

# Coefficient Inequalities for Uniformly P-Valent Starlike and Convex Functions

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## Abstract

In this paper we obtain some coefficient inequalities for subclasses of uniformly p-valent starlike and convex functions in the open unit disk denoted by  $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ . Growth bounds and distortion bounds are discussed for functions in these classes. For different values of the parameters p,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  our results of this paper generalize those obtained by several authors in the literature.

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## Introduction

Let  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  denote the open unit disk and let  $A_p$  be the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$

which are analytic in the open unit disk U. A function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be p-valent starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ), if

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

The class of all such functions is denoted by  $S_p^*(\alpha)$ . A function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be p-valent convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ), if

$$\Re\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \alpha, \quad z \in U$$

Let  $K_p(\alpha)$  denote the class of all such functions. For  $p=1$  we write  $A_1=A$ . Note that for  $p=1$  the classes  $S_1^*(\alpha)$  and  $K_1(\alpha)$  are the usual classes of starlike and convex functions of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) respectively, and will be denoted by  $S^*(\alpha)$  and  $K(\alpha)$  respectively. For  $p=1$  and  $\alpha=0$ , the classes  $S_p^*(\alpha)$  and  $K_p(\alpha)$  reduces to  $S^*(0)=S^*$  and  $K(0)=K$  respectively, which are the classes of starlike (with respect to the origin) and convex functions.

## The Subclasses $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ and $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$

We begin this Section by remark that this article is motivated by the work of Owa et al. [1]. We now recall the definitions of the subclasses  $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  of uniformly p-valent function introduced and studied by Agnihotri and Singh [2].

A function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be in the class  $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  if

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \beta \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p \right| + \alpha, \quad z \in U,$$

for some  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ).

A function  $f \in A_p$  is said to be in the class  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  if

$$\Re\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \beta \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - (p-1) \right| + \alpha, \quad z \in U,$$

for some  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ). Note that  $f(z) \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  if and only if  $z^p f'(z) \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ . Agnihotri and Singh [2] have shown some sufficient conditions for f to be in the classes  $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ .

The subclasses  $SD_1(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD_1(\beta, \alpha)$  which will also be denoted by  $SD(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD(\beta, \alpha)$  respectively were studied by Shams, Kulkarni and Jahangiri in [3]. They have obtained sufficient conditions for f to be in the classes  $SD(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD(\beta, \alpha)$ .

## Coefficient Inequalities

We now give coefficient inequalities for functions belonging to the subclasses  $SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  and  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ . Our first result is contained in

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $f \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  with  $0 \leq p\beta \leq \alpha < p$ , then  $f \in S_p^*\left(\frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta}\right)$  and if  $\beta > \frac{p + \alpha}{2p}$  then  $f \in S_p^*\left(\frac{\alpha - p\beta}{\beta - 1}\right)$

**Proof:** We know that  $\Re(z) \leq |z|$  for any complex number z. Therefore  $f \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  gives us

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \beta \Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p\right) + \alpha \quad (3.1)$$

From this we get

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta} (z \in U). \quad (3.2)$$

Now, if  $0 \leq p\beta \leq \alpha < p$ , then it follows that

$$0 \leq \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta} < p,$$

and if  $\beta > \frac{p + \alpha}{2p}$ , then we have

$$-p < \frac{p\beta - \alpha}{\beta - 1} \leq 0.$$

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Thus,  $0 \leq \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{\beta - 1} < p$ ,

For  $p=1$ , we obtain the following corollary due to Owa, Polato'glu, and Yuvaz [1].

**Corollary 3.1:** If  $f \in SD(\beta, \alpha)$  with  $0 \leq p\beta \leq \alpha$  then  $f \in S^*\left(\frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta}\right)$ .

Next, we state the corresponding result for functions belonging to the subclass  $KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $f \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  with  $0 \leq p\beta \leq \alpha < p$  then  $f \in K_p\left(\frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta}\right)$  and if  $\beta > \frac{p + \alpha}{2p}$ , then  $f \in K_p\left(\frac{\alpha - p\beta}{\beta - 1}\right)$

**Proof:** Proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1.

The following corollary is due to Owa, Polato'glu, and Yuvaz [1] for  $p=1$ .

**Corollary 3.2:** If  $f \in KD(\beta, \alpha)$  with  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha$  then  $f \in K\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - \beta}\right)$

We now state the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $f \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  then  $|a_p + 1| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|}$  (3.3)

and  $|a_p + n| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{n|1 - \beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{j|1 - \beta|}\right)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) (3.4)

**Proof:** We know that if  $f \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ , then  $\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta}$  ( $z \in U$ )

Define a function  $q(z)$  by

$$q(z) = \frac{(1 - \beta)\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) - (\alpha - p\beta)}{(p - \alpha)} \quad (z \in U) \quad (3.5)$$

Note that  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $\Re(q(z)) > 0$ . If  $q(z) = 1 + q_1z + q_2z^2 + \dots$ ,

then we can write  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta} + \frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n z^n$

or  $zf'(z) = f(z) \left( p + \left(\frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n z^n \right)$ , ( $q_0 = 1$ ). (3.6)

From this, we obtain

$$na_{p+n} = \left(\frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right) (q_n + a_p + 1q_{n-1} + a_p - 2q_{n-2} + \dots + a_p + n - 1q_1) \quad (3.7)$$

From the coefficient estimates for Carath'eodory functions [4], we know that  $|q_n| \leq 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$

Making use of it in (3.7) we see that

$$|a_{p+n}| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{n|1 - \beta|} (1 + |a_{p+1}| + |a_{p+2}| + \dots + |a_{p+n-1}|). \quad (3.8)$$

Therefore, for  $n=1$ , we have

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|}, \quad (3.9)$$

which proves (3.3). Now for  $n=2$ , we obtain  $|a_{p+2}| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{2|1 - \beta|} (1 + |a_{p+1}|) \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{2|1 - \beta|} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|}\right)$ .

This shows that (3.4) is true for  $n=2$ . For  $n=3$ , we see that

$$|a_{p+3}| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{3|1 - \beta|} (1 + |a_{p+1}| + |a_{p+2}|) \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{3|1 - \beta|} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|} + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{2|1 - \beta|} + \frac{2^2(p - \alpha)^2}{2|1 - \beta|^2}\right)$$

Thus, (3.4) holds for  $n=3$ . Next, we assume that (3.4) is true for  $n=k$  and therefore

$$|a_{p+k+1}| \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{(k + 1)|1 - \beta|} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|} + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{|1 - \beta|}\right) + \dots + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{k|1 - \beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{j|1 - \beta|}\right)\right) \leq \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{(k + 1)|1 - \beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{j|1 - \beta|}\right)$$

This shows that (3.4) is true for  $n=k+1$ . Hence, by using the principle of mathematical induction, (3.4) holds for all  $n \geq 2$ .

**Remark 3.1:** Taking  $p=1$  in Theorem 3.3, we obtain

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{2(1 - \alpha)}{n|1 - \beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{j|1 - \beta|}\right) \quad (n \geq 2) \quad (3.10)$$

which was given by Owa, Polato'glu and Yuvaz [1]

**Remark 3.2:** Taking  $p=1$  and  $\beta=0$  in Theorem 3.3, we have

$$|a_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{j=2}^{n+1} (j - 2\alpha) \quad (n \geq 1),$$
 which was proven by Robertson [5].

We know that  $f \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  if and only if  $zf' \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  [2]. Thus, we have

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $f(z) \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  then

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{2p(p - \alpha)}{(p + 1)|1 - \beta|} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\text{and } |a_{p+n}| \leq \frac{2p(p - \alpha)}{(p + 1)|1 - \beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{2(p - \alpha)}{j|1 - \beta|}\right) \quad (n \geq 2). \quad (3.13)$$

**Proof:** For  $f \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  we know  $zf'(z) + pz^{p-1} + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} na_n z^{n-1} \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$ . Therefore

$$\Re\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta} \quad (z \in U).$$

Define a function  $r(z)$  by

$$r(z) = \frac{(1 - \beta)\left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) - (\alpha - p\beta)}{(p - \alpha)} \quad (z \in U) \quad (3.14)$$

Note that  $r$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $r(0) = 1$  and  $\Re(r(z)) > 0$ . If  $r(z) = 1 + r_1z + r_2z^2 + \dots$ , then we can write

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{\alpha - p\beta}{1 - \beta} + \left(\frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n z^n, \text{ or } zf''(z) = f'(z) \left( p - 1 + \left(\frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n z^n \right), \quad (r_0 = 1). \quad (3.15)$$

From this, we obtain

$$n(p + n)a_{p+n} = \left(\frac{p - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right) (pr_n + (p + 1)a_{p+1}r_{n-1} + (p + 2)a_{p+2}r_{n-2} + \dots + (p + n - 1)a_{p+n-1}r_1). \quad (3.16)$$

From the coefficient estimates for Carath'eodory functions [4], we know that  $|r_n| \leq 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Making use of it in (3.16) we see that

$$|a_{p+n}| \leq \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{n(p+n)|1-\beta|} (p+(p+1)|a_{p+1}| + (p+2)|a_{p+2}| + \dots + (p+n-1)|a_{p+n-1}|) \quad (3.17)$$

Therefore, for n=1, we have

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)|1-\beta|} \quad (3.18)$$

which proves (3.12). Now for n=2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+2}| &\leq \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{2(p+2)|1-\beta|} (p+(p+1)|a_{p+1}|) \\ |a_{p+3}| &\leq \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{3(p+3)|1-\beta|} (p+(p+1)|a_{p+1}| + (p+2)|a_{p+2}|) \\ &\leq \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{2(p+2)|1-\beta|} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that (3.12) is true for n=2. For n=3, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+3}| &\leq \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{3(p+3)|1-\beta|} (p+(p+1)|a_{p+1}| + (p+2)|a_{p+2}|) \\ &\leq \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{3(p+3)|1-\beta|} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{2|1-\beta|} + \frac{2^2(p-\alpha)^2}{|1-\beta|^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (3.12) holds for n=3. Next, we assume that (3.12) is true for n=k and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+k+1}| &\leq \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{(k+1)(p+k+1)|1-\beta|} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{2|1-\beta|} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} \right) + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{k|1-\beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{k-2} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{(k+1)(p+k+1)|1-\beta|} \prod \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that (3.12) is true for n=k + 1. Hence, by using the principle of mathematical induction, (3.12) holds for all n ≥ 2.

**Remark 3.3:** If we take p=1 in Theorem 3.4, then

$$|a_{n+1}| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{(n+1)n|1-\beta|} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \quad (n \geq 2) \text{ which was proven}$$

by Owa et al. [1].

**Remark 3.4:** Taking p=1 and β= 0 in Theorem 3.4, we get

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{2}{(n-1)!} \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} (j-2) \quad (n \geq 1), \text{ which was proven by}$$

Robertson [5]

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $f \in SD_p(\beta, \alpha)$

$$\max \left\{ 0, \left| z|^p - \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^{p+1} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{n|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right| |z|^{p+n} \right\} \leq |f'(z)|$$

$$\leq |z|^p + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^{p+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{n|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) |z|^{p+n}$$

$$\text{and } \max \left\{ 0, p|z|^{p-1} - \frac{2(p+1)(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^p - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2(p+n)(p-\alpha)}{n|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right) \right\}$$

$$\times |z|^{p+n-1} \Big\} |f'(z)| \leq p|z|^{p-1} + \frac{2(p+1)(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^p$$

**Proof:** Proof follows from the fact that

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots \text{ and using Theorem 3.3.}$$

**Corollary 3.3:** If  $f \in KD_p(\beta, \alpha)$  then

$$\max \left\{ 0, |z|^p - \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)|1-\beta|} |z|^{p+1} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{n(p+n)|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right) \right\} |z|^{p+n} \leq |f(z)|$$

$$\leq |z|^p + \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)|1-\beta|} |z|^{p+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{n(p+n)|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right) |z|^{p+n}$$

$$\text{and } \max \left\{ 0, p|z|^{p-1} - \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^p - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2p(p-\alpha)}{n|1-\beta|} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2(p-\alpha)}{j|1-\beta|} \right) \right) \right\} |z|^{p+n-1} \leq |f'(z)|$$

$$\times |z|^{p+n-1} \Big\} |f'(z)| \leq p|z|^{p-1} + \frac{2(p+1)(p-\alpha)}{|1-\beta|} |z|^p$$

**Proof:** Proof follows from the fact that

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots$$

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