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# A Subclass of Meromorphic Starlike Functions with Alternating Coefficients

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of the present paper is to introduce a new subclass  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$  of meromorphic starlike functions with alternating coefficients in  $E = \{z: 0 < |z| < 1\}$  and investigate coefficients, distortion properties and radius of convexity estimates for the class. Further more it is shown that the class  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$  is closed under convex linear combinations, convolutions and integral transforms.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\sum_s$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (1.1)$$

which are regular in  $E = \{z: 0 < |z| < 1\}$  with a simple pole at the origin with residue 1 there. And let  $\sum_s$  denote the subclass of a function  $f(z)$  in  $\sum_s$  is said to be meromorphically starlike of order  $\alpha$  if

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

For some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). We denote by  $\sum_s^*(\alpha)$  the class of all meromorphically starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ .

Similarly a function  $f(z)$  in  $\sum_s$  is said to be meromorphically convex of order  $\alpha$  if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ - \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > \alpha (z \in E). \quad (1.3)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) and we denote by  $\Sigma_k(\alpha)$  the class of all meromorphically convex functions of order. The class  $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$  and similar classes have been extensively studied by Pommerenke [3], Clunie [1], Miller [2] and others.

Let  $\Sigma_0$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n, a_n \geq 0 \tag{1.4}$$

that are analytic in  $E$ .

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $\Sigma_0^*(A, B)$  denote the subclass of consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1 \right| < \left| A + B \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \tag{1.5}$$

For  $-1 \leq A < B$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$  and  $z \in E$ .

**COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES**

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$  be regular in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  is in the class  $\Sigma_0^*(A, B)$  if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(n+1) + (A+Bn)\} a_n \leq B-A$  for  $-1 \leq A < B$  and  $0 < B \leq 1$ .

**Proof :** Suppose that  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n, a_n \geq 0$  is in  $\Sigma_0^*(A, B)$  then

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + 1}{A + B \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}} \right| = \left| \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (n+1) a_n z^n}{(B-A) \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (A+Bn) a_n z^n} \right| < 1 \quad \text{for all } z \in E. \text{ Since}$$

$Re(z) \leq |z|$  for all  $z$ , we have

$$Re \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n z^n}{(B-A) \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A+Bn) a_n z^n} \right\} < 1, \quad z \in E \tag{2.7}$$

Now choose the values of  $z$  on the real axis so that  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is real. Upon clearing the denominator in (2.7)

We obtain 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(n+1)+(A+Bn)\}a_n \leq B-A$$

Conversely, suppose that (2.6) holds for all admissible values of  $A$  and  $B$ . We have.

$$H(f, f') = |zf'(z) + f(z)| - |Af(z) + Bzf'(z)| \tag{2.8}$$

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (n+1)a_n z^n \right| - \left| (B-A)\frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (A+Bn)a_n z^n \right| \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |z| H(f, f') &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n |z|^{n+1} - (B-A) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A+Bn) a_n |z|^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(n+1)+(A+Bn)\} a_n |z|^{n+1} \leq B-A \end{aligned}$$

Since the above inequality holds for all  $r = |z|, 0 < r < 1$ , letting  $r \rightarrow 1$

we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(n+1)+(A+Bn)\} a_n \leq (B-A)$  by (2.6) Hence it follows that  $f(z)$  is in the class

$$\sum_a^* (A, B).$$

**Corollary 2.1 :**

If the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$  is in the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$ , then we have

$$a_n \leq \frac{B-A}{(n+1)+(A+Bn)}, \quad (n \geq 1) \tag{2.9}$$

The result is sharp for the function.

$$f_n(z) = \frac{1}{z} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{B-A}{(n+1)+(A+Bn)} \tag{2.10}$$

**Distortion properties and Radius of convexity**

**Theorem 2.2 :** If the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$  is in the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{r} - \frac{B-A}{2+A+B}r \leq f(z) \leq \frac{1}{r} + \frac{B-A}{2+A+B}r \quad (2.11)$$

The result is sharp.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f(z) \in \sum_a^*(A, B)$ . By Theorem 2.1

We have 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{B-A}{2+A+B}$$

Then 
$$|f(z)| = \left| \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|z|} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n |z|^n$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{r} + \frac{B-A}{2+A+B}r$$

Also, 
$$f(z) \geq \frac{1}{|z|} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n |z|^n \geq \frac{1}{r} - \frac{(B-A)}{2+A+B}r$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(B-A)}{2+A+B} z^n$$

**Theorem 2.3 :** If the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$  is in the class  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$  then  $f(z)$  is meromorphically convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in  $|z| < r = r(A, B, \delta)$  where

$$r(A, B, \delta) = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left\{ \frac{(1-\delta)(n+1) + (A+Bm)}{(B-A)n(n+2-\delta)} \right\}^{1/n+1}$$

The result is sharp.

**Proof:** Let  $f(z)$  is in  $\sum_n^*(A, B)$ . Then by Theorem 2.1 we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{B-A} a_n \leq 1$$

It is sufficient to show that  $\left| 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1 - \delta$

for  $|z| \leq r(A, B, \delta)$  where  $r(A, B, \delta)$  is specified in the statement of the Theorem.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n(n+1) a_n z^{n-1}}{-\frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n a_n z^{n-1}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+1) a_n |z|^{n-1}}{1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n |z|^{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

This will be bounded by  $(1 - \delta)$  if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+2-\delta)}{1-\delta} a_n |z|^{n-1} \leq 1 \tag{2.13}$$

By (2.12) it follows that (2.13) is true if

$$\frac{n(n+2-\delta)}{1-\delta} |z|^{n-1} \leq \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{(B-A)}, \quad (n \geq 1).$$

or

$$|z| \leq \left\{ \frac{(1-\delta)\{(n+1) + (A+Bn)\}}{(B-A)n(n+2-\delta)} \right\}^{1/(n-1)}, \quad (n \geq 1). \tag{2.14}$$

Setting  $|z| \leq r(A, B, \delta)$  in (2.14), the result follows. The result is sharp for the functions

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1) + (A+Bn)} z^{-n} \quad (n \geq 1) \quad (2.15)$$

**Convex linear combinations**

In this section we shall prove that the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$  is closed under linear combinations.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $f_0(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  and  $f_n(z) = \frac{1}{z} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1) + (A+Bn)} z^{-n}, (n \geq 1)$ .

Then  $f(z)$  is in the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$  if and only if it can be expressed in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z) \text{ where } \lambda_n \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n = 1$$

**Proof:** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z)$  with  $\lambda_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n = 1$ .

Then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z) = \lambda_0 f_0(z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z)$$

$$= \left[ 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \right] f_0(z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z)$$

$$= \left( 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \right) \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \left( \frac{1}{z} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1) + (A+Bn)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1) + (A+Bn)} z^{-n}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{B-A} \lambda_n \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}$

By Theorem 2.1,  $f(z)$  is in the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$

Conversely, suppose that the function  $f(z)$  is in the class

Since

$$a_n \leq \frac{(B-A)}{(n+1)+(A-Bn)}, \quad n=1,2,3,\dots$$

$$\text{Setting } \lambda_n = \frac{(n+1)+(A+Bn)}{B-A} a_n, \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$\text{and } \lambda_0 = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n$$

$$\text{It follows that } f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

### Integral Transforms

In this section we consider integral transforms of the functions in  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$ .

#### Theorem 2.5:

If the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$  is in the class  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$  then the integral transforms

$$F_c(z) = c \int_0^1 u f(uz) du, (0 < c < \infty) \text{ are in the class } \sum_a^* (A, B)$$

**Proof :** Suppose that  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n z^n$

is in  $\sum_a^* (A, B)$  Then we have

$$F_c(z) = c \int_0^1 u f(uz) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{ca_n}{n+c+1} z^{-n}$$

Since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{B-A} \frac{ca_n}{n+c+1} \leq \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{B-A} a_n \leq 1.$$

By Theorem 2.1, It follows that  $F_c(z)$  is in the class  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$ .

**Remark 2.1:** In the above theorems, putting  $A = \beta(2\alpha - 1)$  and  $B = \beta$  where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , we get the results by T. Ram Reddy, P. Thirupathi Reddy and R.B. Sharma [4].

**Convolution Properties**

Robertson [5] has shown that if  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  are in  $\sum_a$ , then so is their

convolution  $(f * g)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n$ . We prove the following results for functions in  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$

**Theorem 2.6:** If the functions  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n z^n$  are in  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$

then  $(f * g)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n b_n z^n$  is in the class  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are in  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$

By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A+Bn)}{B-A} a_n \leq 1$$



$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A + Bn)}{B - A} b_n \leq 1$$

Since  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are regular in  $E$ , so is  $(f * g)(z)$ .

Further more,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A + Bn)}{B - A} a_n b_n &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A + Bn)}{B - A} a_n b_n \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A + Bn)}{B - A} a_n \right] \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1) + (A + Bn)}{B - A} b_n \right] \\ &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Theorem 2.1,  $(f * g)(z)$  is in the class  $\sum_a^*(A, B)$ .

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