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# On a class of spiral-like functions with respect to a boundary point related to subordination

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## Abstract

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi$  a starlike univalent function, the class of functions  $f$  that are spiral-like with respect to a boundary point satisfying the subordination

$$\frac{2}{\mu} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \prec \varphi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

is investigated. The integral representation, growth and distortion theorem are proved by relating these functions with Ma and Minda starlike functions. Some earlier results are shown to be a special case of the results obtained.

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## 1 Introduction and motivation

Let  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  be an open unit disk of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a class of analytic functions  $f$  normalized by  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ . Let  $w_0$  be an interior or a boundary point of a set  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . The set  $\mathcal{D}$  is starlike with respect to  $w_0$  if the line segment joining  $w_0$  to every other point in  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in the interior of  $\mathcal{D}$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  maps  $\mathbb{D}$  onto a starlike domain with respect to origin, then  $f$  is a starlike function. The class of starlike functions with respect to origin is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}^*$ . Analytically,

$$\mathcal{S}^* := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > 0 \right\}.$$

Robertson [1] took a leap forward with the characterization of the class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  and defined the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^*$  of starlike functions with respect to a boundary point. Geometrically, it is the characterization of a function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^* = \{f(z) = 1 + d_1z + d_2z^2 + \dots \mid f \text{ univalent}\}$  such that  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is starlike with respect to the boundary point  $f(1) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(r) = 0$  and lies in a half-plane. The analytic description given by Robertson was

$$\mathcal{S}_b^* := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{S}_b^* : \operatorname{Re} \left( 2 \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) > 0 \right\}.$$

This was partially proved in [1]. It was only in 1984 that the characterization was validated by Lyzzaik [2]. Todorov [3] associated this class with a functional  $f(z)/(1-z)$  and obtained a structured formula and coefficient estimates in the year 1986. Later, Silverman and Silvia [4] gave a full description of the class of univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ , the image of which is star-shaped, with respect to a boundary point. Since then, this class of starlike functions with respect to a boundary point has gained notable interest among geometric function theorist and also other researchers. Among them, Abdullah *et al.* [5] studied the properties of functions in this class. The distortion results for starlike functions with respect to a boundary point were obtained in [6, 7]. The dynamical characterizations of functions starlike with respect to a boundary point can be found in [8]. In the year 2001, Lecko [9] gave another representation of starlike functions with respect to a boundary point. Also, Lecko and Lyzzaik obtained different characterizations of this class in [10].

Following the studies on the class of starlike functions, many authors extensively studied the class of spiral-like functions. For recent work on the class of spiral-like functions, see [11]. Later, there was interest towards the class of spiral-like functions with respect to a boundary point. See [12–15]. Aharonov *et al.* [16] gave a comprehensive definition for spiral-shaped domains with respect to a boundary point.

**Definition 1.1** A simply connected domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $0 \in \partial\Omega$ , is called a spiral-shaped domain with respect to a boundary point if there is a number  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \mu > 0$  such that, for any point  $\omega \in \Omega$ , the curve  $e^{-t\mu}\omega$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is contained in  $\Omega$ .

It was also showed in [16] (see also [17]) that each spiral-like function with respect to a boundary point is a complex power of starlike function with respect to a boundary point. In particular, if  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  in Definition 1.1, then  $\Omega$  is called a star-shaped domain with respect to a boundary point. The following was proved in the same.

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $f$  be an analytic function with  $f(0) = 1, f(1) = 0$ , and let it be a spiral-like function with respect to a boundary point. Then there exists a number  $\mu \in \Omega := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda - 1| \leq 1, \lambda \neq 0\}$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) > 0. \quad (1.1)$$

Conversely, if  $f$  is a univalent function with  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(1) = 0$  satisfies (1.1) for some  $\mu \in \Omega$ , then  $f$  is a spiral-like function with respect to a boundary point.

Elin [18] then considered the class of spiral-like functions of order  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ) with respect to a boundary point and obtained interesting results including the distortion and covering theorems.

On the other hand, Ma and Minda [19] gave a unified presentation of the class starlike using the method of subordination. For two functions  $h$  and  $g$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , the function  $h$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written

$$h(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

if there exists a function  $w \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ , such that  $h(z) = g(w(z))$ . In particular, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ , then  $h(z) \prec g(z)$  is equivalent to  $h(0) = g(0)$

and  $h(\mathbb{D}) \subset g(\mathbb{D})$ . A function  $h \in \mathcal{A}$  is starlike if  $zh'(z)/h(z)$  is subordinated to  $(1+z)/(1-z)$ . Ma and Minda [19] introduced the class

$$\mathcal{S}^*(\varphi) = \left\{ h \in \mathcal{A} : \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \prec \varphi(z) \right\},$$

where  $\varphi$  is an analytic function with a positive real part in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbb{D})$  is symmetric with respect to the real axis and starlike with respect to  $\varphi(0) = 1$  and  $\varphi'(0) > 0$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$  is called Ma and Minda starlike (with respect to  $\varphi$ ). The class  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  consisting of starlike functions of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and the class  $\mathcal{S}^*(A, B)$  of Janowski starlike functions are special cases of  $\mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$  when  $\varphi(z) := (1 + (1 - 2\beta)z)/(1 - z)$  and  $\varphi(z) := (1 + Az)/(1 + Bz)$  for  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , respectively.

In the same direction and motivated mainly by [18] and [19], we consider the following class.

**Definition 1.2** Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b$ ,  $f(0) = 1$  and  $\mu \in \Omega := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda - 1| \leq 1, \lambda \neq 0\}$ . Also, let  $\varphi$  be an analytic function with a positive real part  $\mathbb{D}$ , let  $\varphi(\mathbb{D})$  be symmetric with respect to the real axis and starlike with respect to  $\varphi(0) = 1$  and  $\varphi'(0) > 0$ . The function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  if the subordination

$$\frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \prec \varphi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{1.2}$$

holds.

For  $\varphi(z) = (1 + Az)/(1 + Bz)$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ), denote the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  by  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$ . For  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\beta$  and  $B = -1$ , denote  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$  by  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \beta)$ .

The class  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  defined by subordination is investigated to obtain representation, estimates for  $f$  and  $f'$  and subordination conditions. We obtained some interesting result in a wider context and our approach is mainly based on [19].

## 2 Representation for the class $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$

The following result provides an integral representation of functions belonging to the class  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ .

**Theorem 2.1** *The function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  if and only if there exists  $p$  satisfying  $p \prec \varphi$  such that*

$$f(z) = (1 - z)^\mu \exp\left(\frac{\mu}{2} \int_0^z \frac{p(\zeta) - 1}{\zeta} d\zeta\right).$$

*Proof* Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ . Then define  $p : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$p(z) = \frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z}.$$

Then  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  implies that  $p \prec \varphi$ . Rewriting the above equation as

$$\frac{2f'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{2}{1-z} = \frac{p(z) - 1}{z}$$

and integrating from 0 to  $z$ , it follows that

$$\log\left(\frac{f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}}{(1-z)^2}\right) = \int_0^z \frac{p(\zeta)-1}{\zeta} d\zeta.$$

An exponentiation gives

$$f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}} = (1-z)^2 \exp\left(\int_0^z \frac{p(\zeta)-1}{\zeta} d\zeta\right).$$

The desired result follows from this. The converse follows easily. □

### 3 Estimates for $f$ and $f'$ in the class $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $h_\varphi$  be an analytic function with  $h_\varphi(0) = 0, h'_\varphi(0) = 1$  satisfying the equation  $zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z) = \varphi(z)$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ , then*

$$\frac{-h_\varphi(-r)}{r} |1-z|^2 \leq |f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}| \leq \frac{h_\varphi(r)}{r} |1-z|^2, \quad |z| = r. \tag{3.1}$$

*Proof* Define the function  $h \in \mathcal{A}$  by

$$h(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $f$  is univalent and  $f(1) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(r) = 0$ , it is clear that  $f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Therefore, the function  $h$  is well defined and analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . A computation shows that

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} = \frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z}. \tag{3.3}$$

Hence we have the relation  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  if and only if  $h \in \mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$ . Ma and Minda [19, Corollary 1'] have shown that for  $h \in \mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$ ,

$$-h_\varphi(-r) \leq |h(z)| \leq h_\varphi(r), \quad |z| = r.$$

Using this inequality for  $h$  in (3.2) gives

$$-h_\varphi(-r) \leq \left| \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}} \right| \leq h_\varphi(r), \quad |z| = r$$

and hence the desired result follows. □

If  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$  and hence

$$h_\varphi(z) = \begin{cases} z(1+Bz)^{\frac{A-B}{B}}, & B \neq 0, \\ z \exp(Az), & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

then

$$|1-z|^2(1-Br)^{\frac{A-B}{B}} \leq |f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}| \leq |1-z|^2(1+Br)^{\frac{A-B}{B}} \quad \text{for } B \neq 0,$$

$$|1-z|^2 \exp(-Ar) \leq |f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}| \leq |1-z|^2 \exp(Ar) \quad \text{for } B = 0.$$

If  $S_b^*(\mu, \beta)$  and

$$h_\varphi(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{2-2\beta}},$$

then

$$\frac{|1-z|^2}{(1+r)^{2-2\beta}} \leq |f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}| \leq \frac{|1-z|^2}{(1-r)^{2-2\beta}}.$$

In particular, for  $0 \neq \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , the inequality reduces to the following inequality [18]:

$$\frac{|1-z|^\mu}{(1+r)^{\mu(1-\beta)}} \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{|1-z|^\mu}{(1-r)^{\mu(1-\beta)}}.$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\varphi(z) = zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z)$  and  $f \in S_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ . Then, for  $|z| = r$ ,

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{(1-z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max_{|z|=r} \arg \frac{h_\varphi(z)}{z}.$$

For  $0 \neq \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)}{(1-z)^\mu} \right| \leq \frac{|\mu|}{2} \max_{|z|=r} \arg \frac{h_\varphi(z)}{z}.$$

*Proof* For a function  $h \in S^*(\varphi)$ , in the paper [19, Corollary 3'] it is shown that

$$\left| \arg \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| \leq \max_{|z|=r} \arg \frac{h_\varphi(z)}{z}, \quad |z| = r.$$

The result then follows easily as the relation (3.3) holds. □

**Corollary 3.1** If  $f \in S_b^*(\mu, A, B)$ , then for  $|z| = r$ ,

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{(1-z)} \right| \leq \frac{A-B}{2B} \max_{|z|=r} \arg(1+Bz) \quad \text{for } B \neq 0$$

and

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{(1-z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max_{|z|=r} \arg \exp(Az) \quad \text{for } B = 0.$$

**Corollary 3.2** If  $f \in S_b^*(\mu, \beta)$ , then for  $|z| = r$

$$\left| \arg \frac{f(z)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}{(1-z)} \right| \leq (1-\beta) \max_{|z|=r} \arg \frac{1}{(1-z)}.$$

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\varphi(z) = zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z)$  and

$$\min_{|z|=r} |\varphi(z)| = \varphi(-r) \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{|z|=r} |\varphi(z)| = \varphi(r). \tag{3.4}$$

Also, let

$$H_{\varphi 1} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} \left( \frac{h_\varphi(-r)}{-r} \right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \left( -\left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(-r) \right)$$

and

$$H_{\varphi 2} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} \left( \frac{h_\varphi(r)}{r} \right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \left( \left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(r) \right).$$

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  then

$$H_{\varphi 1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq H_{\varphi 2}.$$

*Proof* By Definition 1.2, for  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ , we have

$$\frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} < \varphi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

When (3.4) holds, the above subordination indicates that

$$\varphi(-r) \leq \left| \frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| \leq \varphi(r), \quad |z| = r.$$

This shows that

$$-\left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(-r) \leq \left| \frac{2zf'(z)}{\mu f(z)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(r)$$

or

$$\frac{|\mu|}{2r} \left( -\left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(-r) \right) \leq \left| \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{|\mu|}{2r} \left( \left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \varphi(r) \right). \tag{3.5}$$

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , Theorem 3.1 gives

$$|1-z|^\mu \left( \frac{h_\varphi(-r)}{-r} \right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \leq |f(z)| \leq |1-z|^\mu \left( \frac{h_\varphi(r)}{r} \right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}}. \tag{3.6}$$

Combining (3.5) and (3.6), the desired results follows. □

We have the following corollaries as (3.4) holds.

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $\varphi(z) = zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z)$ . For  $B \neq 0$ , let

$$H_{\varphi 1} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} (1 - Br)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{2B}} \left( -\left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \frac{1 - Ar}{1 - Br} \right)$$

and

$$H_{\varphi 2} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} (1 + Br)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{2B}} \left( \left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| + \frac{1 + Ar}{1 + Br} \right).$$

For  $B = 0$ , let

$$H_{\varphi_1} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} \exp\left(\frac{-\mu Ar}{2}\right) \left(-\left|\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right| - r \exp(-Ar)\right)$$

and

$$H_{\varphi_2} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r} \exp\left(\frac{\mu Ar}{2}\right) \left(\left|\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right| + r \exp(Ar)\right).$$

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$  then

$$H_{\varphi_1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq H_{\varphi_2}.$$

**Corollary 3.4** Let  $\varphi(z) = zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z)$ ,

$$H_{\varphi_1} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r(1+r)^{\mu(1-\beta)}} \left(-\left|\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right| + \frac{1-(1-2\beta)r}{1+r}\right)$$

and

$$H_{\varphi_2} = \frac{|\mu||1-z|^\mu}{2r(1-r)^{\mu(1-\beta)}} \left(\left|\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right| + \frac{1+(1-2\beta)r}{1-r}\right).$$

For  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \beta)$  then

$$H_{\varphi_1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq H_{\varphi_2}.$$

#### 4 Necessary and sufficient condition

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $\varphi$  be a convex univalent function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$ . The function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  if and only if for all  $|s| \leq 1, |t| \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{s}{t} \left(\frac{1-tz}{1-sz}\right)^2 \left(\frac{f(sz)}{f(tz)}\right)^{\frac{2}{\mu}} < \frac{h_\varphi(sz)}{h_\varphi(tz)},$$

where  $h_\varphi(z) = z \exp(\int_0^z ((\varphi(\zeta) - 1)/\zeta) d\zeta)$ .

*Proof* Ruscheweyh [20, Theorem 1] showed that for  $\varphi$  a convex univalent function,  $F$  as in the hypothesis and  $h \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} < \varphi(z)$$

if and only if for all  $|s| \leq 1, |t| \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{h(sz)}{h(tz)} < \frac{h_\varphi(sz)}{h_\varphi(tz)}. \tag{4.1}$$

From the relation (3.3), we know that  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$  if and only if  $h \in \mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$ . Substituting (3.2) in (4.1), we have

$$\frac{\frac{sz}{(1-sz)^2} f(sz)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}}{\frac{tz}{(1-tz)^2} f(tz)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}} < \frac{h_\varphi(sz)}{h_\varphi(tz)}$$

and hence the desired result follows. □

The following corollaries hold for  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is convex univalent on  $\mathbb{D}$ .

**Corollary 4.1** *The function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$  if and only if for all  $|s| \leq 1, |t| \leq 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1-tz}{1-sz}\right)^\mu \left(\frac{f(sz)}{f(tz)}\right) &< \left(\frac{1+Bsz}{1+Btz}\right)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{2B}} \quad \text{for } B \neq 0, \\ \left(\frac{1-tz}{1-sz}\right)^\mu \left(\frac{f(sz)}{f(tz)}\right) &< \exp\left(\frac{\mu Az(s-t)}{2}\right) \quad \text{for } B = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 \leq \beta < 1, A = 1 - 2\beta$  and  $B = -1$  in Corollary 4.1 and hence we have the result.

**Corollary 4.2** [18] *The function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \beta)$  if and only if for all  $|s| \leq 1, |t| \leq 1$ ,*

$$\left(\frac{1-tz}{1-sz}\right)^\mu \frac{f(sz)}{f(tz)} < \left(\frac{1-tz}{1-sz}\right)^{\mu(1-\beta)}.$$

Theorem 4.2 as well as Corollaries 4.3 and 4.4 below are respectively special cases of Theorem 4.1 and Corollaries 4.1 and 4.2 when  $s = 1$  and  $t = 0$ . However, we prove the below without the convexity assumption on  $\varphi$ .

**Theorem 4.2** *If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \varphi)$ , then*

$$\frac{f(z)^{\frac{2}{\mu}}}{(1-z)^2} < \frac{h_\varphi(z)}{z},$$

where  $h_\varphi(z) = z \exp(\int_0^z ((\varphi(\zeta) - 1)/\zeta) d\zeta)$ .

*Proof* Clearly  $zh'_\varphi(z)/h_\varphi(z) = \varphi(z)$ . If  $h \in \mathcal{S}^*(\varphi)$ , then

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} < \frac{zh'_\varphi(z)}{h_\varphi(z)}.$$

Therefore by [19, Theorem 1']

$$\frac{h(z)}{z} < \frac{h_\varphi(z)}{z}.$$

Let  $h(z)$  be defined as in (3.2) and hence we arrive at the desired conclusion. □



**Corollary 4.3** *If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, A, B)$  then*

$$\frac{f(z)}{(1-z)^\mu} \prec (1+Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{2B}} \quad \text{for } B \neq 0$$

and

$$\frac{f(z)}{(1-z)^\mu} \prec \exp\left(\frac{\mu Az}{2}\right) \quad \text{for } B = 0.$$

When  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\beta$  and  $B = -1$ , the above corollary reduces to the following result.

**Corollary 4.4** [18] *If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\mu, \beta)$  then*

$$\frac{f(z)}{(1-z)^\mu} \prec \frac{1}{(1-z)^{\mu(1-\beta)}}.$$

**5 Coefficient estimate for  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\varphi)$**

In particular, when  $\mu = 1$ , (1.2) becomes

$$2 \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z} \prec \varphi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

We denote the class satisfying the above subordination as  $\mathcal{S}_b^*(\varphi)$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $\varphi(z) = 1 + B_1z + B_2z^2 + \dots$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\varphi)$ , then the coefficients  $d_1, d_2, d_3$  satisfy the following inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned} |d_1| &\leq \frac{B_1}{2} + 1, \\ |d_2| &\leq \frac{B_1}{4} \max\left\{1, \left|\frac{B_2}{B_1} + \frac{B_1}{2}\right|\right\} + \frac{B_1}{2}, \\ |d_3| &\leq \frac{B_1}{6} H\left(\frac{6B_1^2 + 16B_2}{8B_1}, \frac{B_1^3 + 6B_1B_2 + 8B_3}{8B_1}\right) + \frac{B_1}{4} \max\left\{1, \left|\frac{B_2}{B_1} + \frac{B_1}{2}\right|\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H(q_1, q_2)^a$  is as defined in [21] (see also [22, Lemma 3]) and

$$|d_2 - \nu d_1^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{B_1}{4} \left(\frac{B_2}{B_1} - (2\nu - 1)\frac{B_1}{2}\right) + (2\nu + 1)\frac{B_1}{2} + 2\nu, & \nu \leq \sigma_1, \\ \frac{B_1}{4} + (2\nu + 1)\frac{B_1}{2} + 2\nu, & \sigma_1 \leq \nu \leq \sigma_2, \\ \frac{B_1}{4} \left((2\nu - 1)\frac{B_1}{2} - \frac{B_2}{B_1}\right) + (2\nu + 1)\frac{B_1}{2} + 2\nu, & \nu \geq \sigma_2, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{B_1} \left(\frac{B_2}{B_1} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sigma_2 = \frac{1}{B_1} \left(\frac{B_2}{B_1} + 1\right) + \frac{1}{2}.$$

*Proof* Define the function  $g(z) = 1 + g_1z + g_2z^2 + \dots$  by

$$g(z) = \frac{f(z)}{(1-z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Then a computation shows that

$$2 \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 = 2 \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{1+z}{1-z}.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{S}_b^*(\varphi)$ , we have

$$2 \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 < \varphi(z),$$

or there is an analytic function  $w(z) = w_1z + w_2z^2 + \dots$  such that

$$2 \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 = \varphi(w(z)).$$

Since

$$2 \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 = 1 + 2g_1z + (-2g_1^2 + 4g_2)z^2 + (2g_1^3 - 6g_1g_2 + 6g_3)z^3 + \dots$$

and

$$\varphi(w(z)) = 1 + B_1w_1z + (B_2w_1^2 + B_1w_2)z^2 + (B_3w_1^3 + 2B_2w_1w_2 + b_1w_3)z^3 + \dots,$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= \frac{B_1w_1}{2}, \\ g_2 &= \frac{B_1}{4} \left( w_2 + \left( \frac{B_2}{B_1} + \frac{B_1}{2} \right) w_1^2 \right), \\ g_3 &= \frac{B_1}{6} \left( w_3 + \left( \frac{6B_1^2 + 16B_2}{8B_1} \right) w_1w_2 + \left( \frac{B_1^3 + 6B_1B_2 + 8B_3}{8B_1} \right) w_1^3 \right). \end{aligned}$$

In view of the well-known inequality  $|w_1| \leq 1$ , we have

$$|g_1| \leq \frac{B_1}{2}.$$

Applying [23, inequality 7, p.10] and [22, Lemma 3] (see also [21]), we get

$$|g_2| \leq \frac{B_1}{4} \max \left\{ 1, \left| \frac{B_2}{B_1} + \frac{B_1}{2} \right| \right\}$$

and

$$|g_3| \leq \frac{B_1}{6} H \left( \frac{6B_1^2 + 16B_2}{8B_1}, \frac{B_1^3 + 6B_1B_2 + 8B_3}{8B_1} \right),$$

respectively. Also, we see that applying [22, Lemma 1] (see also [19]) to inequality

$$g_2 - \nu g_1^2 = \frac{B_1}{4} \left( w_2 - \left( (2\nu - 1) \frac{B_1}{2} - \frac{B_2}{B_1} \right) w_1^2 \right)$$

yields

$$|g_2 - \nu g_1^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{B_1}{4} \left( \frac{B_2}{B_1} - (2\nu - 1) \frac{B_1}{2} \right), & \nu \leq \sigma_1, \\ \frac{B_1}{4}, & \sigma_1 \leq \nu \leq \sigma_2, \\ \frac{B_1}{4} \left( (2\nu - 1) \frac{B_1}{2} - \frac{B_2}{B_1} \right), & \nu \geq \sigma_2 \end{cases}$$

for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  as in the hypothesis. Todorov in [3] shows that for

$$g(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n z^n,$$

the coefficient

$$g_n = 1 + d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n,$$

and hence from the above relation the desired results are obtained.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.1** *When  $\varphi(z) = (1+z)/(1-z)$ , our results coincide with [3, Corollary 2.3].*

**Remark 5.1** All the results for the special case when  $\mu = 1$  or the class starlike with respect to a boundary point defined by subordination were presented at the 8th International Symposium on GFTA, 27-31 August 2012, Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia and thereafter published as [24].

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#### Endnote

<sup>a</sup> The expression for  $H$  is too lengthy to be reproduced here. See [21] or [22] for the full expression.

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