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# Close-to-Convex Functions Defined by Fractional Operator

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#### Abstract

Let S denote the class of functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + ...$  analytic and univalent in the open unit disc  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} | |z| < 1\}$ . Consider the subclass and  $S^*$  of S, which are the classes of convex and starlike functions, respectively. In 1952, W. Kaplan introduced a class of analytic functions f(z), called close-to-convex functions, for which there exists  $\phi(z) \in \mathbb{C}$ , depending on f(z) with  $Re(\frac{f'(z)}{\phi'(z)}) > 0$  in , and prove that every close-to-convex function is univalent. The normalized class of close-to-convex functions denoted by K. These classes are related by the proper inclusions  $C \subset S^* \subset K \subset S$ .

In this paper, we generalize the close-to-convex functions and denote  $K(\lambda)$  the class of such functions. Various properties of this class of functions is also studied.

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# 1 Introduction

Let be the family of functions  $p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n$  which are analytic in Dand satisfy the conditions p(0) = 1, Rep(z) > 0 for all  $z \in$ .

Let S denote the class of functions f(z) of the form  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ which are analytic and univalent in D.

We recall here the definition of the well-known classes of starlike, convex and close-to-convex functions [3], respectively,

$$S^* = \left\{ f \in S | Re\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > 0, z \in D \right\},$$
(1)

$$C = \left\{ f \in S | (1 + Re\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}) > 0, z \in D \right\},$$
(2)

$$K = \left\{ f \in S | \exists \psi \in C, Re \frac{f'(z)}{\psi(z)} > 0, z \in D \right\}.$$
(3)

When considering these definitions above, in general, the functions belonging to them can be represented as the functions of .

Alexander's Theorem says us "if  $\phi(z)$  is convex, then  $\psi(z) := z\phi'(z)$  is starlike". Hence, we can rewrite K as follows:

$$K = \left\{ f \in S | \exists \psi \in S^* \ni Re(z \frac{f'(z)}{\psi(z)}) > 0, for all z \in D \right\}.$$
 (4)

A fairly complete treatment, with applications of the fractional calculus, is given in the books [6] by Oldham and Spanier, and [5] by Miller and Ross. We refer to [10] for more insight into the concept of the fractional calculus. For further details on the materials in this paper see [4].

For convenience, we shall remind some definitions of the fractional calculus (i.e, fractional integral and fractional derivative).

The fractional integral of order  $\lambda$  for an analytical function f(z) in D is defined by

$$D_z^{-\lambda} f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_0^z \frac{f(\zeta)}{(z-\zeta)^{1-\lambda}} d\zeta, (\lambda > 0)$$
(5)

where the multiplicity of  $(z - \zeta)^{\lambda-1}$  is removed by requiring  $\log(z - \zeta)$  to be real when  $(z - \zeta) > 0$ .

The fractional derivative of order  $\lambda$  for an analytic function f(z) in D is defined by

$$D_z^{\lambda}f(z) = \frac{d}{dz}(D_z^{-\lambda}f(z)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\lambda)}\frac{d}{dz}\int_0^z \frac{f(\zeta)}{(z-\zeta)^{\lambda}}d\zeta, (0 \le \lambda < 1), \quad (6)$$

where the multiplicity of  $(z - \zeta)^{-\lambda}$  is removed by requiring  $\log(z - \zeta)$  to be real when  $(z - \zeta) > 0$ .

Under the hypothesis of the fractional derivative , the fractional derivative of order  $(n + \lambda)$  for an analytic function f(z) in D is defined by

$$D_z^{n+\lambda} f(z) = \frac{d^n}{dz^n} (D_z^{\lambda} f(z)), (0 \le \lambda < 1, n \in N_0 = \left\{0, 1, 2, \dots\right\}).$$
(7)

From the definitions of the fractional calculus, we see that

$$D_z^{-\lambda} z^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1+\lambda)} z^{k+\lambda}, (\lambda > 0, k > 0)$$
(8)

$$D_z^{\lambda} z^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1+\lambda)} z^{k-\lambda}, (0 \le \lambda < 1, k > 0)$$
(9)

and

$$D_z^{n+\lambda} z^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-\lambda)} z^{k-n-\lambda}, (0 \le \lambda < 1, k > 0, n \in N_0, k-n \ne -1, -2, ...)$$
(10)

Therefore we see that for any real  $\lambda$ 

$$D_{z}^{\lambda} z^{k} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-\lambda)} z^{k-\lambda}, (k>0, k-\lambda \neq -1, -2, ...)$$
(11)

## 2 Main Results

Using the rule of the fractional derivative which is mentioned in the preceding, we define the  $\lambda$ - fractional operator as follows,

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n + \dots \Rightarrow D_z^{\lambda} f(z) = D_z^{\lambda} (z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n + \dots)$$
$$D^{\lambda} f(z) = \Gamma(2 - \lambda) z^{\lambda} D_z^{\lambda} f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\Gamma(2 - \lambda) \Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)} z^n$$
(12)

From the definition of  $D^{\lambda} f(z)$  we have the following properties.

i.

$$D'f(z) = Df(z) = \lim_{\lambda \to 1} D^{\lambda}f(z) = zf'(z);$$

ii.

$$D^{\lambda}(D^{\delta}f(z)) = D^{\delta}(D^{\lambda}f(z)) =$$

$$z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(2-\delta)(\Gamma(n+1))^2}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1-\delta)} z^n;$$

iii.

$$D(D^{\delta}f(z)) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n a_n \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)} z^n = z(D^{\delta}f(z))' =$$

$$\Gamma(2-\lambda)z^{\lambda}(\lambda D_{z}^{\lambda}+zD_{z}^{\lambda+1}f(z));$$

vi.

$$\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{D^{\lambda}f(z)} = z\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}, for\lambda = 0,$$
$$= 1 + z\frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}, for\lambda = 1.$$

Thus, we define the following class of functions.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be an element of *S*. Then f(z) is said to be  $\lambda$ -fractional close-to-convex function in *D* if there exists a function g(z) of  $S^*$  such that

$$Re(\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{g}(z)) > 0$$

for all  $z \in D$ . The class of these functions is denoted by  $K(\lambda)$ . It is obviously that K(0) = K.

By using the definition above and properties of  $\lambda$ -fractional operator  $D^{\lambda}f(z)$ , we have the following properties.

i.

$$\begin{split} L(z) &= \frac{z}{1-z} = z + z^2 + \ldots + z^n + \ldots D^{\lambda} L(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)} z^n = \\ & zF(2,1,2-\lambda;z). \end{split}$$

Then we have,

$$\begin{split} Re(\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{g(z)}) > 0 \Rightarrow Re(\frac{zf'(z)*D^{\lambda}L(z)}{g(z)}) > 0 \Rightarrow \\ Re(\frac{zf'(z)*zF(2,1,2-\lambda;z)}{g(z)}) > 0. \end{split}$$

(a) For  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$$Re(\frac{zf'(z) * L(z)}{g(z)}) > 0 \Rightarrow Re(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}) > 0.$$

(b) For  $\lambda = 1$ ,

$$Re(\frac{zf'(z) * L'(z)}{g(z)}) = Re(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}) > 0.$$

Where k(z) is a Koebe function.

ii.

$$\begin{aligned} Re(\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{g}(z)) > 0 &= Re(z\frac{f'(z)}{g(z)}(1+z\frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)})) > 0, \lambda = 1, \\ &= Re(z\frac{f'(z)}{g(z)}) > 0, \lambda = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2** Let f(z) be an element of  $K(\lambda)$ . Then

$$\frac{r(1-r)}{(1+r)^3} \le |D(D^{\lambda}f(z))| \le \frac{r(1+r)}{(1-r)^3}$$
(13)

**Proof 2.3** Using the definition of the class  $K(\lambda)$ , we can write

$$\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{g(z)} = p(z) \Rightarrow D(D^{\lambda}f(z)) = p(z)g(z).$$
(14)

where  $p(z) \in P$ . On the other hand, we have the inequalities

$$\frac{1-r}{1+r} \le |p(z)| \le \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$
(15)

and

$$\frac{r}{(1+r)^2} \le |g(z)| \le \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} \tag{16}$$

from [1]. By considering (14), (15) and (16), we obtain (13).

If f(z) be an element of  $K(\lambda)$ . Then

$$\frac{1-r}{r(1+r)^3} \le |f'(z)| \le \frac{(1+r)}{r(1-r)^3}, for\lambda = 0,$$
(17)

$$\frac{(1-r)}{(1+r)^3} \le |f'(z) + zf''(z)| \le \frac{(1+r)}{(1-r)^3}, for\lambda = 1.$$
(18)

**Theorem 2.4** Let f(z) be an element of  $K(\lambda)$ ; then

$$|a_n| \le \frac{n\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)} z^n \tag{19}$$

We notice that this result is, indeed, sharp since the extremal function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)} z^n$$
(20)

is the solution of the fractional differential equation

$$D_z^{\lambda} f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)} z^{-\lambda} \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}.$$

**Proof 2.5** If we use the definition of the class  $K(\lambda)$ , then we can write

$$\frac{D(D^{\lambda}f(z))}{g(z)} = p(z) \Rightarrow D(D^{\lambda}f(z)) = p(z)g(z) \Rightarrow$$
(21)

$$z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)na_n z^n}$$
(22)

$$= (z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_n z^n + \dots)(1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots + p_n z^n + \dots) \Rightarrow$$
(23)

$$na_{n}\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)} = (b_{n} + b_{n-1}p_{1} + \dots + b_{2}p_{n-2} + b_{1}p_{n-1}) \Rightarrow$$
(24)

$$n |a_n| \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)} \le |b_n| + |b_{n-1}| |p_1| + \dots + |b_1| |p_{n-1}| \Rightarrow$$
(25)

$$\leq n + (n-1)2 + (n-2)2 + \dots + 2.2 + 1.2 \tag{26}$$

$$= n + 2[1 + 2 + ... + (n - 1)] = n^2 \Rightarrow$$
 (27)

$$|a_n| \le \frac{n\Gamma(n+1-\lambda)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma(n+1)}$$
(28)

We notice that if we take  $\lambda = 0$  then we obtain  $|a_n| \leq n$  which is the coefficient inequality for the close-to-convex functions, and we take  $\lambda = 1$ , then  $|a_n| \leq 1$ .

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