

CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEROMORPHIC MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n-1}}{z^{p-n}}$ be regular in the punctured disk $E = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ and $D^{n+p-1}f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^{n+p}} * f(z)$ where $*$ denotes the Hadamard product and n is any integer greater than $-p$. For $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, let $C_{n,p}(A, B)$ denote the class of functions $f(z)$ satisfying

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

This paper establishes the property $C_{n+1,p}(A, B) \subset C_{n,p}(A, B)$. Further property preserving integral operators, coefficient inequalities and a closure theorem for these classes are obtained. Our results generalise some of the recent results of Ganigi and Uralegaddi [1].

1. Introduction

Let \sum_p denote the class of functions $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{a_1}{z^{p-2}} + \dots$, that are regular in the punctured disk $E = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ and p a positive integer. Let $D^{n+p-1}f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^{n+p}} * f(z)$, where n is any integer greater than $-p$ and the operation $*$ denotes the Hadamard product. A function f of \sum_p is said to be in the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$ if

$$-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' \prec p \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad z \in \Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\} \text{ where}$$

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$-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, and the symbol \prec denotes subordination.

Equivalently, a function f of \sum_p belongs to $C_{n,p}(A, B)$ if and only if there exists a function w regular in Δ , satisfying $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \Delta$ such that

$$-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} \quad (1)$$

It is easy to verify the identity

$$z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = (n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z). \quad (2)$$

Using (2), (1) may be written as

$$-z^p[(n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z)] = p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} \quad (3)$$

This paper establishes the property $C_{n+1,p}(A, B) \subset C_{n,p}(A, B)$. Further we obtain class preserving integral operators, coefficient inequalities and a closure theorem for functions in these classes. By assigning specific values to A and B and putting $p = 1$, we obtain some of the results in [1, Th.1 and Th.2].

2. The classes $C_{n,p}(A, B)$.

We shall prove the following.

Lemma. *A function f in \sum_p belongs to the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ if and only if*

$$|z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' + m| < M, \quad z \in \Delta \quad (4)$$

where

$$m = p(1 - AB)/(1 - B^2) \text{ and } M = p(A - B)/(1 - B^2). \quad (5)$$

Proof is similar to that of lemma 2.1 in [3].

Theorem 1.

$$C_{n+1,p}(A, B) \subset C_{n,p}(A, B), \quad n > -p.$$

Proof. Let $f \in C_{n+1,p}(A, B)$. Suppose that

$$-z^p[(n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z)] = p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}.$$

That is

$$z^p[(n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z)] = -p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}. \tag{6}$$

where w is either regular or meromorphic in Δ . clearly $w(0) = 0$ because the left side of (6) is $-p$ when $z = 0$. Differentiating (6) and using (1) we obtain

$$z^{p+1}(D^{n+p}f(z))' = -p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} - p \left(\frac{A - B}{n + p} \right) \left[\frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + Bw(z))^2} \right].$$

Hence

$$z^{p+1}(D^{n+p}f(z))' + m = \frac{(m - p) - (Ap - Bm)w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} - p \left(\frac{A - B}{n + p} \right) \left[\frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + Bw(z))^2} \right]. \tag{7}$$

Let r^* be the distance from the origin to the nearest pole of w in Δ . Then w is regular in $|z| < r_0 = \min\{r^*, 1\}$. By a lemma due to Jack [2] for $|z| < r (r < r_0)$ there exists a point z_0 such that

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0), \quad k \geq 1. \tag{8}$$

From (7) and (8) we have

$$z_0^{p+1}(D^{n+p}f(z_0))' + m = \frac{N(z_0)}{R(z_0)} \tag{9}$$

where

$$N(z_0) = (n + p)(m - p) + [(n + p)(Bm - Ap) + B(n + p)(m - p) - kp(A - B)]w(z_0) + B(n + p)(Bm - Ap)W^2(z_0)$$

and

$$R(z_0) = (n + p)(1 + 2Bw(z_0) + B^2W^2(z_0)).$$

Now suppose if possible $\max_{|z|=r} |w(z)| = 1$ for some r , $r < r_0 \leq 1$. At the point z_0 where this occurred, we would have $|w(z_0)| = 1$. Then by using the identities

$$p - m = BM \text{ and } Ap - Bm = M$$

we have

$$|N(z_0)|^2 - M^2|R(z_0)|^2 = x + 2y \operatorname{Re}\{W(z_0)\} \quad (10)$$

where

$$x = kp(A - B)\{kp(A - B) + 2M(n + p)(1 + B^2)\}$$

and

$$y = 2kp(A - B)MB(n + p).$$

From (10) we have

$$|N(z_0)|^2 - M^2|R(z_0)|^2 > 0, \text{ provided } x \pm 2y > 0 \quad (11)$$

Now

$$x + 2y = kp(A - B)\{kp(A - B) + 2M(n + p)(1 + B^2)\} > 0$$

and

$$x - 2y = kp(A - B)\{kp(A - B) + 2M(n + p)(1 - B^2)\} > 0.$$

Thus it follows from (9) and (11) that

$$|z_0^{p+1}(D^{n+p}f(z_0))' + m| > M.$$

But, in view of the above lemma, this is a contradiction to the fact that $f \in C_{n+1,p}(A, B)$. So we cannot have $|w(z_0)| = 1$. Thus $|w(z)| \neq 1$ in $|z| < r_0$. Since $w(0) = 0$, $|w(z)|$ is continuous and $|w(z)| \neq 1$ in $|z| < r_0$, we cannot have a pole at $|z| = r_0$. Hence w is regular in Δ and satisfies $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \Delta$. Therefore, from (6) it follows that $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$.

In the next theorem we obtain property preserving integral operators for $C_{n,p}(A, B)$.

Theorem 2. *Let p be a positive integer and n is any integer greater than $-p$. If $f(z) \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$ and $\operatorname{Re}(c - p + 1) > 0$ then*

$$F(z) = \frac{c - p + 1}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z t^c f(t) dt \in C_{n,p}(A, B). \tag{12}$$

Proof. From the definition of F defined by (12) we have

$$z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))' = (c - p + 1)D^{n+p-1}f(z) - (c + 1)D^{n+p-1}F(z). \tag{13}$$

Let us suppose that

$$-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}F(z))' = p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} \tag{14}$$

where the function w is either regular or meromorphic in Δ . Clearly $w(0) = 0$. Eliminating $(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'$ from (13) and (14), we have

$$(c - p + 1)D^{n+p-1}f(z) = (c + 1)D^{n+p-1}F(z) - pz^{-p} \left[\frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} \right] \tag{15}$$

Differentiating (15) and using (14), we obtain

$$z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = -p \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} - p \left(\frac{A - B}{c - p + 1} \right) \left[\frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + Bw(z))^2} \right].$$

Hence

$$z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' + m = \frac{(m - p) - (Ap - Bm)w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} - p \left(\frac{A - B}{c - p + 1} \right) \left[\frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + Bw(z))^2} \right]. \tag{16}$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that of theorem 1.

Remark. For $p = 1$, $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ and $B = -1$ theorems 1 and 2 yield the earlier results in [1, Th.1 and Th.2].

Theorem 3. *Let p be a positive integer and n is any integer such that $n > -p$ and $F(z) = (n + p)z^{-n-2p} \int_0^z t^{n+2p-1} f(t)dt$. Then $F \in C_{n+1,p}(A, B)$ if and only if $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$.*

Proof. From the definition of F we have

$$(D^{n+p} F(z))' = (D^{n+p-1} f(z))'$$

and the result follows.

Now we obtain coefficient inequalities for the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$.

Theorem 4. *Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{a_1}{z^{p-2}} + \dots$. If $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$, then*

$$|a_{k-1}| \leq \frac{p(A - B)}{(k - p)\alpha(n, k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{17}$$

where $\alpha(n, j) = \binom{n + p + j - 1}{n + p - 1}$. Then result is sharp.

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

$$(D^{n+p-1} f(z))' = -pz^{-p-1} \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}$$

where $w(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j z^j$ is regular in Δ and $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \Delta$. Then

$$(D^{n+p-1} f(z))' + pz^{-p-1} = -[Apz^{-p-1} + B(D^{n+p-1} f(z))']w(z)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j - p)\alpha(n, j)a_{j-1}z^{-p+j-1} \\ &= -[(A - B)pz^{-p-1} + B \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j - p)\alpha(n, j)a_{j-1}z^{-p+j-1}] \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j z^j. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Comparing coefficients of like powers of z on both the sides of (18) we see that the coefficient a_{k-1} on the left side of (18) depends only on $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-3}, a_{k-2}$

on the right side of (18). Hence for $j = 1, 2, \dots$, it follows from (18) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^k (j-p)\alpha(n, j)a_{j-1}z^{-p+j-1} + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} c_j z^{-p+j} \\ &= -[(A-B)pz^{-p-1} + B \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (j-p)\alpha(n, j)a_{j-1}z^{-p+j-1}]w(z) \end{aligned}$$

where c_j are some complex numbers. Since $|w(z)| < 1$, by using parseval's identity we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^k (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2r^{2(-p+j-1)} + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} |c_j|^2r^{2(-p+j)} \\ & \leq (A-B)^2p^2r^{2(-p-1)} + B^2 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2r^{2(-p+j-1)} \\ & \leq (A-B)^2p^2 + B^2 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Letting $r \rightarrow 1$ on the left side of this inequality we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^k (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2 \leq (A-B)^2p^2 + B^2 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (k-p)^2(\alpha(n, k))^2|a_{k-1}|^2 & \leq (A-B)^2p^2 - (1-B^2) \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (j-p)^2(\alpha(n, j))^2|a_{j-1}|^2 \\ & \leq (A-B)^2p^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

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

The estimate is sharp for the function $f(z)$ given by

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

Further we obtain a sufficient coefficient condition, for a function to be in the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$ when $-1 \leq B < 0$.

Theorem 5. *Let the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{a_1}{z^{p-2}} + \dots$ be regular in E and $-1 \leq B < 0$. If*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)(1-B)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}| \leq p(A-B) \tag{19}$$

where $\alpha(n, k) = \binom{n+p+k-1}{n+p-1}$, then $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$. The result is sharp.

Proof. Suppose (19) holds. Then, for $z \in \Delta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' + p| - |Ap + Bz^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)a_{k-1}z^k \right| - \left| (A-B)p + B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)a_{k-1}z^k \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}|r^k - \left\{ (A-B)p + B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}|r^k \right\} \\ &< \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}| - (A-B)p - B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}| \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-p)(1-B)\alpha(n,k)|a_{k-1}| - (A-B)p \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\frac{|\{z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' + p\}|}{|\{Ap + Bz^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'\}|} < 1 \tag{20}$$

It is easy to see that the inequality (20) is equivalent to (1). Hence $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$.

The estimate is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{P(A-B)}{(k-p)(1-B)\alpha(n,k)} z^{k-p}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

For this function

$$\frac{|\{z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' + p\}|}{|\{Ap + Bz^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'\}|} = 1, \text{ for } z = 1$$

and the equality is attained in (19).

Remark The converse of the above theorem need not be true. Consider the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{a_1}{z^{p-2}} + \dots \text{where}$$

$$-z^{p+1}(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = p \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad -1 \leq B < 0, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

Clearly $f \in C_{n,p}(A, B)$. Also it is easy to verify that

$$a_{k-1} = -\frac{(A - B)p(-B)^{k-1}}{(k - p)\alpha(n, k)}.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k - p)(1 - B)\alpha(n, k)|a_{k-1}| = (A - B)p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - B)(-B)^{k-1} > (A - B)p.$$

The result follows.

Finally we state the following closure theorem for the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$, the proof of which is obvious.

Theorem 6. *If the functions f and g belong to the class $C_{n,p}(A, B)$ and $0 \leq s \leq 1$, then the function F defined by $F(z) = sf(z) + (1 - s)g(z)$ also belongs to $C_{n,p}(A, B)$.*

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