

## Some inequalities involving multivalent functions

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**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to derive some inequalities involving multivalent functions in the unit disk. One of our results is an improvement and a generalization of a result due to R. M. Robinson [4].

**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathbb{A}(p)$  be the class of functions of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

In 1947, Robinson [4] proved the following

**THEOREM A.** *Let  $S(z)$  and  $T(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and let  $\operatorname{Re}\{zS'(z)/S(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). If  $|T'(z)/S'(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) and  $T(0) = 0$ , then  $|T(z)/S(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ).*

In the present paper, we derive an improvement and generalization of Theorem A for functions belonging to  $\mathbb{A}(p)$ .

To establish our results, we have to recall the following lemmas.

**LEMMA 1** ([1], [2]). *Let  $w(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value in the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ , then we can write*

$$(1.2) \quad z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0),$$

where  $k$  is real and  $k \geq 1$ .

**LEMMA 2** ([3]). *Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . If there exists a*

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point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0 \quad (|z| < |z_0|), \quad \operatorname{Re}(p(z_0)) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad p(z_0) \neq 0,$$

then  $p(z_0) = ia$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) and

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = i \frac{k}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right),$$

where  $k$  is real and  $k \geq 1$ .

**2. Some counterparts of Theorem A.** Our first result for functions in the class  $\mathbb{A}(p)$  is contained in

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $S(z) \in \mathbb{A}(m)$ ,  $T(z) \in \mathbb{A}(n)$  with  $p = n - m \geq 1$ . Let  $S(z)$  satisfy  $\operatorname{Re}\{S(z)/zS'(z)\} > \alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1/m$ ). If

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \frac{T'(z)}{S'(z)} \right| < (1 + p\alpha)|z|^{p-1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$(2.2) \quad \left| \frac{T(z)}{S(z)} \right| < |z|^{p-1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

**Proof.** Since  $T(z)/S(z) = z^p + \dots \in \mathbb{A}(p)$ , we define the function  $w(z)$  by  $T(z) = z^{p-1}w(z)S(z)$ . Then  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . It follows from the definition of  $w(z)$  that

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{T'(z)}{S'(z)} = z^{p-1}w(z) \left\{ 1 + \left( p - 1 + \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right) \frac{S(z)}{zS'(z)} \right\}.$$

If we suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1,$$

then Lemma 1 gives  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  and

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0) \quad (k \geq 1).$$

Therefore,

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{T'(z_0)}{z_0^{p-1}S'(z_0)} \right| = \left| 1 + \left( p - 1 + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{w(z_0)} \right) \frac{S(z_0)}{z_0 S'(z_0)} \right| \\ \geq 1 + (p - 1 + k) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{S(z_0)}{z_0 S'(z_0)} \right) > 1 + p\alpha.$$

This contradicts our condition (2.1), so that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

**Remark.** If we take  $p = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 1, then we recover Theorem A due to Robinson [4].

Next, applying Lemma 2, we prove

THEOREM 2. Let  $S(z) \in \mathbb{A}(m)$ ,  $T(z) \in \mathbb{A}(n)$  with  $p = n - m \geq 1$ . Let  $S(z)$  satisfy  $\operatorname{Re}\{S(z)/zS'(z)\} > \alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1/m$ ) and  $-\alpha/p \leq \operatorname{Im}\{S(z)/(zS'(z))\} \leq \alpha/p$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1/m$ ). If

$$(2.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{T'(z)}{z^p S'(z)} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$(2.6) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{T(z)}{z^p S(z)} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Proof. Defining the function  $q(z)$  by  $T(z) = z^p q(z) S(z)$ , we see that  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Note that

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{T'(z)}{S'(z)} = z^p q(z) \left\{ 1 + \left( p + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right) \frac{S(z)}{zS'(z)} \right\}.$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(q(z)) > 0 \quad (|z| < |z_0|), \quad \operatorname{Re}(q(z_0)) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad q(z_0) \neq 0.$$

Then, applying Lemma 2, we have  $q(z_0) = ia$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) and

$$\frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = i \frac{k}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad (k \geq 1).$$

Therefore, writing  $S(z_0)/(z_0 S'(z_0)) = \alpha_0 + i\beta_0$ , we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{T'(z_0)}{z_0^p S'(z_0)} \right) &= -ap\beta_0 - \frac{ak\alpha_0}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \\ &= -ap\beta_0 - \frac{k\alpha_0}{2} (1 + a^2) \\ &\leq -ap\beta_0 - \frac{\alpha_0}{2} (1 + a^2) \leq -ap\beta_0 - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $-\alpha/p \leq \beta_0 \leq \alpha/p$ , if  $a > 0$ , then

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} -ap\beta_0 - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a^2) &\leq a\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a^2) \\ &= -\frac{\alpha}{2} (1 - a)^2 \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and if  $a < 0$ , then

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} -ap\beta_0 - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a^2) &\leq -a\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a^2) \\ &= -\frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + a)^2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts our condition (2.5). Consequently,  $\operatorname{Re}(q(z)) > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , so that  $\operatorname{Re}\{T(z)/(z^p S(z))\} > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ).

Further, using the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 2, we obtain

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $S(z) \in \mathbb{A}(m)$ ,  $T(z) \in \mathbb{A}(n)$  with  $p = m - n \geq 0$ . Let  $S(z)$  satisfy  $\operatorname{Re}\{S(z)/(zS'(z))\} > \alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1/m$ ) and  $-\alpha/p \leq \operatorname{Im}\{S(z)/(zS'(z))\} \leq \alpha/p$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1/m$ ). If

$$(2.11) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z^p T'(z)}{S'(z)} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$(2.12) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z^p T(z)}{S(z)} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

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