

## ON $\alpha$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF ORDER $\beta$ WITH $m$ -FOLD SYMMETRY

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**ABSTRACT.** This note is a continuation of the previous work [1,2,3]. First we get a new subordination for  $\alpha$ -convex functions of order  $\beta$  when  $\alpha=1-2\beta$ , which implies the rotation theorem for  $(1-2\beta)/m$ -convex functions of order  $\beta$  with  $m$ -fold symmetry. Then we extend the known results on  $\alpha$ -convex functions of order  $\beta$  to the functions with  $m$ -fold symmetry. In particular, we give the sharp order of convexity of  $\alpha$ -convex functions of order  $\beta$  with  $m$ -fold symmetry for  $\alpha > 1$ , which is analogous in sharpness to a result given by Miller, Mocanu and Reade [1].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Let  $J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  be the class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions of order  $\beta$  with  $m$ -fold symmetry, where  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $m=1, 2, \dots$ . That is, it consists of analytic functions  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{nm+1} z^{nm+1}$  in the unit disk  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $f(z)f'(z)/z \neq 0$  and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{(1-\alpha)zf'(z)/f(z) + \alpha(1+zf''(z)/f'(z))\} > \beta. \quad (1.1)$$

In [1], Miller, Mocanu and Reade studied the class  $J(\alpha, 0) = J_1(\alpha, 0)$ . Liu [2] and we [3] discussed the class  $J(\alpha, \beta) = J_1(\alpha, \beta)$ . Liu got the sharp bounds of  $|f(z)|$ ,  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  ( $-\infty < \mu < +\infty$ ) and  $|\arg f'(z)|$  for  $\alpha=0, 1$ . In [3], we obtained a subordination result for  $J(\alpha, \beta)$ , some distortion theorems, etc.

This note is a continuation of previous work. First we get a new subordination theorem for the class  $J(1-2\beta, \beta)$ , which implies the rotation theorem for  $J_m((1-2\beta)/m, \beta)$ . Then we extend known results on  $J(\alpha, \beta)$  to the class  $J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ . In particular, we give the sharp order of convexity of functions in the class  $J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  for  $\alpha > 1$ , which is analogous in sharpness to a result given by Miller, Mocanu and Reade [1].

2. SUBORDINATION AND DISTORTION PROPERTIES.

At first, we establish a homeomorphic relation between  $J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $J(m\alpha, \beta)$ .

LEMMA 1.  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if  $g(z) \in J(m\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $g(z) = f(z^{1/m})^m$ .

PROOF. If  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $g(z)$  is also analytic in  $D$ . It is not difficult to show that  $g(z)g'(z)/z \neq 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-\alpha)zf'(z)/f(z) + \alpha(1+zf''(z)/f'(z)) \\ &= (1-m\alpha)ug'(u)/g(u) + m\alpha(1+ug''(u)/g'(u)) \end{aligned}$$

in  $D$ , where  $u = z^m$ . Hence  $g(z) \in J(m\alpha, \beta)$ . Similarly we can prove

$f(z) = g(z^m)^{1/m} \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  if  $g(z) \in J(m\alpha, \beta)$ . This completes the proof.

It is well known that  $G(z) \in J(0, \beta)$  if and only if there is a probability measure  $\mu(x)$  on the unit circle  $X = \{x: |x|=1\}$  such that

$$G(z) = z \exp\{2(1-\beta) \int_X -\log(1-xz) d\mu(x)\}.$$

This implies, by Lemma 1, that  $F(z) \in J_m(0, \beta)$  if and only if there is a probability measure  $\mu(x)$  on  $X$  such that

$$F(z) = z \exp\{2(1-\beta)m^{-1} \int_X -\log(1-xz^m) d\mu(x)\}. \tag{2.2}$$

Because  $g(z) \in J(m\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if there is a  $G(z) \in J(0, \beta)$  such that [2]

$$g(z) = \{\alpha^{-1} m^{-1} \int_0^z u^{-1} G(u)^{1/m} du\}^{m\alpha},$$

we have for  $\alpha > 0$  that  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if there is a  $F(z) \in J_m(0, \beta)$  such that

$$f(z) = \{\alpha^{-1} \int_0^z u^{-1} F(u)^{1/\alpha} du\}^\alpha. \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain the following result.

If  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $|z|=r < 1$ , then

$$e^{-i\pi/m} k_m(\alpha, \beta, re^{i\pi/m}) < |f(z)| < k_m(\alpha, \beta, r), \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$k_m(\alpha, \beta, z) = \begin{cases} z(1-z^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m} & (\alpha=0) \\ \alpha^{-1} \int_0^z u^{-1+1/\alpha} (1-u^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} du & (\alpha>0) \end{cases} \tag{2.5}$$

is the  $\alpha$ -convex Koebe function of order  $\beta$  with  $m$ -fold symmetry.

Specifically we denote  $k_1(\alpha, \beta, z)$  by  $k(\alpha, \beta, z)$ .

In order to state our subordination theorem, we shall make use of the following lemma.

LEMMA 2. Let  $\log q(z)$  be a convex univalent function in  $D$  and  $p_i(z) \prec q(z)$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,n$ ). Then for  $\lambda_i > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n p_i(z)^{\lambda_i} \prec q(z).$$

PROOF. Since  $\log q(z)$  is a convex function and  $p_i(z) \prec q(z)$ , we have  $p_i(z) \neq 0$  and  $\log p_i(z) \prec \log q(z)$ , which implies

$$\log p_i(D) \subset \log q(D).$$

From the fact that  $\log q(D)$  is a convex domain, we get for each  $z \in D$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \log p_i(z) \in \log q(D),$$

and then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1 \log p_i(z) \prec \log q(z),$$

which is equivalent to the desired result.

COROLLARY 1. If  $p_i(z) \prec (1-bz)/(1-az)$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,n, -1 \leq a, b < 1$ ), then for  $\lambda_i > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$  we have

$$\prod_{i=1}^n p_i(z)^{\lambda_i} \prec (1-bz)/(1-az).$$

PROOF. For  $a=b$ , the result is trivial. For  $a \neq b$ , we know  $\log(1-bz) - \log(1-az)$  is a convex function. Hence the required result follows from Lemma 2.

This corollary and some of its applications may be found elsewhere [4].

THEOREM 1. Let  $g(z) \in J(1-2\beta, \beta)$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then

$$g'(z)^\lambda (g(z)/z)^{1-2\lambda} \prec 1/(1-z). \tag{2.6}$$

In particular, we have

$$g'(z) \prec 1/(1-z)^2, \tag{2.7}$$

$$g(z)/z \prec 1/(1-z). \tag{2.8}$$

PROOF. First we prove (2.8).

If  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ , then (1.1) becomes  $\operatorname{Re}\{zg'(z)/g(z)\} > \frac{1}{2}$ , which gives

$$zg'(z)/g(z) \prec 1/(1-z).$$

If  $\beta < \frac{1}{2}$ , we know [3]

$$zg'(z)/g(z) \prec zk'(1-2\beta, \beta, z)/k(1-2\beta, \beta, z) = 1/(1-z).$$

In both of these cases, we have

$$zg'(z)/g(z) - 1 \prec z/(1-z).$$

Since  $z/(1-z)$  is convex [5],

$$\int_0^z u^{-1}(ug'(u)/g(u)-1)du \prec \int_0^z 1/(1-u)du.$$

That is,  $\log g(z) \prec \log 1/(1-z)$ , which is equivalent to (2.8).

By using Corollary 1 for  $p_1(z)=zg'(z)/g(z)$ ,  $p_2(z)=g(z)/z$ ,  $\lambda_1=\lambda$ , and  $\lambda_2=1-\lambda$ , we obtain (2.6). The proof is completed.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $f(z) \in J_m((1-2\beta)/m, \beta)$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $|z|=r < 1$ , then we have the sharp estimates

$$1/(1-r^m) |f(z)|^\lambda |f(z)/z|^{m(1-\lambda)-\lambda} < 1/(1-r^m), \tag{2.9}$$

$$|\lambda \arg f'(z) + (m(1-\lambda)-\lambda) \arg(f(z)/z)| \leq \arcsin r^m \tag{2.10}$$

**PROOF.** Let  $g(z)=f(z)^{1/m}$ , we know  $g(z) \in J(1-2\beta, \beta)$  from Lemma 1 and  $zf'(z)/f(z)=ug'(u)/g(u)$ , where  $u=z^m$ . Let

$$p(z)=g'(z)^\lambda (g(z)/z)^{1-2\lambda}, p_1(z)=f'(z)^\lambda (f(z)/z)^{(1-\lambda)m-\lambda},$$

then

$$p_1(z)=(zf'(z)/f(z))^\lambda (f(z)/z)^{(1-\lambda)m}=(ug'(u)/g(u))^\lambda (g(u)/u)^{1-\lambda}=p(u).$$

From Theorem 1 and the principle of subordination, we have

$p(|u|<R) \prec q(|u|<R)$  for every  $R$  ( $0 < R < 1$ ), where  $q(z)=1/(1-z)$ . This implies  $p_1(|z|<r) \prec q_1(|z|<r)$  for every  $r$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ), where  $q_1(z)=1/(1-z^m)$ , which gives the results. This completes the proof of theorem 2.

The inequality (2.10) contains the following rotation theorem for  $J_m((1-2\beta)/m, \beta)$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** If  $f(z) \in J_m((1-2\beta)/m, \beta)$  and  $|z|=r$ , then

$$|\arg f'(z)| < (m+1)\arcsin r^m/m. \tag{2.11}$$

The following subordination is due to Liu [2].

$$g'(z)^\alpha (g(z)/z)^{1-\alpha} \prec (1-z)^{-2(1-\beta)} \tag{2.12}$$

whenever  $g(z) \in J(\alpha, \beta)$ . In [3] we found that if  $g(z) \in J(\alpha, \beta)$ , then

$$zg'(z)/g(z) \prec zk'(\alpha, \beta, z)/k(\alpha, \beta, z). \tag{2.13}$$

By using a method similar to that used in the proof of theorem 2, we can obtain the following theorems from (2.12) and (2.13). Here we omit most of their proofs. When  $m=1$ , most of the following results were given in [2] and [3] respectively.

THEOREM 3. Let  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $|z| < r < 1$ , then we have sharp results

$$r^{1-\alpha/(1+r^m)^{2(1-\beta)/m}} |f'(z)|^\alpha |f(z)|^{1-\alpha} < r^{1-\alpha/(1-r^m)^{2(1-\beta)/m}}, \tag{2.14}$$

$$|\arg\{f'(z)^\alpha (f(z)/z)^{1-\alpha}\}| < 2(1-\beta)m^{-1} \arcsin r^m, \tag{2.15}$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f'(z)^\alpha (f(z)/z)^{1-\alpha}\} > 2^{-2(1-\beta)/m}. \tag{2.16}$$

THEOREM 4. Let  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $|z|=r < 1$ , then we have the sharp inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} r e^{i\pi/m} k'_m(\alpha, \beta, r e^{i\pi/m}) / k_m(\alpha, \beta, r e^{i\pi/m}) &< |zf'(z)/f(z)| \\ &< r k'_m(\alpha, \beta, r) / k_m(\alpha, \beta, r), \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\arg\{zf'(z)/f(z)\}| &< \max_{|z|=r} \arg\{zk'_m(\alpha, \beta, z)/k_m(\alpha, \beta, z)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

PROOF. We give an outline of the proof of (2.17). Let

$$p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z), \quad q(z) = zk'_m(\alpha, \beta, z)/k_m(\alpha, \beta, z).$$

We know that  $q(z^{1/m})$  is univalent in  $D$  [3]. As the proof of theorem 2, we can get

$$p(|z| < r) \subset q(|z| < r) \quad (0 < r < 1).$$

Thus for  $|z|=r$  we obtain

$$\min_{|z|=r} |q(z)| < |zf'(z)/f(z)| < \max_{|z|=r} |q(z)|.$$

We prove  $\max_{|z|=r} |q(z)| = q(r)$  and  $\min_{|z|=r} |q(z)| = q(re^{i\pi/m})$ .

Let  $q(z) = 1 + B_1 z^m + B_2 z^{2m} + \dots$ , it follows from

$$q(z) + \alpha z q'(z) / q(z) = (1 + (1 - 2\beta)z^m) / (1 - z^m)$$

that

$$(1 + m\alpha) B_n = 2(1 - \beta) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (2 - 2\beta - B_{n-k}) \beta_k.$$

By using the fact that  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > \beta$  [3], we have  $|B_k| < 2(1 - \beta)$  [6]. Hence we get  $B_n > 0$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) by induction and also  $\max_{|z|=r} |q(z)| = q(r)$ .

Because the coefficients of  $q(z)$  are all real and  $q(z)$  is  $m$ -fold symmetric, we can obtain  $\min_{|z|=r} |q(z)| = q(re^{i\pi/m})$  by proving

$$|q(re^{i\theta})| > q(re^{i\pi/m}) \quad (0 < \theta < \pi/m). \tag{2.19}$$

If  $\alpha=0$ , it is obvious that (2.19) is true for  $q(z) = (1+(1-2\beta)z^m)/(1-z^m)$ .

If  $\alpha > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(z) &= (z(1-z^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m})^{1/\alpha} (\alpha^{-1} \int_0^z u^{1/\alpha-1} (1-u^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} du)^{-1}, \\ |q(re^{i\theta})| &= \left| \int_0^r u^{1/\alpha-1} (1-u^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} du \right| \\ &< \int_0^r t^{1/\alpha-1} (1-2t^m \cos\theta + t^{2m})^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} dt, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |q(re^{i\theta})| &> \frac{\alpha(r(1-2r^m \cos\theta + r^{2m})^{-2(1-\beta)/m})^{1/\alpha}}{\int_0^r t^{1/\alpha-1} (1-2t^m \cos\theta + t^{2m})^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} dt} \\ q(re^{i\pi/m}) &= \alpha(r(1+r^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m})^{1/\alpha} / \int_0^r t^{1/\alpha-1} (1+t^m)^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $I(\theta) =$

$$(1-2r^m \cos\theta + r^{2m})^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} \int_0^r t^{1/\alpha-1} (1-2t^m \cos\theta + t^{2m})^{-2(1-\beta)/m\alpha} dt.$$

We can verify  $I'(\theta) > 0$  ( $0 < \theta < \pi/m$ ), which implies the desired result. The proof of (2.17) is now complete.

From (2.4) and (2.17), we get the following distortion result.

COROLLARY 3. If  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $|z| = r < 1$ , then

$$k'_m(\alpha, \beta, re^{i\pi/m}) < |f'(z)| < k'_m(\alpha, \beta, r).$$

From (2.13), we can also obtain the sharp order of starlikeness for functions in  $J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ .

THEOREM 5. Let  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f(z) \in J_m(0, s_m(\alpha, \beta))$ , that is,  $f(z)$  is starlike of order  $s_m(\alpha, \beta)$ , where

$$s_m(\alpha, \beta) = \min_{0 < \theta < 2\pi/m} \operatorname{Re}\{e^{i\theta} k'_m(\alpha, \beta, e^{i\theta}) / k'_m(\alpha, \beta, e^{i\theta})\} > \beta.$$

Miller, Mocanu and Reade [1] proved that  $f(z)$  is a convex function if  $f(z) \in J(\alpha, 0)$  and  $\alpha > 1$ . By making use of theorem 5, we get the following sharp order of convexity, which is analogous in sharpness to a result in [1].

COROLLARY 4. If  $f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\alpha > 1$ , then

$f(z) \in J_m(1, \beta/\alpha + (1-1/\alpha)s_m(\alpha, \beta))$ , that is,  $f(z)$  is convex of order

$\beta/\alpha + (1-1/\alpha)s_m(\alpha, \beta) \quad (> \beta)$ .

By using the method we used in [3], we can easily get the following covering theorem from (2.4).

THEOREM 6. Let  $w = f(z) \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have the sharp result  $f(D) \supset \{w: |w| < d_m(\alpha, \beta)\}$ , where

$$d_m(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} 2^{-2(1-\beta)/m} & (\alpha=0) \\ F(1/m\alpha, 2(1-\beta)/m\alpha, 1+1/m\alpha; -1) & (\alpha>0) \end{cases}$$

and  $F$  is the hypergeometric function.

Finally, we note a coefficient inequality, which can be deduced from (2.1) and a similar result on  $J(\alpha, \beta)$  given in [2].

THEOREM 7. Let  $f(z) = z + a_{m+1}z^{m+1} + a_{2m+1}z^{2m+1} + \dots \in J_m(\alpha, \beta)$ , then we have the sharp inequalities

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |a_{2m+1} - \lambda a_{m+1}^2| < \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{(1-\beta)^2}{m(1+2m\alpha)} \left\{ \frac{2m+6m^2\alpha+m^3\alpha^2-(2\lambda-1)(1+2m\alpha)}{m(1+m\alpha)^2} + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} \right\} \quad -\infty < \lambda < a; \\ (1-\beta)/(m(1+2m\alpha)) \quad a < \lambda < b; \\ \frac{(1-\beta)^2}{m(1+2m\alpha)} \{ (m-1+2\lambda)(1+2m\alpha)/(m(1+m\alpha)^3) - \beta/(1-\beta) \} \quad b < \lambda < +\infty, \end{array} \right\}$$

where

$$a = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m^2\alpha/(1+2m\alpha), \quad b = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m^2\alpha/(1+2m\alpha) + \frac{1}{2}m(1+m\alpha)^2/((1+2m\alpha)(1-\beta)).$$

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