

## DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS FOR P-VALENT FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $f(z) = D(F(z))$ , where  $D$  is differential operator defined separately in every result. Let  $S(p)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . The purpose of this paper is to find out the disc in which the operator  $D$  transforms some classes of  $p$ -valent functions into the same. For example, if  $F$  is  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\lambda$  ( $0 \leq \lambda < p$ ), then the disc in which  $f$  is also in the same class is found. We also discuss several special cases which can be derived from our main results.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A(p)$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Further let  $S(p)$  be the subclass of  $A(p)$  consisting of functions which are  $p$ -valent in  $U$ . A function  $f(z) \in S(p)$  is said to be in the class  $S_p^*(\lambda)$  of  $p$ -valently starlike functions of order  $\lambda$  ( $0 \leq \lambda < p$ ) if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} d\theta = 2\pi p. \quad (2)$$

The class  $S_p^*(\lambda)$  was studied recently by Owa [8] and Aouf et al. [2].

Let  $K_p(\gamma, \lambda)$  denote the class of functions  $F(z) \in A(p)$  which satisfy

$$Re \left\{ \frac{z F'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (z \in U), \tag{3}$$

where  $G(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  and  $0 \leq \gamma, \lambda < p$ . The class  $K_p(\gamma, \lambda)$  of p-valently close-to-convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\lambda$  was studied by Aouf [1]. We note that  $K_1(\gamma, \lambda) = K(\gamma, \lambda)$ , the class of convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\lambda$  was studied by Libera [4] and  $K_1(1, 1) = K$ , is the well-known class of close-to-convex functions, introduced by Kaplan [3].

A function  $F(z) \in S(p)$  is said to be in the class  $B_p(\beta, \lambda)$  if and only if there exists a function  $G(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda), 0 \leq \lambda < p, \beta > 0$ , such that

$$Re \left\{ \frac{z F'(z)}{F^{1-\beta}(z) G^\beta(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \tag{4}$$

The class  $B_p(\beta, \lambda)$  is the subclass of p-valently Bazilevic functions in  $U$ . We note that  $B_p(\beta, 0) = B_p(\beta)$ , is the class of p-valently Bazilevic functions of type  $\beta$  and  $B_1(\beta, 0) = B(\beta)$ , is the class of Bazilevic functions of type  $\beta$  (see [10]).

## 2.MAIN RESULTS

We shall consider some differential operators and find out the disc in which the classes of p-valent functions defined by (2), (3) and (4), respectively, are preserved under these operators. We prove the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda) (0 \leq \lambda < p), \beta > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Let the function  $f(z)$  be defined by the differential operator*

$$D_{\alpha, \beta, p}(F) = f^\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1} \left[ (1 - \alpha)F^\beta(z) + \alpha z(F^\beta(z))' \right]. \tag{5}$$

Then  $f(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  for  $|z| < r_0$ , where

$$r_0 = \frac{\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1}{[\alpha(\beta p - \beta\lambda + 1) + \sqrt{\alpha^2(\beta p - \beta\lambda + 1)^2 + (\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1)(1 - \alpha\beta p + 2\alpha\beta\lambda - \alpha)]}. \tag{6}$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* We can write

$$f^\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1} \left[ (1 - \alpha)F^\beta(z) + \alpha z(F^\beta(z))' \right], \tag{7}$$

as

$$f^\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1} \left[ \alpha z^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} F^\beta(z))' \right],$$

and from this it follows that

$$F^\beta(z) = \left(\beta p + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) z^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz .$$

(8)

Thus, we have

$$\beta \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f^\beta(z)}{\int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz} . \tag{9}$$

Since  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$ , we can write (9) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta(p - \lambda)h(z) \int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz + \beta\lambda \int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz + z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f^\beta(z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $Re h(z) > 0$ . Differentiating again with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} = (p - \lambda)h(z) + \lambda + \frac{(p - \lambda)h'(z) \int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz}{z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z)} . \tag{10}$$

Now, using a well-known result [4],

$$|h'(z)| \leq \frac{2Re(z)}{1 - r^2} \quad (|z| = r),$$

(11)

we have from (10)

$$Re \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - \lambda \right\} \geq Re h(z) \{(p - \lambda) -$$

$$\frac{2(p-\lambda)}{1-r^2} \left| \frac{\int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz}{z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z)} \right| \tag{12}$$

Also, from (7) and (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f^\beta(z)}{\int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz} &= \frac{\alpha z(z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} F^\beta(z))'}{\alpha(z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} F^\beta(z))} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) + \beta \frac{z F'(z)}{F(z)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) + \beta [(p-\lambda)h(z) + \lambda], \end{aligned}$$

since  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f^\beta(z)}{\int_0^z z^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f^\beta(z) dz} \right| &\geq \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) + \beta [(p-\lambda)h(z) + \lambda] \right\} \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) + \beta\lambda + \beta(p-\lambda) \frac{1-r}{1+r} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 + \beta\lambda\right)(1+r) + (\beta p - \beta\lambda)(1-r)}{1+r}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Hence, from (12) and (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - \lambda \right\} &\geq \operatorname{Re} h(z) \left\{ (p-\lambda) - \left[ \frac{2(p-\lambda)}{(1+r)(1-r)} \right] \frac{r(1+r)}{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 + \beta\lambda\right)(1+r) + (\beta p - \beta\lambda)(1-r)} \right\} \\ &= (p-\lambda) \operatorname{Re} h(z). \\ &\cdot \left\{ \frac{(\beta p + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1) - 2(\beta p - \beta\lambda + 1)r - (\frac{1}{\alpha} - \beta p + 2\beta\lambda - 1)r^2}{(1-r)(\beta p + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1) + (\frac{1}{\alpha} - \beta p + 2\beta\lambda - 1)r} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

The right-hand side of (50) is positive for  $r < r_0$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1, \beta > 0$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < p$ , where  $r_0$  is given by the relation (6).

The function  $f_0(z)$  defined by:

$$f_0^\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta p - \alpha + 1} \left[ (1 - \alpha) F_0^\beta(z) + \alpha z(F_0^\beta(z))' \right], \quad (15)$$

where

$$F_0(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-z)^{2(p-\lambda)}} \in S_p^*(\lambda) \quad (16)$$

shows that the result is sharp.

Putting  $\beta = 1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  ( $0 \leq \lambda < p$ ), and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Let the function  $f(z)$  be defined by the differential operator*

$$D_{\alpha,1,p}(F) = f(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha p - \alpha + 1} \left[ (1 - \alpha)F(z) + \alpha zF'(z) \right]. \quad (17)$$

Then  $f(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  for  $|z| < r_0^*$ , where

$$r_0^* = \frac{\alpha p - \alpha + 1}{\alpha(p - \lambda + 1) + \sqrt{\alpha^2(p - \lambda + 1)^2 + (\alpha p - \alpha + 1)(1 - \alpha p + 2\alpha\lambda - \alpha)}}. \quad (18)$$

The result is sharp.

Putting  $\beta = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $F(z) \in S_p^*$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Let the function  $f(z)$  be defined by the differential operator (53). Then  $f(z) \in S_p^*$  for  $|z| < r_0^{**}$ , where*

$$r_0^{**} = \frac{\alpha p - \alpha + 1}{\alpha(p + 1) + \sqrt{\alpha^2(p + 1)^2 + (\alpha p - \alpha + 1)(1 - \alpha p - \alpha)}}. \quad (19)$$

The result is sharp.

**Remark 1.** (1) Putting  $p = 1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the result obtained by Noor [6];

(2) Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2, we obtain the result obtained By Noor et al. [7];

(3) Putting  $p = 1$  and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  in Corollary 2, we obtain the result obtained by Livingston [5];

(4) Theorem 1 generalizes a result due to Padmanabhan [9] when we take  $p = \beta = 1$  and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $F(z) \in K_p(\gamma, \lambda)$  ( $0 \leq \gamma, \lambda < p$ ) and let  $\alpha > 0$ . Then the function  $f(z)$ , defined as*

$$D_{\alpha,1,p}(F) = f(z) = (1 - \alpha)F(z) + \alpha zF'(z) \quad (20)$$

belongs to the same class for  $|z| < R_0$ ,  $R_0 = \min(r_1, r_2)$ , where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the respective least positive roots of the equations

$$(p - 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}) - 2(p + 1 - \lambda)r - (\frac{1}{\alpha} + 2\lambda - (p + 1))r^2 = 0, \quad (21)$$

and

$$(p - 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}) - 2(p + 1 - \gamma)r - (\frac{1}{\alpha} + 2\gamma - (p + 1))r^2 = 0. \quad (22)$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Since  $F(z) \in K_p(\gamma, \lambda)$ , then there exists a function  $G(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  such that  $Re \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} > \gamma$ ,  $z \in U$ . Now let

$$D_{\alpha,1,p}(G) = g(z) = (1 - \alpha)G(z) + \alpha zG'(z). \quad (23)$$

Then, from Theorem 1, it follows that  $g(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  for  $|z| < r_1$ , where  $r_1$  is the least positive root of (57).

Using the same technique of Theorem 1, we can easily show that  $Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \gamma$  for  $|z| < R_0$ , where  $R_0 = \min(r_1, r_2)$  and  $r_2$  is given by (58). The sharpness of the result can be seen as follows:

Let

$$F_1(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1 - z)^{2(p-\gamma)}} \quad \text{and} \quad G_1(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1 - z)^{2(p-\lambda)}}.$$

Then

$$Re \frac{zF_1'(z)}{G_1(z)} > \gamma, \quad G_1 \in S_p^*(\lambda) \Rightarrow F_1 \in K_p(\gamma, \lambda).$$

Let  $f_1(z) = (1 - \alpha)F_1(z) + \alpha zF_1'(z)$  and  $g_1(z) = (1 - \alpha)G_1(z) + \alpha zG_1'(z)$ . Then  $Re \frac{zf_1'(z)}{g_1(z)} > \gamma$  for  $|z| < R_0$ , where  $R_0$  is as given in Theorem 2 and can not be improved.

**Remark 2.** (1) Putting  $p = 1$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the result obtained by Noor [6];

(2) Putting  $p = 1$  and  $\gamma = \lambda = 0$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the result obtained By Noor et al. [7];

(3) Putting  $p = 1, \gamma = \lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the result obtained by Livingston [5];

(4) Putting  $p = 1$  and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the result obtained by Padmanabhan[9].

**Theorem 3.** Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$  and  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$  ( $0 \leq \lambda < p$ ). Then  $f(z)$  defined as

$$D_{\alpha,\beta,p}^*(F) = f^\alpha(z) = z^\alpha(z^{1-\beta}F^\beta(z))'. \quad (24)$$

belongs to  $S_p^*(\lambda_1)$  for  $|z| < R_1$ , where  $R_1$  is given by

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{(\beta p - \beta \lambda + 1) + \sqrt{\beta^2(p - \lambda)^2 + \beta(1 - p)[\beta(1 + p - 2\lambda) - 2]}}, \quad (25)$$

and

$$\lambda_1 = 1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(1 - \lambda).$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* From (2.20), we can write

$$F^\beta(z) = z^{\beta-1} \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz,$$

and so

$$\beta \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = (\beta - 1) + \frac{z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha}{\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz}.$$

(26)

Since  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$ ,  $\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = (p - \lambda)h(z) + \lambda$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < p$ ,  $Re h(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . Thus, from (2.22), we obtain

$$\beta(p - \lambda)h(z) \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz + [\beta\lambda + (1 - \beta)] \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz = z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha.$$

Differentiating again with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta(p - \lambda)h(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha + \beta(p - \lambda)h'(z) \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz + [\beta\lambda + (1 - \beta)] \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha \\ & = \alpha z^{1-\alpha} f^{\alpha-1}(z) f'(z) + (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(1 - \lambda)\right]$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(p - \lambda) \left[ h(z) + \frac{h'(z) \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz}{\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha} \right]. \quad (27)$$

Now, using the well-known result (11), we have from (2.23),

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(1 - \lambda)\right] \geq \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(p - \lambda) \operatorname{Re} h(z) \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{1 - r^2} \left| \frac{\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz}{\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha} \right| \right].$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha}{\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz} &= \frac{z (z^{1-\beta} F^\beta(z))'}{z^{1-\beta} F^\beta(z)} \\ &= \beta \frac{z F'(z)}{F(z)} + (1 - \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \beta[(p - \lambda)h(z) + \lambda] + (1 - \beta), \quad \operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0,$$

and from this, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha}{\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\alpha dz} \right| &\geq \beta(p - \lambda) \operatorname{Re} h(z) + \beta\lambda + (1 - \beta) \\ &\geq \beta(p - \lambda) \frac{1 - r}{1 + r} + \beta\lambda + (1 - \beta) \\ &= \frac{\beta(p - \lambda)(1 - r) + (\beta\lambda + (1 - \beta))(1 + r)}{(1 + r)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(1 - \lambda)\right] \geq \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(p - \lambda) \operatorname{Re} h(z).$$



$$\cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{1-r^2} \frac{r(1+r)}{\beta(p-\lambda)(1-r) + (\beta\lambda + (1-\beta))(1+r)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(p-\lambda)Reh(z) \left\{ \frac{(1-r)[\beta(p-\lambda)(1-r) + (\beta\lambda + (1-\beta))(1+r)] - 2r}{(1-r)[\beta(p-\lambda)(1-r) + (\beta\lambda + (1-\beta))(1+r)]} \right\}. \quad (28)$$

The right-hand side of the inequality (2.24) is positive for  $|z| < R_1$ , where  $R_1$  is the least positive root of the equation

$$(1 - \beta p - \beta + 2\beta\lambda)r^2 + 2(\beta p - \beta\lambda + 1)r - (\beta p - \beta + 1) = 0, \quad (29)$$

and thus we obtain the required result. The function

$$F_1(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-z)^{2(p-\lambda)}} \in S_p^*(\lambda) \quad (30)$$

shows that the result is best possible.

Putting  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 3, we obtain

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$  and  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\frac{1}{2})$ . Then  $f(z)$  defined by (2.20) belongs to  $S_p^*(1 - \frac{\beta}{2\alpha})$  for  $|z| < R_2$ , where  $R_2$  is given by*

$$R_2 = \frac{2}{(2\beta p - \beta + 2) + \sqrt{\beta^2(2p-1)^2 + 8 + \beta(1-p)(p-2)}}. \quad (31)$$

The result is sharp.

**Remark 3.** (1) *Putting  $p = 1$  in Theorem 3, we obtain the result obtained by Noor [6];*

(2) *Putting  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $F(z) \in S_p^*(\lambda)$ . Then  $f(z)$  defined by (2.20) also belongs to  $S_p^*(\lambda)$  for  $|z| < R_1$ ;*

(3) *Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 3, we obtain the result obtained by Noor [6].*

Using the same technique of Theorem 3 we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $F(z) \in B_p(\beta, \lambda)$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < p$ . Let  $f(z)$  be defined as*

$$f^\beta(z) = z^\beta (z^{1-\beta} F^\beta(z))'.$$

Then  $f(z) \in B_p(\beta, \lambda)$  for  $|z| < R_3$ , where  $R_3$  is given by

$$R_3 = \frac{1}{(\beta p - \beta + 1) + \sqrt{\beta^2(p-\lambda)^2 + 2 + \beta(1-p)[\beta(1+p-2\lambda) - 2]}}. \quad (32)$$

The result is sharp.

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