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Sufficient conditions for meromorphic close-to-convexity of order α

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Abstract: The purpose of the present paper is to consider some sufficient conditions for close-to-convexity of order α of meromorphic functions in the punctured unit disc.

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INTRODUCTION

Let Σ denotes the class of functions f of the form

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

which are analytic in $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\}$. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be meromorphic starlike of order α if it satisfies

$$-\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in D) \quad (2)$$

for some real $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha < 1)$. We denote by $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ the class of all meromorphic starlike functions of order α . A function $f(z) \in \Sigma$ is called meromorphic close-to-convex of order α if it satisfies

$$-\operatorname{Re}\{z^2 f'(z)\} > \alpha \quad (z \in D) \quad (3)$$

We denote by $MC(\alpha)$ the class of all meromorphic close-to-convex functions of order α .

Several authors [6,7,8] have studied meromorphic close-to-convex functions of order α . We shall unify these functions in Definition 1.1.

Definition 1.1. Let $g(z)$ be a meromorphic starlike function in Σ . If $f(z) \in \Sigma$ satisfies the following inequality

$$-\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} > \alpha, z \in D \quad (4)$$

for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha < 1)$. The function f can also be called a meromorphic close-to-convex function, and we denote it by $MC^*(\alpha)$.

THE MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 2.1. (see [4]) Let $p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be analytic in the unit disc U and α be a positive real number. Then

suppose that there exists a point $z_0 \in U$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{p(z)\} > \alpha \text{ for } |z| < |z_0| \quad (5)$$

and

$$Re\{p(z_0)\} = \alpha, p(z_0) \neq \alpha. \tag{6}$$

Then we have

$$Re\left\{\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)}\right\} \leq \begin{cases} -\frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)} & \text{when } 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha} & \text{when } \frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1. \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

Lemma 2.2. Let $p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be analytic in the unit disc U and suppose that there exists a point $z_0 \in U$ such that

$$Re\{p(z)\} > \alpha \text{ for } |z| < |z_0| \tag{8}$$

and

$$Re\{p(z_0)\} = \alpha, p(z_0) \neq \alpha. \tag{9}$$

for some real $\alpha (\alpha < 0)$. Then we have

$$Re\left\{\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)}\right\} > -\frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)} > 0. \tag{10}$$

Theorem 2.1. Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$, and suppose that there exists a meromorphic starlike function $g(z)$ such that

(i) for the case $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} + \frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)}, z \in D \tag{11}$$

$$-\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \neq \alpha \tag{12}$$

(ii) for the case $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1$

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} + \frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}, z \in D \tag{13}$$

$$-\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \neq \alpha \tag{14}$$

Then we have $f(z) \in MC^*(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}, \tag{15}$$

then $p(z)$ is analytic in U and $p(0) = 1$. Now using (15), we have

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}. \tag{16}$$

(i) For the case $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, if there exists a point $z_0 \in U$ such that

$$Re\{p(z)\} > \alpha \text{ for } |z| < |z_0| \tag{17}$$

and

$$Re\{p(z_0)\} = \alpha, \tag{18}$$

then applying Lemma 2.1 and the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1, we have

$$p(z_0) \neq \alpha, \tag{19}$$

and

$$Re\left\{\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)}\right\} \leq -\frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)} \tag{20}$$

Then it follows that

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} = Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} - Re\left\{\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}\right\} \tag{21}$$

$$\geq Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} + \frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)}, \tag{22}$$

which contradicts the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1.

(ii) For the case $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1$, applying the same method as above, we also have that

$$-Re\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} > \alpha. \tag{23}$$

Therefore the proof of the Theorem 2.1 is completed.

Corollary 2.1. Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$. Suppose that for arbitrary α , $f(z)$ satisfies

$$-z^2 f'(z) \neq \alpha \tag{24}$$

and the following inequalities:

(i) for the case $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

$$2 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < \frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)}, z \in D \tag{25}$$

(ii) for the case $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1$

$$2 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < \frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}, z \in D \tag{26}$$

Then we have $f(z) \in MC(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let $g(z) = 1/z$ in Theorem 2.1, we can obtain Corollary 2.1.

Theorem 2.2. Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$ and α ($\alpha < 0$) be a real number. Suppose that there exists a meromorphic starlike function $g(z)$ such that

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} \geq Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} + \frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)}, z \in D \tag{27}$$

and

$$\min_{|z| \leq r} Re\left\{-\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} = Re\left\{-\frac{z_0 f'(z_0)}{g(z_0)}\right\}_{|z_0|=r} \neq -\frac{z_0 f'(z_0)}{g(z_0)} \tag{28}$$

for arbitrary r ($0 < r < 1$). Then we have $f(z) \in MC^*(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}, \tag{29}$$

then $p(z)$ is analytic in U and $p(0) = 1$. Now using (29), we have

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}. \tag{30}$$

If there exists a point $z_0 \in U$ such that

$$Re\{p(z)\} > \alpha \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0| \tag{31}$$

and

$$Re\{p(z_0)\} = \alpha, \tag{32}$$

then applying Lemma 2.2 and the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2, we have

$$Re\{p(z_0)\} \neq p(z_0), \tag{33}$$

Therefore, applying Lemma 2.2, we have

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} = Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} - Re\left\{\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}\right\} \tag{34}$$

$$< Re\left\{\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} + \frac{\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)}. \tag{35}$$

This contradicts the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2, and therefore we have $f(z) \in MC^*(\alpha)$.

Corollary 2.2. Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$, suppose that for arbitrary α , $f(z)$ satisfies

$$-z^2 f'(z) \neq \alpha \tag{36}$$

and the following inequalities:

$$1 + Re\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} \geq \frac{3\alpha - 2}{2(1-\alpha)}, z \in D \tag{37}$$

Then we have $f(z) \in MC(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let $g(z) = 1/z$ in Theorem 2.2, we can obtain Corollary 2.2.

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