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# On a subclass of *n*-starlike functions associated with some hyperbola

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#### Abstract

In this paper we define a subclass of n-starlike functions associated with some hyperbola and we obtain some properties regarding this class.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  be the set of functions which are regular in the unit disc  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}, A = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0\}$ and  $S = \{f \in A : f \text{ is univalent in } U\}.$  We recall here the definition of the well - known class of starlike functions:

$$S^* = \left\{ f \in A : Re \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > 0 \ , \ z \in U \right\},$$

Let consider the Libera-Pascu integral operator  $L_a: A \to A$  defined as:

(1) 
$$f(z) = L_a F(z) = \frac{1+a}{z^a} \int_0^z F(t) \cdot t^{a-1} dt$$
,  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Re \ a \ge 0$ .

For a = 1 we obtain the Libera integral operator, for a = 0 we obtain the Alexander integral operator and in the case a = 1, 2, 3, ... we obtain the Bernardi integral operator.

Let  $D^n$  be the Sălăgean differential operator (see [5])  $D^n : A \to A$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , defined as:

$$D^{0}f(z) = f(z)$$
$$D^{1}f(z) = Df(z) = zf'(z)$$
$$D^{n}f(z) = D(D^{n-1}f(z))$$
erve that if  $f \in S$   $f(z) = z + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{i}z^{i} - z$ 

We observe that if  $f \in S$ ,  $f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j$ ,  $z \in U$  then  $D^n f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j^n a_j z^j$ .

The purpose of this note is to define a subclass of *n*-starlike functions functions associated with some hyperbola and to obtain some estimations for the coefficients of the series expansion and some other properties regarding this class.

## 2 Preliminary results

**Definition 2.1.** [6] A function  $f \in S$  is said to be in the class  $SH(\alpha)$  if it satisfies

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 2\alpha\left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)\right| < Re\left\{\sqrt{2}\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} + 2\alpha\left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right),$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ) and for all  $z \in U$ .

Remark 2.1. Geometric interpretation. Let

$$\Omega(\alpha) = \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} : z \in U, f \in SH(\alpha) \right\}.$$

Then  $\Omega(\alpha) = \{w = u + i \cdot v : v^2 < 4\alpha u + u^2, u > 0\}$ . Note that  $\Omega(\alpha)$  is the interior of a hyperbola in the right half-plane which is symmetric about the real axis and has vertex at the origin.

**Theorem 2.1.** [6] Let  $f \in SH(\alpha)$  and  $f(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + b_3 z^3 + \dots$  Then  $1 + 4\alpha$   $(1 + 4\alpha)(2 + 16\alpha + 24\alpha^2)$ 

$$|b_2| \le \frac{1+4\alpha}{1+2\alpha}$$
,  $|b_3| \le \frac{(1+4\alpha)(3+16\alpha+24\alpha^2)}{4(1+2\alpha)^3}$ 

The next theorem is result of the so called "admissible functions method" due to P.T. Mocanu and S.S. Miller (see [1], [2], [3]).

**Theorem 2.2.** Let h convex in U and  $Re[\beta h(z) + \gamma] > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . If  $p \in H(U)$  with p(0) = h(0) and p satisfied the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z), \quad then \ p(z) \prec h(z).$$

### 3 Main results

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f \in S$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . We say that the function f is in the class  $SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if

$$\left|\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - 2\alpha \left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)\right| < Re \left\{\sqrt{2} \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right\} + 2\alpha \left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right), \ z \in U.$$

**Remark 3.1.** Geometric interpretation: If we denote with  $p_{\alpha}$  the analytic and univalent functions with the properties  $p_{\alpha}(0) = 1$ ,  $p'_{\alpha}(0) > 0$ and  $p_{\alpha}(U) = \Omega(\alpha)$  (see Remark 2.1), then  $f \in SH_n(\alpha)$  if and only if  $\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$ , where the symbol " $\prec$ " denotes the subordination in U. We have  $p_{\alpha}(z) = (1+2\alpha)\sqrt{\frac{1+bz}{1-z}} - 2\alpha$ ,  $b = b(\alpha) = \frac{1+4\alpha-4\alpha^2}{(1+2\alpha)^2}$  and the branch of the square root  $\sqrt{w}$  is chosen so that  $Im \sqrt{w} \ge 0$ . If we consider  $p_{\alpha}(z) = 1 + C_1 z + \dots$ , we have  $C_1 = \frac{1+4\alpha}{1+2\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f \in SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , and  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + ...$ , then

$$|a_2| \le \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1+4\alpha}{1+2\alpha} , \ |a_3| \le \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{(1+4\alpha)(3+16\alpha+24\alpha^2)}{4(1+2\alpha)^3}$$

**Proof.** If we denote by  $D^n f(z) = g(z), g(z) = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} b_j z^j$ , we have:  $f \in SH_n(\alpha)$  if and only if  $g \in SH(\alpha)$ .

From the above series expansions we obtain  $|a_j| \leq \frac{1}{j^n} \cdot |b_j|$ ,  $j \geq 2$ . Using the estimations from the Theorem 2.1 we obtain the needed results.

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $F(z) \in SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $f(z) = L_aF(z)$ , where  $L_a$  is the integral operator defined by (1), then  $f(z) \in SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . **Proof.** By differentiating (1) we obtain (1 + a)F(z) = af(z) + zf'(z).

By means of the application of the linear operator  $D^{n+1}$  we obtain

$$(1+a)D^{n+1}F(z) = aD^{n+1}f(z) + D^{n+1}(zf'(z))$$

or

$$(1+a)D^{n+1}F(z) = aD^{n+1}f(z) + D^{n+2}f(z)$$

Similarly, by means of the application of the linear operator  $D^n$  we obtain

$$(1+a)D^nF(z) = aD^nf(z) + D^{n+1}f(z)$$

Thus

(2) 
$$\frac{D^{n+1}F(z)}{D^nF(z)} = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z) + aD^{n+1}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z) + aD^nf(z)} = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} \cdot \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} + a \cdot \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)}}{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} + a}$$

With notation  $\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} = p(z)$ , where  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + ...$ , we have

$$zp'(z) = z \cdot \left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)' =$$
$$= \frac{z \left(D^{n+1}f(z)\right)' \cdot D^n f(z) - D^{n+1}f(z) \cdot z \left(D^n f(z)\right)'}{\left(D^n f(z)\right)^2} =$$
$$= \frac{D^{n+2}f(z) \cdot D^n f(z) - \left(D^{n+1}f(z)\right)^2}{\left(D^n f(z)\right)^2}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{p(z)} \cdot zp'(z) = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} - \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} - p(z)$$

From the above he have

$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} = p(z) + \frac{1}{p(z)} \cdot zp'(z)$$

Thus from (2) we obtain

(3) 
$$\frac{D^{n+1}F(z)}{D^nF(z)} = \frac{p(z) \cdot \left(zp'(z) \cdot \frac{1}{p(z)} + p(z)\right) + a \cdot p(z)}{p(z) + a} = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$= p(z) + \frac{1}{p(z) + a} \cdot zp'(z)$$

From Remark 3.1 we have  $\frac{D^{n+1}F(z)}{D^nF(z)} \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$  and thus, using (3), we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{p(z) + a} z p'(z) \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$$

We have from Remark 3.1 and from the hypothesis  $Re(p_{\alpha}(z) + a) > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . In this conditions from Theorem 2.2 we obtain  $p(z) \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$  or  $\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$ . This means that  $f(z) = L_a F(z) \in SH(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Re a \ge 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $F(z) \in SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $F(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j$ , and  $f(z) = L_a F(z)$ ,  $f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} b_j z^j$ , where  $L_a$  is the integral operator defined by (1), then

$$|b_2| \le \left|\frac{a+1}{a+2}\right| \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1+4\alpha}{1+2\alpha} , \ |b_3| \le \left|\frac{a+1}{a+3}\right| \cdot \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{(1+4\alpha)(3+16\alpha+24\alpha^2)}{4(1+2\alpha)^3}$$

**Proof.** From  $f(z) = L_a F(z)$  we have (1+a)F(z) = af(z) + zf'(z). Using the above series expansions we obtain

$$(1+a)z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} (1+a)a_j z^j = az + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} ab_j z^j + z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} jb_j z^j$$

and thus  $b_j(a + j) = (1 + a)a_j$ ,  $j \ge 2$ . From the above we have  $|b_j| \le \left|\frac{a+1}{a+j}\right| \cdot |a_j|$ ,  $j \ge 2$ . Using the estimations from Theorem 3.1 we obtain the needed results.

For a = 1, when the integral operator  $L_a$  become the Libera integral operator, we obtain from the above theorem:

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $F(z) \in SH_n(\alpha)$ ,  $F(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j$ , and f(z) = L(F(z)),  $f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} b_j z^j$ , where *L* is Libera integral operator defined by  $L(F(z)) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z F(t) dt$ , then  $|b_2| \le \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \frac{1+4\alpha}{3+6\alpha}$ ,  $|b_3| \le \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{(1+4\alpha)(3+16\alpha+24\alpha^2)}{8(1+2\alpha)^3}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in SH_{n+1}(\alpha)$  then  $f \in SH_n(\alpha)$ .

**Proof.** With notation  $\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^nf(z)} = p(z)$  we have (see the proof of the Theorem 3.2):

$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} = p(z) + \frac{1}{p(z)} \cdot zp'(z)$$

From  $f \in SH_{n+1}(\alpha)$  we obtain (see Remark 3.1)  $p(z) + \frac{1}{p(z)} \cdot zp'(z) \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$ . Using the definition of the function  $p_{\alpha}(z)$  we have  $\operatorname{Re} p_{\alpha}(z) > 0$  and from Theorem 2.2 we obtain  $p(z) \prec p_{\alpha}(z)$  or  $f \in SH_n(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** From the above theorem we obtain  $SH_n(\alpha) \subset SH_0(\alpha) =$  $SH(\alpha) \subset S^*$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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