

# ON THE RADII OF STARLIKENESS AND CONVEXITY OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF REGULAR FUNCTIONS

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $R_n$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_n z^n + \dots$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) which are regular in the open disc  $|z| < 1$  (hereafter called  $E$ ) and satisfy

$$(1.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) > 0,$$

for all  $z$  in  $E$ .  $R_n$  is a subclass of the class of close-to-star functions in  $E$  [9, p. 61]. MacGregor showed that the radius of univalence and starlikeness of  $R_n$  is  $[1 - n + (n^2 - 2n + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{1/(n-1)}$ , see [4,5]. The radius of convexity of  $R = R_2$  is  $r_0 = 0.179 \dots$ , where  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of the equation  $1 - 5r - 3r^2 - r^3 = 0$ , see [8].

In this paper we consider a subclass  $R_n(\alpha)$  of the class  $R_n$ , the members of  $R_n(\alpha)$  being those members of  $R_n$  which satisfy

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} - \alpha \right| < \alpha \quad (\alpha > \frac{1}{2}),$$

for all  $z$  in  $E$ . The main purpose of this paper is to find the radius of convexity of  $R(\alpha) = R_2(\alpha)$ . To obtain the result in more general form we further assume that  $f(z)$  is  $k$ -fold symmetric, that is, it has power series expansion of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{mk+1} z^{mk+1}.$$

We also obtain the radius of univalence and starlikeness of  $R_n(\alpha)$ . Corresponding result for the class  $R(1)$  is known to be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , see [6]. By making  $\alpha$  tend to infinity in the above results for the class  $R_n(\alpha)$ , we can obtain the corresponding results for the class  $R_n$ .

For the above classes the identity function  $z$  plays a key role. It would naturally be interesting to see how the radii of univalence and convexity vary when the identity function is replaced by some other function  $g(z)$  such that  $g(0) = 0$ ;

that is, to investigate similar problems for the class of functions  $f(z)$  which are regular in  $E$  and satisfy  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ , and

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} - \alpha \right| < \alpha \quad (\alpha > \frac{1}{2}),$$

for all  $z$  in  $E$ . We take  $g(z) = z + az^2 (|a| \leq 1)$  and find the radius of univalence and starlikeness of the above class. We also find the radius of convexity of the above class when  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $\infty$ . It is found that these radii decrease monotonically as  $|a|$  increases from 0 to 1.

The estimates used to obtain the above results are further used to obtain the radius of univalence and starlikeness of a subclass of the class of typically real functions.

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We shall need the following lemmas.

Throughout this paper  $P(z)$  denotes a function which is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $P(0) = 1, \text{Re } P(z) > 0$  for all  $z$  in  $E$ .

LEMMA 1. *If  $P(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form*

$$(2.1) \quad P(z) = 1 + c_n z^n + c_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (n \geq 1),$$

then for  $|z| = r, 0 \leq r < 1$ ,

$$(2.2) \quad |P'(z)| \leq \frac{2nr^{n-1}}{(1-r^{2n})} \text{Re } P(z),$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{P'(z)}{P(z) + \mu} \right| \leq \frac{2nr^{n-1}}{(1-r^n)[(1+r^n) + (1-r^n) \cdot \text{Re } (\mu)]},$$

where  $\mu$  is any complex number with  $\text{Re } (\mu) \geq 0$ .

Corresponding results for  $n = 1$  and  $\mu = 0$  are due to Libera [3] and MacGregor [5].

PROOF. Let

$$(2.4) \quad f(z) = \frac{1 - P(z)}{1 + P(z)}.$$

Then  $f(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $|f(z)| < 1$  for  $z$  in  $E$  [7, p. 169]. Also  $f(z)$  has a zero at  $z = 0$  of order at least  $n$  and hence by Schwarz's lemma  $|f(z)| \leq |z|^n$ . For such functions we have [1]

$$(2.5) \quad |f'(z)| \leq \frac{nr^{n-1}}{(1-r^{2n})} (1 - |f(z)|^2), \quad |z| = r < 1.$$

Substituting for  $f(z)$  from (2.4) we obtain (2.2).

Further

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{P'(z)}{P(z) + \mu} \right| &\leq \frac{|P'(z)|}{\operatorname{Re}(P(z)) + \operatorname{Re}(\mu)} \\ &= \frac{|P'(z)|}{\operatorname{Re}(P(z))} \frac{1}{1 + (\operatorname{Re}(\mu)/\operatorname{Re}(P(z)))}, \end{aligned}$$

which in view of (2.2) and the inequality [4]

$$\operatorname{Re}(P(z)) \leq \frac{1 + r^n}{1 - r^n},$$

yields (2.3).

It is easy to show that equality holds in (2.2) and (2.3) for  $\mu \geq 0$  only for functions  $P(z) = (1 - \varepsilon z^n)/(1 + \varepsilon z^n)$  where  $|\varepsilon| = 1$  and for appropriate values of  $z$ .

LEMMA 2. *If  $P(z)$  has power series expansion of the form (2.1), then for  $|z| = r < 1$  and  $\mu \geq 0$ ,*

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \frac{1}{P(z) + \mu} - \frac{(\mu + 1) - (\mu - 1)r^{2n}}{(\mu + 1)^2 - (\mu - 1)^2 r^{2n}} \right| \leq \frac{2r^n}{[(\mu + 1)^2 - (\mu - 1)^2 r^{2n}]}.$$

PROOF. Let  $\psi(z) = 1/(P(z) + \mu)$ . Substituting for  $P(z)$  in terms of  $\psi(z)$  in (2.4) and using the fact that  $|f(z)| \leq |z|^n$ , we obtain for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$\left| \frac{\psi(z) - (1/(\mu + 1))}{\psi(z) - (1/(\mu - 1))} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\mu - 1}{\mu + 1} \right| r^n.$$

This is equivalent to the inequality

$$\left| \psi(z) - \frac{(\mu + 1) - (\mu - 1)r^{2n}}{(\mu + 1)^2 - (\mu - 1)^2 r^{2n}} \right| \leq \frac{2r^n}{[(\mu + 1)^2 - (\mu - 1)^2 r^{2n}]}.$$

It is easy to show that equality occurs in (2.6) only for functions  $P(z) = (1 - \varepsilon z^n)/(1 + \varepsilon z^n)$  where  $|\varepsilon| = 1$  and for appropriate values of  $z$ .

LEMMA 3. *If  $P(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form*

$$P(z) = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_{mk} z^{mk},$$

then for  $|z| = r < 1$  and  $\mu \geq 0$ ,

$$(2.7) \quad \left| \frac{z^2 P''(z)}{P(z) + \mu} \right| \leq \frac{2kr^k}{(1 - r^k)^2} \frac{(k - 1) + (k + 1)r^k}{(\mu + 1) - (\mu - 1)r^k}.$$

PROOF. Let  $P(z) = g(z^k)$ . Then  $g(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $g(0) = 1$ ,

Re  $g(z) > 0$  for  $z$  in  $E$ . Let  $\zeta$  be a complex number such that  $0 < |\zeta| < 1$ . The function

$$G(z) = g\left(\frac{z+\zeta}{1+\zeta z}\right) = g(\zeta) + (1-|\zeta|^2)g'(\zeta)z + \frac{1}{2}(1-|\zeta|^2)\{(1-|\zeta|^2)g''(\zeta) - 2\bar{\zeta}g'(\zeta)\}z^2 + \dots$$

is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $\text{Re } G(z) > 0$  for  $z$  in  $E$ . Therefore by the Carathéodory-Toeplitz theorem, we have

$$\left|g''(\zeta) - \frac{2\bar{\zeta}}{(1-|\zeta|^2)}g'(\zeta)\right| \leq \frac{4|g(\zeta)|}{(1-|\zeta|^2)^2}.$$

This gives

$$\left|g''(z^k) - \frac{2\bar{z}^k}{(1-|z|^{2k})}g'(z^k)\right| \leq \frac{4|g(z^k)|}{(1-|z|^{2k})^2},$$

for all  $z$  in  $E$ . Using the relation  $P(z) = g(z^k)$ , we obtain the inequality

$$\left|z^2P''(z) - \frac{((k-1)+(k+1)|z|^{2k})}{(1-|z|^{2k})}zP'(z)\right| \leq \frac{4k^2|z|^{2k}}{(1-|z|^{2k})^2}|P(z)|.$$

Therefore

$$(2.8) \quad \left|\frac{z^2P''(z)}{P(z)+\mu}\right| \leq \frac{2kr^k}{(1-r^k)[(\mu+1)-(\mu-1)r^k]}.$$

From lemma 1, we have for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad \left|\frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)+\mu}\right| \leq \frac{2kr^k}{(1-r^k)[(\mu+1)-(\mu-1)r^k]}.$$

From lemma 2, we have for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$\left|\frac{P(z)}{P(z)+\mu} - \frac{(\mu+1)+(\mu-1)r^{2k}}{(\mu+1)^2-(\mu-1)^2r^{2k}}\right| \leq \frac{2\mu r^k}{[(\mu+1)^2-(\mu-1)^2r^{2k}]}.$$

The above gives

$$(2.10) \quad \left|\frac{P(z)}{P(z)+\mu}\right| \leq \frac{(1+r^k)}{[(\mu+1)-(\mu-1)r^k]}.$$

From (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10) we obtain (2.7).

It is easy to show that equality holds in (2.7) only for functions  $P(z) = (1-\varepsilon z^k)/(1+\varepsilon z^k)$  where  $|\varepsilon| = 1$  and for appropriate values of  $z$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose that  $f(z) = z + a_{k+1}z^{k+1} + a_{2k+1}z^{2k+1} + \dots$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $|(f(z)|z) - \alpha| < \alpha$  ( $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ ) for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r_\alpha$  onto*

a convex domain where  $r_\alpha$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\alpha^2 - \alpha((2 - \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)(2k + k^2))r^k + (1 - \alpha)((1 + \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)(2k - k^2))r^{2k} - (1 - \alpha)^2 r^{3k} = 0.$$

This result is sharp in the sense that the number  $r_\alpha$  cannot be replaced by any larger one.

PROOF. Let

$$(2.11) \quad \psi(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{f(z)}{z},$$

then  $\psi(z)$  is regular in  $E$ ,  $|\psi(z)| < 1$  for  $z$  in  $E$  and  $\psi(0) = 1 - (1/\alpha)$ . Let

$$(2.12) \quad F(z) = \frac{\psi(z) - \psi(0)}{1 - \psi(0)\psi(z)},$$

then  $F(z)$  is regular in  $E$ ,  $|F(z)| < 1$  for  $z$  in  $E$  and  $F(0) = 0$ . Also  $F(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form  $F(z) = b_k z^k + b_{2k} z^{2k} + \dots$ . Such a function  $F(z)$  can be represented as [7, p. 169]

$$(2.13) \quad F(z) = \frac{P(z) - 1}{P(z) + 1}.$$

Evidently  $P(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form  $P(z) = 1 + c_k z^k + c_{2k} z^{2k} + \dots$ . From (2.11), (2.12) and (2.13) we have

$$(2.14) \quad f(z) = \frac{2\alpha z}{1 + (2\alpha - 1)P(z)}.$$

The representation (2.14) yields the relation

$$(2.15) \quad 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = 1 - \frac{2zP'(z)}{P(z) + (1/(2\alpha - 1))} - \frac{z^2P''(z)}{(1/(2\alpha - 1)) + P(z) - zP'(z)}.$$

From lemmas 1 and 3 we have for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,

$$(2.16) \quad \left| \frac{zP'(z)}{P(z) + (1/(2\alpha - 1))} \right| \leq \frac{(2\alpha - 1)kr^k}{\alpha - r^k - (\alpha - 1)r^{2k}} = \frac{(2\alpha - 1)kr^k}{(1 - r^k)(\alpha - (1 - \alpha)r^k)},$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad \left| \frac{z^2P''(z)}{P(z) + (1/(2\alpha - 1))} \right| \leq \frac{(2\alpha - 1)kr^k((k - 1) + (k + 1)r^k)}{(1 - r^k)^2(\alpha - (1 - \alpha)r^k)}.$$

Let

$$(2.18) \quad R = \left[ \frac{(1 + (2\alpha - 1)k) - \{(2\alpha - 1)((2\alpha - 1)(1 + k^2) + 2k)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(1 - \alpha)} \right]^{1/k}.$$

From (2.16) and (2.17) we have for  $|z| = r, 0 \leq r < R$ ,

$$(2.19) \quad \left| \frac{z^2 P''(z)}{(1/(2\alpha - 1)) + P(z) - zP'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{k(2\alpha - 1)r^k((k + 1)r^k + (k - 1))}{(1 - r^k)((1 - \alpha)r^{2k} - (1 + k(2\alpha - 1))r^k + \alpha)}$$

From (2.15), (2.16) and (2.19) we have for  $|z| = r, 0 \leq r < R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &\geq 1 - \frac{2(2\alpha - 1)kr^k}{(1 - r^k)(\alpha - (1 - \alpha)r^k)} \\ &\quad - \frac{k(2\alpha - 1)r^k((k + 1)r^k + (k - 1))}{(1 - r^k)((1 - \alpha)r^{2k} - (1 + k(2\alpha - 1))r^k + \alpha)} \\ &= \frac{p(r)}{(\alpha - (1 - \alpha)r^k)((1 - \alpha)r^{2k} - (1 + k(2\alpha - 1))r^k + \alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.20) \quad p(r) = \alpha^2 - \alpha\{(2 - \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)(2k + k^2)\}r^k + (1 - \alpha)\{(1 + \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)(2k - k^2)\}r^{2k} - (1 - \alpha)^2r^{3k}.$$

The condition  $\operatorname{Re}(1 + (zf''(z)/f'(z))) > 0$  for  $|z| < r$  is necessary and sufficient for  $f(z)$  to map  $|z| < r$  onto a convex domain. From the above estimate, we see that this condition is satisfied in  $|z| < \min(r_\alpha, R)$  where  $r_\alpha$  is the smallest positive root of the equation  $p(r) = 0$ . Writing  $p(r)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} p(r) &= (\alpha - (1 - \alpha)r^k)((1 - \alpha)r^{2k} - (1 + k(2\alpha - 1))r^k + \alpha) \\ &\quad + k(2\alpha - 1)r^k((1 - k)(1 - \alpha)r^k - \alpha(1 + k)) \end{aligned}$$

and using (2.18) it is easily verified that  $r_\alpha < R$ . Hence  $f(z)$  is convex in  $|z| < r_\alpha$ .

The function

$$f_\alpha(z) = \frac{\alpha(z + z^{k+1})}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)z^k} = z + \left(2 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)z^{k+1} + \dots$$

satisfies the hypothesis of the above theorem but is not convex in  $|z| < r$  with  $r \geq r_\alpha$ .

Letting  $\alpha$  tend to infinity and putting  $k = 1$  in theorem 1, we get the result of Reade, Ogawa and Sakaguchi [8].

**THEOREM 2.** *Suppose that  $f(z) = z + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $|(f(z)/z) - \alpha| < \alpha (\alpha > \frac{1}{2})$  for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r_\alpha$  onto a univalent and starlike domain where*

$$(2.21) \quad r_\alpha = \begin{cases} [\{2(1 - \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)n \\ - ((2(1 - \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)n)^2 + 4\alpha(\alpha - 1))^\frac{1}{2}\} / 2(1 - \alpha)]^{1/(n-1)} & \text{if } \alpha \neq 1, \\ 2^{-1/(n-1)} & \text{if } \alpha = 1. \end{cases}$$

*This result is sharp.*

PROOF. Proceeding as in theorem 1, we have

$$(2.22) \quad f(z) = \frac{2\alpha z}{1 + (2\alpha - 1)P(z)},$$

where  $P(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form  $P(z) = 1 + c_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots$ . The representation (2.21) yields

$$(2.23) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = 1 - \frac{(2\alpha - 1)zP'(z)}{1 + (2\alpha - 1)P(z)}.$$

Taking real parts on both sides of (2.23) and using lemma 1 we have for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \geq \frac{\alpha - (2(1 - \alpha) + (2\alpha - 1)n)r^{n-1} + (1 - \alpha)r^{2(n-1)}}{\alpha - r^{n-1} - (\alpha - 1)r^{2(n-1)}}.$$

A necessary and sufficient condition for  $f(z)$  to map  $|z| < r$  onto a univalent and starlike domain is that  $\operatorname{Re} (zf'(z)/f(z)) > 0$  for  $|z| < r$ . From the above estimate we see that this condition is satisfied for  $|z| < r_\alpha$  where  $r_\alpha$  is given by (2.21).

The function

$$f_\alpha(z) = \frac{\alpha(z + z^n)}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)z^{n-1}} = z + \left(2 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)z^n + \dots$$

satisfies the hypothesis of the above theorem but is not univalent in  $|z| < r$  with  $r \geq r_\alpha$  for  $f'_\alpha(z)$  vanishes at  $z = r_\alpha \exp(in/(n-1))$ .

Let  $F(z) = zf'(z)$ . If  $F(z)$  be starlike with respect to the origin in  $|z| < r$  then  $f(z)$  is convex in  $|z| < r$  [7, p. 223]. Also if  $f(z)$  satisfies  $|f'(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$  for  $z$  in  $E$ , then  $F(z)$  satisfies  $|(F(z)/z) - \alpha| < \alpha$  for  $z$  in  $E$ . Therefore we arrive at

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Suppose that  $f(z) = z + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $|f'(z) - \alpha| < \alpha$  ( $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ ) for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r_\alpha$  onto a convex domain where  $r_\alpha$  is given by (2.21). This result is sharp, the extremal function being*

$$f_\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\alpha(1 + z^{n-1})}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)z^{n-1}} dz.$$

Letting  $\alpha$  tend to infinity and putting  $n = 2$  in theorem 2 and corollary 2.1, we get the results of MacGregor [4].

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**THEOREM 3.** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$  and  $|(f(z)/(z + az^2)) - \alpha| < \alpha$  ( $|a| \leq 1, \alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ ) for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r_\alpha(|a|)$  onto a univalent and starlike domain where  $r_\alpha(|a|)$  is the smallest positive root of*

the equation

$$\alpha - 2\alpha(1 + |a|)r + ((1 - \alpha) + (2\alpha + 1)|a|)r^2 - 2(1 - \alpha)|a|r^3 = 0.$$

This result is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f(z) = \frac{1 + ze^{i\gamma}}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - 1\right) ze^{i\gamma}} (z + az^2), \quad (\gamma = \arg a, |a| \leq 1).$$

The number  $r_\alpha(|a|)$  decreases monotonically as  $|a|$  increases from 0 to 1.

The case  $a = 0$  and  $\alpha = 1$  is Theorem 1 of [6].

The proof of the above theorem is similar to that of theorem 2 and is therefore omitted.

**THEOREM 4 (A)** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(f(z)/(z + az^2)) > 0$  ( $|a| \leq 1$ ) for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r(|a|)$  onto a convex domain where  $r(|a|)$  is the smallest positive root of the equation*

$$1 - (5 + 4|a|)r + (6|a| - 3)r^2 + (10|a| - 1)r^3 + 4|a|r^4 = 0.$$

**(B)** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  and  $|(f(z)/(z + az^2)) - 1| < 1$  ( $|a| \leq 1$ ) for  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r_1(|a|)$  onto a convex domain where*

$$r_1(|a|) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } a = 0, \\ \left\{ [2(1 + |a|) - \{4(1 + |a|^2) - |a|\}^{\frac{1}{2}}] / (9|a|) \right\} & \text{if } a \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

The above estimates are sharp and decrease monotonically as  $|a|$  increases from 0 to 1.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 4(A).** Let  $g(z) = z + az^2$ . It is easy to see that for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1/(2|a|)$ ,

$$(3.1) \quad \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2|a|r}{1 - |a|r}, \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \geq \frac{1 - 2|a|r}{1 - |a|r}.$$

Let

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{1}{P(z)}.$$

The representation (3.2) yields the relation

$$(3.3) \quad 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = 1 - \frac{2zP'(z)}{P(z)} - \frac{\frac{z^2P''(z)}{P(z)} - \frac{z^2g''(z)}{g(z)}}{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)}}.$$

Using (3.1) and lemma 1, we have for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1/(2|a|)$ ,

$$(3.4) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)} \right| \geq \frac{1-2|a|r}{1-|a|r} - \frac{2r}{1-r^2} \\ = \frac{1-2(1+|a|)r+(2|a|-1)r^2+2|a|r^3}{(1-r^2)(1-|a|r)}.$$

Let  $r_0$  be the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\psi(r) \equiv 1-2(1+|a|)r+(2|a|-1)r^2+2|a|r^3 = 0.$$

It is easy to verify that  $r_0 < 1/(2|a|)$ . Therefore using lemmas 1 and 3 and the inequalities (3.1) and (3.4), we have for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 \leq r < r_0$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \geq \frac{1-(5+4|a|)r+(6|a|-3)r^2+(10|a|-1)r^3+4|a|r^4}{(1+r)[1-2(1+|a|)r+(2|a|-1)r^2+2|a|r^3]}.$$

Let  $r(|a|)$  be the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\chi(r) \equiv 1-(5+4|a|)r+(6|a|-3)r^2+(10|a|-1)r^3+4|a|r^4 = 0.$$

It is easy to verify that  $0 < r(|a|) < \frac{1}{4}$ . Also  $\psi(r)$  is monotonically decreasing for  $0 \leq r \leq \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\psi(\frac{1}{4})$  is positive. Therefore  $r_0 > \frac{1}{4}$ . Thus we see that  $\operatorname{Re}(1+(zf''(z)/f'(z))) > 0$  for  $|z| = r < r(|a|)$ , which implies that  $f(z)$  maps  $|z| < r(|a|)$  onto a convex domain.

The above estimate is sharp because the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1+ze^{i\gamma}}{1-ze^{i\gamma}}(z+az^2) \quad (\gamma = \operatorname{arg} a, |a| \leq 1)$$

satisfies the hypothesis of the above theorem but is not convex in  $|z| < r$  with  $r \geq r(|a|)$ .

It is easy to verify that  $r(|a|)$  decreases monotonically as  $|a|$  increases from 0 to 1.

Theorem 4(B) can be proved in the same manner as theorem 4(A). The extremal function in this case is

$$f(z) = (1+e^{i\gamma}z)(z+az^2) \quad (\gamma = \operatorname{arg} a, |a| \leq 1).$$

#### 4

**TYPICALLY-REAL FUNCTIONS** The function  $f(z) = z+a_2z^2+\dots$ , regular in  $E$  is called typically-real in  $E$  if it is real on the diameter  $-1 < z < 1$  and if at other points of the circle  $E$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(f(z)) \cdot \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0$ , see [11]. The radius of starlikeness of this class is  $(\sqrt{2}-1)$ , see [2]. We find below the radius of starlikeness of a subclass of the class of typically-real functions.

**THEOREM 5.** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is regular and real on the real axis in  $E$  and satisfies the conditions  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, f''(0) = 0$  and*

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \frac{(1-z^2)}{z} f(z) - \alpha \right| < \alpha \quad (\alpha > \frac{1}{2}),$$

for all  $z$  in  $E$ . Then  $f(z)$  is univalent and starlike in  $|z| < r_\alpha$  where  $r_\alpha$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$(4.2) \quad \alpha - (5\alpha - 1)r^2 - (5\alpha - 4)r^4 + (\alpha - 1)r^6 = 0.$$

This estimate is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f_\alpha(z) = \frac{\alpha z(1+z^2)}{(1-z^2)(\alpha + (1-\alpha)z^2)} = z + \left(3 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)z^3 + \dots$$

**REMARK.** A necessary and sufficient condition that  $f(z)$  be typically real in  $E$  is that  $\text{Re} \{(1-z^1)/zf(z)\} > 0$  and  $1-z^2/zf(z)$  is real on the real axis for  $z$  in  $E$ , [10]. Evidently the functions which satisfy the hypothesis of the above theorem satisfy this condition and therefore form a subclass of the class of typically real functions.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 5.** Proceeding as in theorem 1 we have

$$(4.3) \quad f(z) = \frac{2\alpha z}{(1-z^2)(1+(2\alpha-1)P(z))},$$

where  $P(z)$  has a power series expansion of the form  $P(z) = 1 + c_2 z^2 + \dots$ . The representation (4.3) yields the relation

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2} - \frac{(2\alpha-1)zP'(z)}{(1+(2\alpha-1)P(z))}.$$

From lemma 1, we have for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$(4.5) \quad \left| \frac{zP'(z)}{(1/(2\alpha-1))+P(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2(2\alpha-1)r^2}{(1-r^2)(\alpha-(1-\alpha)r^2)}.$$

From (4.4) and (4.5) we have for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) &\geq \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2} - \frac{2(2\alpha-1)r^2}{(1-r^2)(\alpha-(1-\alpha)r^2)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha - (5\alpha - 1)r^2 - (5\alpha - 4)r^4 + (\alpha - 1)r^6}{(1-r^4)(\alpha - (1-\alpha)r^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see that  $\text{Re} ((zf'(z))/f(z)) > 0$  in  $|z| < r_\alpha$  where  $r_\alpha$  is the smallest positive root of (4.2).

If  $f(z)$  be typically-real, then  $F(z) = zf'(z)$  is real on the real axis and convex in the direction of the imaginary axis [10]. Therefore we arrive at

**COROLLARY 5.1.** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and satisfies the conditions  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, f''(0) = 0$  and*

$$|(1-z^2)f'(z) - \alpha| < \alpha \quad (\alpha > \frac{1}{2}),$$

for  $|z| < 1$ . Then  $f(z)$  is convex in  $|z| < r_\alpha$  where  $r_\alpha$  is the smallest positive root of the equation (5.2). This result is sharp, the extremal function being

$$f_\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\alpha(1+z^2)}{(1-z^2)(\alpha+(1-\alpha)z^2)} dz.$$

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