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# Neighborhoods and partial sums of certain subclass of starlike functions

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#### **Abstract**

The main purpose of the present paper is to derive the neighborhoods and partial sums of a certain subclass of starlike functions.

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#### 1 Introduction

Let  $A_m$  denote the class of functions f of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (m \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}),$$
(1.1)

which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} := \{ z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1 \}.$$

A function  $f \in A_m$  is said to be in the class  $S_m^*(\beta)$  of *starlike functions of order*  $\beta$  if it satisfies the inequality

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \le \beta < 1). \tag{1.2}$$

Assuming that  $\alpha \ge 0$ ,  $0 \le \beta < 1$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_m$ , we say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$  if it satisfies the condition

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2f''(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha\beta\left(\beta + \frac{m}{2} - 1\right) + \beta - \frac{m\alpha}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{1.3}$$

For convenience, throughout this paper, we write

$$\gamma_m := \alpha \beta \left( \beta + \frac{m}{2} - 1 \right) + \beta - \frac{m\alpha}{2}. \tag{1.4}$$

Recently, Ravichandran *et al.* [1] proved that  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha,\beta) \subset \mathcal{S}_m^*(\beta)$ . Subsequently, Liu *et al.* [2] derived various properties and characteristics such as inclusion relationships, Hadamard products, coefficient estimates, distortion theorems and cover theorems for



the class  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$  and a subclass of  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$  with negative coefficients. Furthermore, Singh *et al.* [3] generalized the class  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$  and found several sufficient conditions for starlikeness. In the present paper, we aim at proving the neighborhoods and partial sums of the class  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$ .

#### 2 Main results

Following the earlier works (based upon the familiar concept of a neighborhood of analytic functions) by Goodman [4] and Ruscheweyh [5], and (more recently) by Altintaş *et al.* [6–9], Cătaş [10], Frasin [11], Keerthi *et al.* [12] and Srivastava *et al.* [13], we begin by introducing here the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_m$  of the form (1.1) by means of the definition

$$\mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f) := \left\{ g \in \mathcal{A}_m : g(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \text{ and} \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{k(1 + k\alpha - \alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} |a_k - b_k| \le \delta \left( \delta, \alpha \ge 0; 0 \le \beta < 1; \gamma_m < 1 \right) \right\}. \tag{2.1}$$

By making use of the definition (2.1), we now derive the following result.

**Theorem 1** *If*  $f \in A_m$  *satisfies the condition* 

$$\frac{f(z) + \varepsilon z}{1 + \varepsilon} \in \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta) \quad (\varepsilon \in \mathbb{C}; |\varepsilon| < \delta; \delta > 0), \tag{2.2}$$

then

$$\mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f) \subset \mathcal{H}_{m}(\alpha, \beta). \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof* By noting that the condition (1.3) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} - 1}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} - (2\gamma_m - 1)} \right| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$
(2.4)

we easily find from (2.4) that a function  $g \in \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\frac{zg'(z)+\alpha z^2g''(z)-g(z)}{zg'(z)+\alpha z^2g''(z)-(2\gamma_m-1)g(z)}\neq\sigma \quad \left(z\in\mathbb{U};\sigma\in\mathbb{C};|\sigma|=1\right),$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{(g*h)(z)}{z} \neq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \tag{2.5}$$

where

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} c_k z^k \quad \left( c_k := \frac{k + \alpha k(k-1) - 1 - [k + \alpha k(k-1) - (2\gamma_m - 1)]\sigma}{2(\gamma_m - 1)\sigma} \right). \quad (2.6)$$

It follows from (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} |c_k| &= \left| \frac{k + \alpha k(k-1) - 1 - [k + \alpha k(k-1) - (2\gamma_m - 1)]\sigma}{2(\gamma_m - 1)\sigma} \right. \\ &\leq \frac{k + \alpha k(k-1) - 1 + [k + \alpha k(k-1) - (2\gamma_m - 1)]|\sigma|}{2(1 - \gamma_m)|\sigma|} \\ &= \frac{k(1 + k\alpha - \alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \quad (|\sigma| = 1). \end{aligned}$$

If  $f \in A_m$  satisfies the condition (2.2), we deduce from (2.5) that

$$\frac{(f*h)(z)}{z} \neq -\varepsilon \quad (|\varepsilon| < \delta; \delta > 0),$$

or, equivalently,

$$\left| \frac{(f * h)(z)}{z} \right| \ge \delta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \delta > 0). \tag{2.7}$$

We now suppose that

$$q(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} d_k z^k \in \mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f).$$

It follows from (2.1) that

$$\left| \frac{((q-f)*h)(z)}{z} \right| = \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} (d_k - a_k) c_k z^{k-1} \right|$$

$$\leq |z| \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{k(1+k\alpha - \alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} |d_k - a_k| < \delta.$$
(2.8)

Combining (2.7) and (2.8), we easily find that

$$\left|\frac{(q*h)(z)}{z}\right| = \left|\frac{([f+(q-f)]*h)(z)}{z}\right| \ge \left|\frac{(f*h)(z)}{z}\right| - \left|\frac{((q-f)*h)(z)}{z}\right| > 0,$$

which implies that

$$\frac{(q*h)(z)}{z} \neq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$q(z) \in \mathcal{N}_{\delta}(f) \subset \mathcal{H}_{m}(\alpha, \beta).$$

We thus complete the proof of Theorem 1.

Next, we derive the partial sums of the class  $\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$ . For some recent investigations involving the partial sums in analytic function theory, one can refer to [14–16] and the references cited therein.

**Theorem 2** Let  $f \in A_m$  be given by (1.1) and define the partial sums  $f_n(z)$  of f by

$$f_n(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^n a_k z^k \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; n \ge m+1).$$
 (2.9)

If

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{k(1+k\alpha-\alpha)-\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} |a_k| \le 1 \quad (\alpha \ge 0; 0 \le \beta < 1; \gamma_m < 1), \tag{2.10}$$

then

(1)  $f \in \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$ ;

(2)

$$\Re\left(\frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)}\right) \ge \frac{n(1+\alpha+n\alpha)}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; n \ge m+1; z \in \mathbb{U})$$
(2.11)

and

$$\Re\left(\frac{f_n(z)}{f(z)}\right) \ge \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)+1-2\gamma_m} \quad (n\in\mathbb{N}; n\ge m+1; z\in\mathbb{U}). \tag{2.12}$$

The bounds in (2.11) and (2.12) are sharp.

*Proof* (1) Suppose that  $f_1(z) = z$ . We know that  $z \in \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta)$ , which implies that

$$\frac{f_1(z)+\varepsilon z}{1+\varepsilon}=z\in\mathcal{H}_m(\alpha,\beta).$$

From (2.10), we easily find that

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{k(1+k\alpha-\alpha)-\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} |a_k-0| \leq 1,$$

which implies that  $f \in \mathcal{N}_1(z)$ . In view of Theorem 1, we deduce that

$$f \in \mathcal{N}_1(z) \subset \mathcal{H}_m(\alpha, \beta).$$

(2) It is easy to verify that

$$\frac{(n+1)[1+(n+1)\alpha-\alpha]-\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} = \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m}$$
$$> \frac{n(1+n\alpha-\alpha)-\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} > 1 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} |a_k| + \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_k| \le \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{k(1+k\alpha-\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} |a_k| \le 1.$$
 (2.13)

We now suppose that

$$\psi(z) = \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \left( \frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)} - \frac{n(1+\alpha+n\alpha)}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m} \right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^{k-1}}{1 + \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} a_k z^{k-1}}.$$
(2.14)

It follows from (2.13) and (2.14) that

$$\left| \frac{\psi(z) - 1}{\psi(z) + 1} \right| \leq \frac{\frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_k|}{2 - 2 \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} |a_k| - \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_k|} \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which shows that

$$\Re(\psi(z)) \ge 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{2.15}$$

Combining (2.14) and (2.15), we deduce that the assertion (2.11) holds true.

Moreover, if we put

$$f(z) = z + \frac{1 - \gamma_m}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m} z^{n+1} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}; m \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{2.16}$$

then for  $z = re^{i\pi/n}$ , we have

$$\frac{f(z)}{f_n(z)} = 1 + \frac{1 - \gamma_m}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m} z^n \to \frac{n(1+\alpha+n\alpha)}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha) - \gamma_m} \quad (r \to 1^-),$$

which implies that the bound in (2.11) is the best possible for each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, ..., m-1\}$ . Similarly, we suppose that

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)+1-2\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} \left( \frac{f_n(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)+1-2\gamma_m} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)+1-2\gamma_m}{1-\gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^{k-1}}{1+\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} a_k z^{k-1}}.$$
(2.17)

In view of (2.13) and (2.17), we conclude that

$$\left| \frac{\varphi(z) - 1}{\varphi(z) + 1} \right| \leq \frac{\frac{(n+1)(1 + n\alpha) + 1 - 2\gamma_m}{1 - \gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_k|}{2 - 2\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} |a_k| - \frac{n(1 + \alpha + n\alpha)}{1 - \gamma_m} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a_k|} \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which implies that

$$\Re(\varphi(z)) \ge 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{2.18}$$

Combining (2.17) and (2.18), we readily get the assertion (2.12) of Theorem 2. The bound in (2.12) is sharp with the extremal function f given by (2.16).

The proof of Theorem 2 is thus completed.

Finally, we turn to ratios involving derivatives. The proof of Theorem 3 below is much akin to that of Theorem 2, we here choose to omit the analogous details.

**Theorem 3** Let  $f \in A_m$  be given by (1.1) and define the partial sums  $f_n(z)$  of f by (2.9). If the condition (2.10) holds, then

$$\Re\left(\frac{f'(z)}{f'_n(z)}\right) \ge \frac{(n+1)(n\alpha+\gamma_m)-\gamma_m}{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m} \quad (n\in\mathbb{N}; n\ge m+1; z\in\mathbb{U})$$
(2.19)

and

$$\Re\left(\frac{f_n'(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \ge \frac{(n+1)(1+n\alpha)-\gamma_m}{(n+1)(2+n\alpha-\gamma_m)-\gamma_m} \quad (n\in\mathbb{N}; n\ge m+1; z\in\mathbb{U}). \tag{2.20}$$

The bounds in (2.19) and (2.20) are sharp with the extremal function given by (2.16).

**Remark** By setting  $\alpha = 0$  and m = 1 in Theorems 2 and 3, we get the corresponding results obtained by Silverman [16].

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