  determined by conditions  $p_k(0) = 1$ ,  $\Re \{p'_k(0)\} > 0$ . Then we have

$$p_1(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)^2, \quad z \in \Delta, \tag{1.12}$$

and if  $0 \leq k < 1$ , then

$$p_k(z) = \frac{1}{1 - k^2} \cosh \left\{ \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos k \right) \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right\} - \frac{k^2}{1 - k^2}, \quad z \in \Delta, \tag{1.13}$$

moreover, if  $k > 1$ , then

$$p_k(z) = \frac{1}{k^2 - 1} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2K(\kappa)} \int_0^{\frac{u(z)}{\sqrt{\kappa}}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^2}\sqrt{1-\kappa^2 t^2}} \right) + \frac{k^2}{k^2 - 1}, \quad z \in \Delta, \tag{1.14}$$

where

$$u(z) = \frac{z - \sqrt{\kappa}}{1 - \sqrt{\kappa}z}, \quad z \in \Delta,$$

and  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  is chosen such that  $k = \cosh(\pi K'(\kappa)/(4K(\kappa)))$ . Here  $K(\kappa)$  is Legendre's complete elliptic integral of first kind and  $K'(\kappa) = K(\sqrt{1-\kappa^2})$ . For more details about  $p_k$  see [4-8].

If  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$ , then the function  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , written as  $f(z) < g(z)$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ), if there exists a Schwarz function  $w \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ ,  $z \in \Delta$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . In particular, if  $g$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then we have the following equivalence:

$$f(z) < g(z) \iff f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(\Delta) \subset g(\Delta). \tag{1.15}$$

In terms of subordination we can write

$$f \in \mathcal{M}(n, k) \iff \left[ f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \frac{z[I_n f(z)]'}{I_n f(z)} < p_k(z) \quad (z \in \Delta) \right]. \tag{1.16}$$

### 2. Preliminary lemmas

We need the following results in our investigation:

**Lemma A.**[7] *Let  $k \in [0, \infty)$ , be fixed and  $p_k$  be the Riemann map of  $\Delta$  on to  $\Omega_k$ , satisfying  $p_k(0) = 1, \Re\{p'_k(0)\} > 0$ . If  $p_k(z) = 1 + Q_1(k)z + Q_2(k)z^2 + \dots, (z \in \Delta)$ , then*

$$Q_1(k) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \frac{2A^2}{1-k^2} & \text{for } k \in (0, 1), \\ \frac{8}{\pi^2} & \text{for } k = 1, \\ \frac{\pi^2}{4(k^2-1)K^2(\kappa)(1+\kappa)\sqrt{\kappa}} & \text{for } k > 1, \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $A = (2/\pi) \arccos k$  while  $\kappa$  and  $K(\kappa)$  are the same as in (1.14).

**Lemma B.**[17] *Let*

$$h(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n < 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n z^n = H(z) \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{2.2}$$

*If the function  $H$  is univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $H(\Delta)$  is a convex set, then*

$$|c_n| \leq |C_1|. \tag{2.3}$$

**Lemma C.**[21] *If  $f \in \mathcal{CV}$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$ , then for each analytic function  $h$  in  $\Delta$ ,*

$$\frac{(f * hg)(\Delta)}{(f * g)(\Delta)} \subset \overline{c\delta}h(\Delta), \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\overline{c\delta}h(\Delta)$  denotes the closed convex hull of  $h(\Delta)$ .

**Lemma D.** *Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta$ . If  $\beta \geq 2$  or if  $\alpha + \beta \geq 3$ , then the function*

$$h(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_m}{(\beta)_m} z^{m+1} \quad (z \in \Delta) \tag{2.5}$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{CV}$  of convex functions.

Lemma D is a special case of Theorem 2.12 or Theorem 2.13 contained in [19].

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f$  be in the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$ . If  $f$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{Q_1(k)(n+1)}{2} \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$|a_m| \leq \frac{(n+1)_{m-1} Q_1(k)}{(m-1)(2)_{m-1}} \prod_{s=3}^m \left(1 + \frac{Q_1(k)}{s-2}\right) \quad (m \geq 3), \tag{3.2}$$

where  $Q_1(k)$  is described in (2.1).

**Proof.** Let  $f$  given by (1.1), belong to  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$ , also let  $I_n f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} b_m z^m = F(z)$ , where

$$b_m = \frac{(2)_{m-1}}{(n+1)_{m-1}} a_m \tag{3.3}$$

and define

$$\phi(z) = \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m z^m.$$

Then  $\phi < p_k$ , where  $p_k$  is the function given by (1.12), (1.13) and (1.14) depending on  $k$ . The function  $p_k$  is univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $p_k(\Delta) = \Omega_k$  which is convex region (see (1.9)). Using Rogosinski's Lemma B and (2.1) of Lemma A, we have  $|c_m| \leq Q_1$ . Now, writing  $zF'(z) = \phi(z)F(z)$  and comparing the coefficients of  $z^n$  on both sides, we get

$$(m-1)b_m = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} c_{m-k} b_k.$$

From this we get  $|b_2| = |c_1| \leq Q_1$ , which in view of (3.3) gives (3.1). If we choose  $f$  to be that function for which  $\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = p_k(z)$ , then  $f$  is a function in  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$  with  $a_2 = Q_1(n+1)/2$ , which shows that this result is sharp. Further

$$|b_3| \leq \frac{1}{2}|c_2 + c_1 b_2| \leq \frac{1}{2}(|c_2| + |c_1||b_2|) \leq \frac{1}{2}Q_1(1 + Q_1).$$

We now proceed by induction. Assume that

$$|b_k| \leq \frac{Q_1}{k-1} (1 + Q_1)(1 + Q_1/2) \dots (1 + Q_1/(m-2)), \text{ for } k = 3, 4, \dots, m-1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (m-1)|b_m| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |c_{m-k}| |b_k| \leq Q_1 \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |b_k| \\ &\leq Q_1 \left( 1 + Q_1 + \frac{Q_1}{2} (1 + Q_1) + \frac{Q_1}{3} (1 + Q_1)(1 + \frac{Q_1}{2}) + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{Q_1}{m-2} (1 + Q_1)(1 + Q_1/2) \dots \left( 1 + \frac{Q_1}{m-3} \right) \right) \\ &= Q_1 (1 + Q_1)(1 + Q_1/2) \dots \left( 1 + \frac{Q_1}{m-2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$|b_m| \leq \frac{Q_1}{(m-1)} \prod_{s=3}^m \left( 1 + \frac{Q_1}{s-2} \right) \quad (m \geq 3).$$

Putting the value of  $b_m$  from (3.3) we get the desired result. □

**Theorem 2.** *The function  $k(z) = z/(1 - Az)^2$  is in  $\mathcal{M}(1, k) = k - \mathcal{ST}$  if and only if*

$$|A| \leq \frac{1}{2k+1}. \tag{3.4}$$

**Proof.** Using Definition 4,  $k(z) \in k - \mathcal{ST}$  if and only if

$$k \left| \frac{2Az}{1 - Az} \right| < \Re \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 - Az} \right) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

It suffices to study above for  $|z| = 1$ . Setting  $|A| = r$  and  $Az = re^{i\phi}$  in above, we have

$$k \left| \frac{2re^{i\phi}}{1 - re^{i\phi}} \right| \leq \Re \left( \frac{1 + re^{i\phi}}{1 - re^{i\phi}} \right). \tag{3.5}$$

On simplification, we see that

$$\Re \left( \frac{1 + re^{i\phi}}{1 - re^{i\phi}} \right) = \frac{1 - r^2}{|1 - re^{i\phi}|^2}.$$

So (3.5) is equivalent to

$$2kr \leq \frac{1 - r^2}{[1 - 2r \cos \phi + r^2]^{1/2}}. \tag{3.6}$$

The right-hand side of (3.6) is seen to have a minimum for  $\phi = \pi$ , and this minimal value is  $1 - r$ . Hence, a necessary and sufficient condition for (3.6) is  $2rk \leq 1 - r$  or  $|A| = r \leq 1/2k + 1$ . □

**Remark 1.** If  $A = 1$ , then  $k(z)$  is a Koebe function and (3.4) forces  $k = 0$ , i.e. Koebe function belongs to class  $k - \mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $k = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.** *The function  $f(z) = z + a_m z^m$  is in  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$  if and only if*

$$|a_m| \leq \frac{(n+1)_{m-1}}{(2)_{m-1} (mk + m - k)} \quad (m \geq 2).$$

**Proof.** Let  $I_n f(z) = z + b_m z^m = F(z)$ , where  $b_m$  is given by (3.3). It is sufficient to study (1.8) for  $|z| = 1$ . Setting  $|b_m| = r$  and  $b_m z^{m-1} = r e^{i\phi}$ . Then (1.8) for this  $f$  will be

$$k \left| \frac{(m-1)r e^{i\phi}}{1 - r e^{i\phi}} \right| \leq \Re \left( \frac{1 + m r e^{i\phi}}{1 - r e^{i\phi}} \right).$$

Following the same steps as in Theorem 2, we get desired result. □

**Remark 2.** For particular values of  $m, n, k$ , Theorem 3, provides functions belonging to the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k)$ . For example, if  $m = 2, n = 1, k = 1$  then  $|a_2| \leq 1/3$ . So, if we take  $f(z) = z + z^2/3$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}$ .

**Remark 3.** Putting  $n = 1$  and  $k = 1$  in Theorem 1, 2 and 3 we get the Theorem 5, 3 and 2 of Rønning [18] respectively.

**Theorem 4.** *Assume that  $n_1 \leq n_2, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{M}(n_1, k) \subset \mathcal{M}(n_2, k) \tag{3.7}$$

for all  $k \in [0, \infty)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(n_1, k)$ . By the definition of the class  $\mathcal{M}(n_1, k)$  we have

$$\frac{z[I_{n_1} f(z)]'}{I_{n_1} f(z)} = p_k \{\omega(z)\} \quad (z \in \Delta), \tag{3.8}$$

where  $p_k$  is convex univalent with  $p_k(\Delta) = \Omega_k$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  in  $\Delta$  with  $\omega(0) = 0 = p_k(0) - 1$ . Let us denote

$$f_{n_1, n_2}(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n_1 + 1)_m}{(n_2 + 1)_m} z^{m+1} \quad (z \in \Delta). \tag{3.9}$$

Then we have

$$f_{n_2}^\dagger(z) = f_{n_1}^\dagger(z) * f_{n_1, n_2}(z). \tag{3.10}$$

Applying (1.2), (3.8), (3.10) and the properties of convolution we get

$$\frac{z[I_{n_2} f(z)]'}{I_{n_2} f(z)} = \frac{z(f_{n_2}^\dagger * f)'(z)}{(f_{n_2}^\dagger * f)(z)} = \frac{z(f_{n_1}^\dagger * f_{n_1, n_2} * f)'(z)}{(f_{n_1}^\dagger * f_{n_1, n_2} * f)(z)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{f_{n_1, n_2}(z) * z [I_{n_1} f(z)]'}{f_{n_1, n_2}(z) * I_{n_1} f(z)} \\ &= \frac{f_{n_1, n_2}(z) * p_k[\omega(z)] I_{n_1} f(z)}{f_{n_1, n_2}(z) * I_{n_1} f(z)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Moreover, it follows from (3.8) that  $I_{n_1} f \in k - \mathcal{ST} \subset \mathcal{S}^*$  and it follows from Lemma D that  $f_{n_1, n_2} \in \mathcal{CV}$ . Then using Lemma C to (3.11), we obtain

$$\frac{f_{n_1, n_2} * p_k(\omega) I_{n_1} f}{f_{n_1, n_2} * I_{n_1} f}(\Delta) \subset \overline{co} p_k[\omega(\Delta)] \subset p_k(\Delta), \tag{3.12}$$

because  $p_k$  is convex univalent. By (1.15) the function (3.11) is subordinated to  $p_k$ , and so  $f \in \mathcal{M}(n_2, k)$ . □

**Corollary 1.** *The following relations are satisfied*

$$k - \mathcal{ST} = \mathcal{M}(1, k) \subset \mathcal{M}(n, k),$$

for all  $k \in [0, \infty)$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Assume that  $0 \leq k_1 \leq k_2 < \infty$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{M}(n, k_2) \subset \mathcal{M}(n, k_1) \tag{3.13}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(n, k_2)$ . By the definition of the class  $\mathcal{M}(n, k_2)$  we have

$$\frac{z [I_n f(z)]'}{I_n f(z)} = p_{k_2} \{\omega(z)\} \subset p_{k_1} \{\omega(z)\} \quad (z \in \Delta), \tag{3.14}$$

because  $p_{k_i}, i = 1, 2$ , are convex univalent with  $p_{k_2} \prec p_{k_1}$ . Therefore,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(n, k_1)$ . □

**Corollary 2.** *The following inclusion relations are satisfied*

$$\mathcal{M}(n, k) \subset \mathcal{M}(n, 0) \supset \mathcal{M}(1, 0) = \mathcal{S}^*,$$

for all  $k \in [0, \infty)$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** The first relation is a simple consequence of Theorem 5 while the second one of Theorem 4. □

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