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# On some differential inequalities in the unit disk with applications

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# Abstract

In this paper we obtain a number of interesting relations associated with some differential inequalities in the open unit disk,  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Some applications of the main results are also obtained.

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# **1** Introduction

Let A denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Also, we denote by K the class of functions  $f(z) \in A$  that are convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

A function f(z) in the class A is said to be in the class  $S^*(\alpha)$  of starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \le \alpha < 1$ ) if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$
(1.2)

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \le \alpha < 1$ ). Also, we write  $S(0) = S^*$ , the class of starlike functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

A function  $f(z) \in A$  is in  $S^{\lambda}(|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2})$ , the class of  $\lambda$ -spiral-like functions, if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(e^{i\lambda}\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
(1.3)

**Definition 1.1** Let f(z) and F(z) be analytic functions. The function f(z) is said to be *sub-ordinate* to F(z), written  $f(z) \prec F(z)$ , if there exists a function w(z) analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , with w(0) = 0 and  $|w(z)| \le 1$ , and such that f(z) = F(w(z)). If F(z) is univalent, then  $f(z) \prec F(z)$  *if and only if* f(0) = F(0) and  $f(\mathbb{U}) \subset F(\mathbb{U})$ .

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  be the set of analytic functions q(z) injective on  $\overline{\mathbb{U}} \setminus E(q)$ , where

$$E(q) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial \mathbb{U} : \lim_{z \to \zeta} q(z) = \infty \right\}$$

and  $q'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{U} \setminus E(q)$ . Further, let  $\mathbb{D}_a = \{q(z) \in \mathbb{D} : q(0) = a\}$ .

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In this paper we obtain some interesting relations associated with some differential inequalities in  $\mathbb{U}$ . These relations extend and generalize the Carathéodory functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ which have been studied by many authors *e.g.*, see [1–14].

# 2 Main results

To prove our results, we need the following lemma due to Miller and Mocanu [15, p.24].

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $q(z) \in \mathbb{D}_a$  and let

 $p(z) = b + b_n z^n + \cdots$ 

be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $p(z) \neq b$ . If  $p(z) \not\prec q(z)$ , then there exist points  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial \mathbb{U} \setminus E(q)$ and on  $m \ge n \ge 1$  for which

- (i)  $p(z_0) = q(\zeta_0)$ ,
- (ii)  $z_0 p'(z_0) = m\zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0)$ .

Theorem 2.1 Let

$$P:\mathbb{U}\to\mathbb{C}$$

with

$$\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z)) > 0 \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}).$$

*If* p *is a function analytic in*  $\mathbb{U}$  *with* p(0) = 1 *and* 

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(z) + P(z)zp'(z)) > \frac{E}{2|a|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z))},$$
(2.1)

then

$$\operatorname{Re}(ap(z)) > \alpha$$
,

where

$$E = -(\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha)(\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z)))^{2} + 2\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z))[(\operatorname{Im}(a))^{2} + 2\alpha \operatorname{Re}(a)] + (\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha)(\operatorname{Im}(a))^{2}, \qquad (2.2)$$

with  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$ .

*Proof* Let us define q(z) and h(z) as follows:

$$q(z) = ap(z)$$

and

$$h(z) = \frac{a - (2\alpha - \overline{a})z}{1 - z} \quad (\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha).$$

The functions *q* and *h* are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = h(0) = a \in \mathbb{C}$  with

$$h(\mathbb{U}) = \{w: \operatorname{Re}(w) > \alpha\}.$$

Now, we suppose that  $q(z) \not\prec h(z)$ . Therefore, by using Lemma 2.1, there exist points

$$z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$$
 and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial \mathbb{U} \setminus \{1\}$ 

such that  $q(z_0) = h(\zeta_0)$  and  $z_0q'(z_0) = m\zeta_0h'(\zeta_0)$ ,  $m \ge n \ge 1$ . We note that

$$\zeta_0 = h^{-1}(q(z_0)) = \frac{q(z_0) - a}{q(z_0) - (2\alpha - \overline{a})}$$
(2.3)

and

$$\zeta_0 h'(\zeta_0) = \frac{-|q(z_0) - a|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - q(z_0))}.$$
(2.4)

We have  $h(\zeta_0) = \alpha + \rho i \ (\alpha, \rho \in \mathbb{R})$ , therefore

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(p(z_{0}) + P(z_{0})z_{0}p'(z_{0})\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{a}h(\zeta_{0}) + \frac{1}{a}P(z_{0})m\zeta_{0}h'(\zeta_{0})\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\alpha + \rho i}{a}\right) - m\frac{|\alpha + \rho i - a|^{2}}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)}\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{P(z_{0})}{a}\right)$$

$$\leq \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\alpha + \rho i}{a}\right) - \frac{|\alpha + \rho i - a|^{2}}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)}\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{P(z_{0})}{a}\right)$$

$$= A\rho^{2} + B\rho + C$$

$$= g(\rho), \qquad (2.5)$$

where

$$A = -\frac{\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z_0))}{2|a|^2 \operatorname{Re}(a-\alpha)},$$
  
$$B = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(a)}{|a|^2} \left(1 + \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z_0))}{\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha}\right)$$

and

$$C = \frac{1}{|a|^2} \left( \alpha \operatorname{Re}(a) - \frac{\alpha^2 + |a|^2 - 2\alpha \operatorname{Re}(a) \operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z_0))}{2(\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha)} \right).$$

We can see that the function  $g(\rho)$  in (2.5) takes the maximum value at  $\rho_1$  given by

$$\rho_1 = \operatorname{Im}(a) \left( 1 + \frac{\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha}{\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z_0))} \right).$$

Hence, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(z_0) + P(z_0)zp'(z_0))$$
$$\leq g(\rho_1)$$
$$= \frac{E}{2|a|^2\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z))},$$

where *E* is defined by (2.2). This is in contradiction to (2.1). Then we obtain  $\operatorname{Re}(ap(z)) > \alpha$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let p(z) a nonzero analytic function in  $\mathbb{U}$  with p(0) = 1. If

$$\left| p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{3\operatorname{Re}(a-\alpha)}{2|a|} |p(z)|,$$
(2.6)

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{a}{p(z)}\right) > \alpha,$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$ .

*Proof* Let us define both q(z) and h(z) as follows:

$$q(z) = a/p(z)$$

and

$$h(z) = \frac{a - (2\alpha - \overline{a})z}{1 - z} \quad (\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha).$$

The functions *q* and *h* are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = h(0) = a \in \mathbb{C}$  with

$$h(\mathbb{U}) = \big\{ w : \operatorname{Re}(w) > \alpha \big\}.$$

Now, we suppose that  $q(z) \not\prec h(z)$ . Therefore, by using Lemma 2.1, there exist points

 $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial \mathbb{U} \setminus \{1\}$ 

such that  $q(z_0) = h(\zeta_0)$  and  $z_0q'(z_0) = m\zeta_0h'(\zeta_0)$ ,  $m \ge n \ge 1$ . We note that

$$\zeta_0 h'(\zeta_0) = \frac{-|q(z_0) - a|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - q(z_0))}.$$
(2.7)

We have  $h(\zeta_0) = \alpha + \rho i \ (\rho \in \mathbb{R})$ ; therefore,

$$\frac{|p(z_0) + \frac{zp'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} - 1|}{|p(z_0)|} = \left| \frac{\alpha + \rho i}{a} - \frac{m}{a} \frac{|a - \alpha - i\rho|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)} - 1 \right|$$
$$\geq \frac{1}{|a|} \left| \frac{m|a - \alpha - i\rho|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)} + \operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha) \right|$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{|a|} \left( \frac{|a - \alpha - i\rho|^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)} + \operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha) \right)$$
  
$$\geq \frac{1}{2|a|\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)} \left( 3 \left( \operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha) \right)^2 + \left( \operatorname{Im}(a) - \rho \right)^2 \right)$$
  
$$\geq \frac{3\operatorname{Re}(a - \alpha)}{2|a|}.$$

This is in contradiction to (2.6). Then we obtain  $\operatorname{Re}(\frac{a}{p(z)}) > \alpha$ .

# **3** Applications and examples

Putting  $P(z) = \beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ; real) in Theorem 2.1 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1** If p is a function analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with p(0) = 1 and

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(z) + \beta z p'(z)) > \frac{E}{2\beta |a|^2 \operatorname{Re}(a)},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}(ap(z)) > \alpha$$
,

where

$$E = -(\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha)\beta^{2}(\operatorname{Re}(a))^{2} + 2\beta\operatorname{Re}(a)[(\operatorname{Im}(a))^{2} + 2\alpha\operatorname{Re}(a)] + (\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha)(\operatorname{Im}(a))^{2},$$

with  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha \ (\alpha \ge 0)$ .

Putting  $\beta = 1$  in Corollary 3.1, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2** If p is a function analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with p(0) = 1 and

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(z) + zp'(z)) > \frac{1}{2\operatorname{Re}(a)} (3\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha) - \frac{\operatorname{Re}(a)}{|a|^2} (2\operatorname{Re}(a) - 3\alpha),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}(ap(z)) > \alpha$$
,

with  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha \ (\alpha \ge 0)$ .

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $f(z) \in A$ ,  $(g(z))^a \in S^*$  and

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)}\right) > \frac{E}{2|a|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\overline{a} \frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)})},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(a\frac{f(z)}{g(z)}\right) > \alpha,$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$  ( $\alpha \ge 0$ ) and *E* is defined by (2.2) with  $P(z) = \frac{g(z)}{zg'(z)}$ .

$$\operatorname{Re}\bigl(p(z)+P(z)zp'(z)\bigr)=\operatorname{Re}\biggl(\frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)}\biggr).$$

Since  $(g(z))^a \in S^*$ , which gives  $\operatorname{Re}(a\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}) > 0$ , therefore,  $\operatorname{Re}(\overline{a}P(z)) > 0$ . This completes the proof of the corollary.

# **Example 3.1** Let $f(z) \in A$ and

$$\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > \frac{1}{2\operatorname{Re}(a)} (3\operatorname{Re}(a) - \alpha) - \frac{\operatorname{Re}(a)}{|a|^2} (2\operatorname{Re}(a) - 3\alpha),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(a\frac{f(z)}{z}\right) > \alpha,$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$ .

**Example 3.2** Let  $f(z) \in A$  and

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\left(2+\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}-\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \frac{1}{2\operatorname{Re}(a)}\left(3\operatorname{Re}(a)-\alpha\right) - \frac{\operatorname{Re}(a)}{|a|^2}\left(2\operatorname{Re}(a)-3\alpha\right),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(a\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha,$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$ .

- (1) Putting  $a = e^{i\lambda} (|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have Theorem 1 due to Kim and Cho [4].
- (2) Putting  $a = e^{i\lambda} (|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $P(z) = \beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ; real) and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have Corollary 1 due to Kim and Cho [4].
- (3) Putting  $a = \alpha = 0$  and P(z) = 1 in Theorem 2.1, we have the result due to Nunokawa *et al.* [16].
- (4) Putting  $a = e^{i\lambda}$  ( $|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ), P(z) = 1 and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have Corollary 2 due to Kim and Cho [4].

Putting  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in Theorem 2.2, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4** Let p(z) a nonzero analytic function in U with p(0) = 1. If

$$\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| < \frac{3\operatorname{Re}(a-\alpha)}{2|a|}\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right|,$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{a}\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha,$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(a) > \alpha$ .

### Remark

- Putting *a* = 1 and *α* = 0 in Corollary 3.4, we have the result due to Attiya and Nasr [1].
- (2) Putting a = 1 and  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 3.4, we have the result due to Kim and Cho [4].

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