

On a Mocanu type generalization of the Kaplan class $K(\alpha, \beta)$ of analytic functions

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce a new class $K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ of functions and discuss certain properties of this class, in particular, the closure property for this class under the well-known integral operator

$$\left\{ \frac{c+1/\lambda}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda$$

for suitable choice of α, β, c and λ by making use of the corresponding results for the classes $\pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $K(\alpha, \beta)$ (for definition, see Sheil-Small [6]) which are also established here.

Let E be the open unit disc in C and let $H(E)$ denote the class of functions holomorphic in E . The class $K(\alpha, \beta)$ was first defined by Sheil-Small [6] as consisting of functions f in $H(E)$ such that $f(z) = 1 + a_1 z + \dots$, $z \in E$ with $f(z) \neq 0$ in E and satisfying

$$-\alpha\pi \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ re^{i\theta} \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} - \frac{(\alpha-\beta)}{2} \right\} d\theta \leq \beta\pi$$

for $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 < |z| = r < 1$ and $\theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 + 2\pi$. A characterization of this class of functions was obtained [6] in terms of functions belonging to the class π_λ defined as follows:

DEFINITION. For λ real, $g \in \pi_\lambda$ if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} < \frac{1}{2}\lambda \quad (\lambda > 0) \\ > \frac{1}{2}\lambda \quad (\lambda < 0) \quad \text{in } E.$$

π_0 consists of the single function $f(z) \equiv 1$.

Sheil-Small [6] established that $f \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ if and only if $f(z) = g(z)h(z)$, where $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} h(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi \min(\alpha, \beta)$ for a suitable real μ . Here we first prove that the classes $\pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $K(\alpha, \beta)$ are closed under the Rusche-

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$$F(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda \quad \text{for } \alpha \leq \beta$$

and suitable c and λ . Then we introduce a new class $K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ and investigate its properties. We need the following result due to Eenigenburg, Miller, Mocanu and Reade [2], for our discussion.

THEOREM A. *Let $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ and $h \in H(E)$ be convex univalent in E with $h(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$ in E . Let $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + \dots$. Then*

$$p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z) \Rightarrow p(z) \prec h(z) \quad \text{in } E.$$

We start by proving the following

THEOREM 1. *Let G be defined for $z \in E$ by*

$$G(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} g^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda.$$

Then $G \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ whenever $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ for $\lambda > 0$, $\alpha \leq \beta$ and $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$.

Proof. If $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$, then there exists a $\varphi \in S^*$ such that $g(z) = \{\varphi(z)/z\}^{-(\alpha-\beta)/2}$, $g(z) \neq 0$ in E ([7], Lemma 3.2). It is clear that $G(z)$ defined above is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of $z = 0$ and $G(0) = 1$. Thus there exists a $R > 0$ such that $G(z) \neq 0$ for $0 \leq |z| < R$. We begin by showing that $G(z)$ is in $\pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ in $|z| < R$. Then there exists $\varphi \in S^*$ such that $G(z) = \{\varphi(z)/z\}^{-(\alpha-\beta)/2}$ in $|z| < R$, $\varphi(z) \neq 0$ in $E - \{0\}$. The proof will be complete if we show that $R \geq 1$. Indeed, if $G(z_0) = 0$, $|z_0| = R < 1$, then, for any given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a neighbourhood of z_0 in which $|G(z)| < \varepsilon$. But $G(z) = \{\varphi(z)/z\}^{-(\alpha-\beta)/2}$, where $\varphi \in S^*$. For $\beta > \alpha$, we have

$$|G(z)| \geq \left(\frac{1}{1+|z|} \right)^{(\beta-\alpha)/2} \quad \text{in } |z| < R.$$

This contradiction shows that $G(z) \neq 0$ in E .

Since $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$, where $\beta \geq \alpha$,

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} > \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \quad \text{for } \alpha < \beta$$

and for $\alpha = \beta$, $g(z) \equiv 1$. Now, consider

$$G(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} g^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda \quad \text{with } \lambda > 0.$$

This on differentiation with respect to z gives

$$\frac{z}{\lambda} G^{1/\lambda-1}(z) G'(z) + cG^{1/\lambda}(z) = cy^{1/\lambda}(z).$$

Let $p(z) = zG'(z)/G(z) + 1$; so that $p(0) = 1$ and $G^{1/\lambda}(z)(p(z) + c\lambda - 1) = c\lambda y^{1/\lambda}(z)$. By logarithmic differentiation with respect to z , we get

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + c\lambda - 1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)};$$

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\frac{p(z)}{\lambda} + c - \frac{1}{\lambda}} = \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 < h(z) = \frac{1 + (\alpha - \beta + 1)z}{1 + z}.$$

$h(z)$ maps E onto the half plane $\operatorname{Re} \omega > (\alpha - \beta)/2 + 1$ and $h(0) = 1$. The hypotheses on α, β, λ and c imply $\operatorname{Re}(h(z)/\lambda + c - 1/\lambda) > 0$. Hence an application of Theorem A shows $p(z) < h(z)$ in E . When $\alpha = \beta$, $G(z) = 1$. Thus $G \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ whenever $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ under the given conditions on α, β, c and λ .

THEOREM 2. *Let f be in $K(\alpha, \beta)$. If F is defined by*

$$F(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda,$$

then $F \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ for $\beta \geq \alpha > 0, \lambda \geq \alpha, \operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where μ is determined by f in $K(\alpha, \beta)$ and n is a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ .

Proof. Let $f \in K(\alpha, \beta)$. Then $f(0) = 1$ and $f(z)$ can be written as $f(z) = g(z)h(z)$ in E , where $g \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} h(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi\alpha$ for a suitable real μ . Let

$$G(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} g^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda.$$

By Theorem 1, $G \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ if $\beta \geq \alpha \geq 0, \lambda > 0$ and $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$. Now consider

$$F(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda.$$

Then $F(0) = 1$. If we write $F(z) = G(z)H(z)$, then $H(0) = 1$, and hence $H(z) \neq 0$ in a neighbourhood of $z = 0$. Hence there exist a $R > 0$ such that $H(z) \neq 0$ in $|z| < R$. We begin by showing that $H(z)$ satisfies $|\arg e^{i\mu} H(z)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi\alpha$ in $|z| < R$. Then $|\arg e^{i\mu} H(z)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi\lambda$ if $\lambda \geq \alpha$; that is, $|\arg P(z)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, where $P(z) = e^{i\mu/\lambda_1} H^{1/\lambda_1}(z)$ for $\lambda_1 > \lambda$, in $|z| < R < 1$ and $P(0) = 1$ for our choice of λ_1 . Hence $|P(z)| > (R - |z|)/(R + |z|)$ in $|z| < R$; or $|H(z)| > ((R - |z|)/(R + |z|))^{\lambda_1}$ in $|z| < R$. If possible let $H(z_0) = 0$ with $|z_0| = R < 1$.

Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a neighbourhood of z_0 in which $|H(z)| < \varepsilon$. This contradicts the fact that $|H(z)| > ((R - |z|)/(R + |z|))^2$ for all z in $|z| < R$. Hence $H(z) \neq 0$ in E .

Now, we have

$$F^{1/\lambda}(z) = G^{1/\lambda}(z) H^{1/\lambda}(z) = \left\{ \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda \quad \text{in } E.$$

This on differentiation with respect to z yields the following:

$$\frac{z}{\lambda} H'(z) H^{1/\lambda-1}(z) G^{1/\lambda}(z) + \frac{z}{\lambda} G^{1/\lambda-1}(z) G'(z) H^{1/\lambda}(z) + c G^{1/\lambda}(z) H^{1/\lambda}(z) = c f^{1/\lambda}(z);$$

$$\frac{\frac{z(H^{1/\lambda}(z))'}{\lambda G(z)} + H^{1/\lambda}(z)}{\frac{zG'(z)}{\lambda G(z)} + c} = \frac{c f^{1/\lambda}(z)}{\frac{z}{\lambda} G^{1/\lambda-1}(z) G'(z) + c G^{1/\lambda}(z)} = \frac{f^{1/\lambda}(z)}{g^{1/\lambda}(z)} = h^{1/\lambda}(z) \quad \text{in } E.$$

Let $P(z) = e^{i\mu/\lambda} H^{1/\lambda}(z)$. Then, if $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where n is a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ , then $P(0) = 1$. Also

$$\frac{\frac{zP'(z)}{zG'(z)} + P(z)}{\frac{\lambda G(z)}{\lambda G(z)} + c} = e^{i\mu/\lambda} h^{1/\lambda}(z) \quad \text{in } E,$$

$$(1) \quad \left| \arg \left(\frac{zP'(z)}{(zG'(z)/\lambda G(z)) + c} + P(z) \right) \right| = \frac{1}{\lambda} |\arg e^{i\mu} h(z)| \leq \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda} \quad \text{in } E.$$

Since $P(0) = 1$ and $P(z) \in H(E)$, we can write

$$P(z) = \left(\frac{1 - \omega(z)}{1 + \omega(z)} \right)^{\alpha/\lambda},$$

where $\omega(z) \in H(E)$, $\omega(0) = 0$ and $1 + \omega(z) \neq 0$ in E and a suitable branch on the right-hand side is chosen. It is enough to show that $|\omega(z)| < 1$ in E . If not, there exists a point ζ_0 in E such that $|\omega(\zeta_0)| = 1$ and $\zeta_0 \omega'(\zeta_0) = k \omega(\zeta_0)$, $k \geq 1$ by Jack's lemma [3]. Now,

$$\frac{\frac{\zeta_0 P'(\zeta_0)}{\zeta_0 G'(\zeta_0)} + P(\zeta_0)}{\frac{\lambda G(\zeta_0)}{\lambda G(\zeta_0)} + c} = T_1 + T_2,$$

say. Let $\omega(\zeta_0) = e^{i\theta}$, so

$$\arg P(\zeta_0) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \arg \left(\frac{1 - e^{i\theta}}{1 + e^{i\theta}} \right) = \begin{cases} -\pi\alpha/2\lambda & \text{if } 0 < \theta < \pi, \\ \pi\alpha/2\lambda & \text{if } -\pi < \theta < 0; \end{cases}$$

$$\arg \left(\frac{\zeta_0 P'(\zeta_0)}{P(\zeta_0)} \right) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}\pi & \text{if } 0 < \theta < \pi, \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi & \text{if } -\pi < \theta < 0. \end{cases}$$

When $\beta \geq \alpha \geq 0$, $\lambda > 0$ and $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$, $G(z) \in \pi_{\alpha - \beta}$, and hence $\operatorname{Re}(-G'(z)/\lambda G(z) + c) > 0$ which means $|\arg(zG'(z)/\lambda G(z) + c)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Hence if $-\pi < \theta < 0$,

$$\frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda} \min(\alpha, \beta) < \arg T_1 < \pi + \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda}.$$

If $-\pi < \theta < 0$, T_1 is a complex number in the half plane determined by

$$(2) \quad \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda} < \arg W < \pi + \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda}.$$

$T_2 = P(\zeta_0)$ lies on the ray $\arg W = \pi\alpha/2\lambda$. Hence $T_1 + T_2$ is a complex number lying in the half plane given by (2). If $0 < \theta < \pi$, $-\pi\alpha/2\lambda - \pi < \arg T_1 < -\pi\alpha/2\lambda$; or T_1 is a complex number in the half plane determined by

$$(3) \quad \frac{-\pi\alpha}{2\lambda} - \pi < \arg W < \frac{-\pi\alpha}{2\lambda}.$$

$T_2 = P(\zeta_0)$ lies on the ray $\arg W = -\pi\alpha/2\lambda$. Hence $T_1 + T_2$ is a complex number lying in the half plane given by (3). Thus in both the cases $0 < \theta < \pi$ and $-\pi < \theta < 0$, there is a contradiction to (1). Hence $|\omega(z)| < 1$ in E . Now,

$$\frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \left| \arg \left(\frac{1 - \omega(z)}{1 + \omega(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\lambda}$$

implying that $|\arg P(z)| < \pi\alpha/2\lambda$, where $e^{i\mu/\lambda} H^{1/\lambda}(z) = P(z)$. Since $F(z) = G(z)H(z)$, where $G \in \pi_{\alpha - \beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} H(z)| < \pi\alpha/2$, we have $F \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ for $z \in E$ when $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$, $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, n being a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ .

Now, Theorem 2 leads to the following lemmas which are vital for the subsequent results in this paper.

LEMMA 1. Let $p \in H(E)$, $p(0) = 1$ and let further $p(z)$ satisfy

$$(4) \quad -\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ p(re^{i\theta}) - 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} p'(re^{i\theta})}{(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1)/\lambda + c} \right\} d\theta$$

$$\leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi,$$

$\forall r \in (0, 1)$, $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 + 2\pi$, $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$ and $\lambda \geq \alpha$.

Then F defined by

$$F(z) = \exp \left\{ \int_0^z \frac{p(t) - 1}{t} dt \right\}$$

is in $K(\alpha, \beta)$; that is, $F(z) = G(z)H(z)$, where $G(z) \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} H(z)| \leq \pi\alpha/2$ for a suitable real μ , provided $\operatorname{Re} c > (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$, $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, n being a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ .

Proof. The function

$$F(z) = \exp \int_0^z \frac{p(t)-1}{t} dt = 1 + a_1 z + \dots$$

is regular in E and we have $zF'(z)/F(z) = p(z) - 1$, $F(z) \neq 0$ in E . Consider the function $f(z)$ defined for $z \in E$ by

$$(5) \quad f(z) = \left\{ F^{1/\lambda}(z) + \frac{z}{c} (F^{1/\lambda}(z))' \right\}^\lambda = \frac{F(z)}{c^\lambda} \left(c + \frac{p(z)-1}{\lambda} \right)^\lambda.$$

Formula (5) implies

$$(6) \quad F^{1/\lambda}(z) = \frac{c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt.$$

On logarithmic differentiation (5) yields:

$$(7) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = p(z) - 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{\frac{p(z)-1}{\lambda} + c}.$$

From (4) and (7) it follows that $f \in K(\alpha, \beta)$. Hence f can be written as $f(z) = g(z)h(z)$, where $g(z) \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} h(z)| \leq \pi\alpha/2$ for a suitable real μ . By Theorem 2, $F(z)$ related to $f(z)$ by (5) is also in $K(\alpha, \beta)$ provided $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where n is a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ .

LEMMA 2. Let $p \in H(E)$, $p(0) = 1$ and let p satisfy (4), for every $r \in (0, 1)$, $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$, $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 + 2\pi$. Then

$$-\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re}(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1) d\theta \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi,$$

whenever $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha)/2\lambda$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where μ is determined as in Lemma 1 and n is a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ .

Proof. By the previous lemma, we get

$$F(z) = \left(\exp \int_0^z \frac{p(t)-1}{t} dt \right) \in K(\alpha, \beta)$$

provided $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\alpha - \beta)/2\lambda$, $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$ (where μ is a real number determined by $F \in K(\alpha, \beta)$), n being a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ . Hence

$$-\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{re^{i\theta} F'(re^{i\theta})}{F(re^{i\theta})} \right) d\theta \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi$$

under the stated conditions on α, β, c and λ ; that is

$$-\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re}(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1) d\theta \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi$$

under the stated conditions on α, β, c and λ .

Now, we introduce a new class $K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ defined as follows:

DEFINITION 1. Let $f \in H(E)$ and let $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$, with $f(z)/z \neq 0$ in E . f is said to be in the class $K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ if and only if

$$-\alpha\pi \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left(\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \lambda) \frac{re^{i\theta} f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} + \lambda \left(1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} f''(re^{i\theta})}{f'(re^{i\theta})} \right) \right\} - \frac{\alpha - \beta + 2}{2} \right) d\theta \leq \beta\pi$$

with $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 + 2\pi$, for every $r \in (0, 1)$ and λ being a non-negative real number.

Remark 1. When $\lambda = 0$ we note that $f/z \in K(\alpha, \beta)$. $g(z) = z + a_1 z^2 + \dots$ is a close-to-convex function of order α if and only if $g' \in K_1(\alpha, \alpha + 2)$. $K_\lambda(1, 3) \equiv P(\lambda)$ of λ -close-to-convex functions of Bharati [1].

Remark 2. $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ if and only if there exist a $g \in K(\alpha, \beta)$ such that $(f(z)/z)^{1-\lambda} f'(z) = g(z)$. Since $g \in K(\alpha, \beta)$, we can write $g(z) = g_1(z) h_1(z)$, where $g_1 \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} h_1(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \pi \min(\alpha, \beta)$ for a suitable real μ . Thus to every $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ there corresponds a real number μ .

THEOREM 3. Let $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ for $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$. Then for every c with $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha - 2)/2\lambda$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$ with the corresponding μ of $f(z)$, n being a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ , F defined by

$$F(z) = \left\{ \frac{c + 1/\lambda}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda,$$

$z \in E$ is also in $K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$.

Proof.

$$F(z) = \left\{ \frac{c + 1/\lambda}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt \right\}^\lambda$$

is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of $z = 0$ and $F(0) = 0 = F'(0) - 1$. Thus there exists a $R > 0$ such that $F(z) \neq 0$ in $0 < |z| < R$. Hence

$$\left(\frac{F(z)}{z}\right)^{1/\lambda} = \frac{c+1/\lambda}{z^{c+1/\lambda}} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f^{1/\lambda}(t) dt;$$

differentiating with respect to z and simplifying we get

$$\frac{zF'(z)F^{1/\lambda-1}(z)}{\lambda} + cF^{1/\lambda}(z) = \left(c + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) f^{1/\lambda}(z);$$

again differentiating with respect to z , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F'(z)F^{1/\lambda-1}(z)}{\lambda} \left\{ \lambda \left(1 + \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)}\right) + (1-\lambda) \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + c\lambda \right\} \\ = \left(c + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) f^{1/\lambda-1}(z) f'(z). \end{aligned}$$

Now putting

$$p(z) = (1-\lambda) \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \lambda \left(1 + \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)}\right),$$

$p(0) = 1$ and

$$\frac{F^{1/\lambda-1}(z)F'(z)}{\lambda} (p(z) + c\lambda) = \left(c + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) f^{1/\lambda-1}(z) f'(z).$$

By logarithmic differentiation of the above equality we obtain

$$p(z) - 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{\frac{p(z)-1}{\lambda} + c + \frac{1}{\lambda}} = (1-\lambda) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \lambda \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) - 1.$$

Since $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$, this gives, for $|z| < R$,

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha-\beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) &\leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\lambda) \frac{re^{i\theta} f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} + \lambda \left(1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} f''(re^{i\theta})}{f'(re^{i\theta})} - 1\right) \right\} d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ p(re^{i\theta}) - 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} p'(re^{i\theta})}{((p(re^{i\theta}) - 1)/\lambda + c + 1/\lambda)} \right\} d\theta \\ &\leq \frac{(\alpha-\beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi. \end{aligned}$$

An application of Lemma 2 yields for $|z| < R$

$$-\alpha\pi + \left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re}(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1) d\theta \leq \left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi$$

provided $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $\operatorname{Re} c \geq (\beta - \alpha - 2)/2\lambda$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$, $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$ with the μ corresponding to f , n being a nonzero integer of the same sign as μ . This implies that in $|z| < R$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \\ & \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \lambda) \frac{re^{i\theta} F'(re^{i\theta})}{F(re^{i\theta})} + \lambda \left(1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} F''(re^{i\theta})}{F(re^{i\theta})} \right) - 1 \right\} d\theta \\ & \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi \end{aligned}$$

under the stated conditions on α , β , λ and c in $|z| < R$. Hence by Remark 2, $(F(z)/z)^{1-\lambda} F'(z) = G(z)H(z)$, where $G \in \pi_{\alpha-\beta}$ and $|\arg e^{i\mu} H(z)| \leq \pi\alpha/2$ in $|z| < R$. We know that $G(z) \neq 0$ in E . $H(z)$ can also be proved to be nonzero in E as in Theorem 2. Hence $F(z)/z \neq 0$ in E . Proceeding as above, in E we have $F \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ in E under the stated conditions on α , β , c and λ .

Remark 3. For $\beta = 3$ and $\alpha = 1$ the above result implies that the class $P(\lambda)$ of λ -close-to-convex functions is closed under the transform by the Ruschewyh operator when $\lambda \geq 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} c \geq 0$ [4].

THEOREM 4. For $2 \geq \beta - \alpha$ and $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$ and $\lambda \geq \alpha$, $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where μ and n are as in the previous theorem, $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ implies $f \in K_0(\alpha, \beta)$.

Proof. Let $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$. Then there is a real number μ associated with f . Taking $p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z)$ and differentiating, we get

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

Since $f \in K_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \\ & \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \lambda) re^{i\theta} \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} + \lambda \left(1 + re^{i\theta} \frac{f''(re^{i\theta})}{f'(re^{i\theta})} \right) - 1 \right\} d\theta \\ & = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ p(re^{i\theta}) - 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} p'(re^{i\theta})}{(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1)/\lambda + 1/\lambda} \right\} d\theta \\ & \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi. \end{aligned}$$

An application of Lemma 2 yields

$$-\alpha\pi + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re}(p(re^{i\theta}) - 1) d\theta \leq \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \beta\pi,$$

provided $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $2 \geq \beta - \alpha$, $\lambda \geq \alpha$ and $\lambda = \mu/2\pi n$, where μ and n are as stated in the theorem. Hence

$$-\alpha\pi \leq \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ re^{i\theta} \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} - \frac{\alpha - \beta + 2}{2} \right\} d\theta \leq \beta\pi$$

provided $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$, $2 \geq \beta - \alpha$ and $\lambda \geq \alpha$. This means $f \in K_0(\alpha, \beta)$ under the above conditions on α , β and λ given in the theorem.

Remark 4. For $\beta = 3$ and $\alpha = 1$ we get the inclusion relation $K_\lambda(1, 3) = P(\lambda) \subset K_0(1, 3) = CS^*$ of close-to-star functions for $\lambda \geq 1$, a result obtained in an earlier paper [5].

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