

# Starlikeness and Convexity for Analytic Functions Concerned With Jack's Lemma

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## Abstract

There are many results for sufficient conditions of functions  $f(z)$  which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{U}$  to be starlike and convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ . The object of the present paper is to derive some interesting sufficient conditions for  $f(z)$  to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  and convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  concerned with Jack's lemma. Some examples for our results are also considered with the help of Mathematica 5.2.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  that are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ , so that  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of univalent functions  $f(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

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

for some  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{S}^* = \mathcal{S}^*(0)$ .

Also, let  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

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

for some  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . A function  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(0)$ . From the definitions for  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ , we know

that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ .

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Then  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $g(z)$  if there exists an analytic function  $w(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  satisfying  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) and  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . We denote this subordination by

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The basic tool in proving our results is the following lemma due to Jack [1] (also, due to Miller and Mocanu [2]).

**Lemma 1** *Let  $w(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . Then if  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  at a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ , then we have  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$ , where  $k \geq 1$  is a real number.*

## 2 Main results

Applying Lemma 1, we drive the following result.

**Theorem 1** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{\alpha + 1}{2(\alpha - 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

*for some  $\alpha$  ( $2 \leq \alpha < 3$ ), or*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{5\alpha - 1}{2(\alpha + 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

*for some  $\alpha$  ( $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ ), then*

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

*and*

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \right| < \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

*This implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$  and  $\int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in \mathcal{K}$ .*

*Proof.* Let us define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha).$$

Clearly,  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . We want to prove that  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Since

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} + \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)},$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} + \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)} \right) \\ &< \frac{\alpha+1}{2(\alpha-1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $2 \leq \alpha < 3$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} + \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)} \right) \\ &< \frac{5\alpha-1}{2(\alpha+1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ . If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1,$$

then Lemma 1 gives us that  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  and  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} &= \frac{\alpha(1-w(z_0))}{\alpha-w(z_0)} - \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{1-w(z_0)} + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{\alpha-w(z_0)} \\ &= \alpha + \alpha(1-\alpha+k) \frac{1}{\alpha-e^{i\theta}} - \frac{k}{1-e^{i\theta}}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha-w(z_0)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha-e^{i\theta}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\alpha} + \frac{\alpha^2-1}{2\alpha(1+\alpha^2-2\cos\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{1-w(z_0)}\right) &= \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{1-e^{i\theta}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}\right) = \frac{1+\alpha}{2} + \frac{(\alpha^2-1)(1-\alpha+k)}{2(1+\alpha^2-2\alpha\cos\theta)}.$$

This implies that, for  $2 \leq \alpha < 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}\right) &\geq \frac{1+\alpha}{2} + \frac{(\alpha+1)(1-\alpha+k)}{2(\alpha-1)} \\ &\geq \frac{1+\alpha}{2} + \frac{(\alpha+1)(2-\alpha)}{2(\alpha-1)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha+1}{2(\alpha-1)}\end{aligned}$$

and, for  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}\right) &\geq \frac{1+\alpha}{2} + \frac{(\alpha-1)(1-\alpha+k)}{2(\alpha+1)} \\ &\geq \frac{1+\alpha}{2} + \frac{(\alpha-1)(2-\alpha)}{2(\alpha+1)} \\ &= \frac{5\alpha-1}{2(\alpha+1)}.\end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the condition in the theorem. Therefore, there is no  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $|w(z_0)| = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , that is, that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Furthermore, since

$$w(z) = \frac{\alpha\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right)}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), we conclude that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \right| < \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . Furthermore, we see that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if  $\int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in \mathcal{K}$ .  $\square$

Thaking  $\alpha = 2$  in the theorem, we have following corollary due to R. Singh and S. Singh [3].

**Corollary 1** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{3}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

*then*

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{2(1-z)}{2-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

*and*

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{2}{3} \right| < \frac{3}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

With Theorem 1, we give the following example.

**Example 1** For  $2 \leq \alpha < 3$ , we consider the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$f(z) = \frac{\alpha-1}{2} \left( 1 - (1-z)^{\frac{2}{\alpha-1}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

It follows that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{2z(1-z)^{\frac{3-\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}{(\alpha-1) \left( 1 - (1-z)^{\frac{2}{\alpha-1}} \right)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha-1-2z}{(\alpha-1)(1-z)} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2}{\alpha-1} - \frac{3-\alpha}{(\alpha-1)(1-z)} \right) \\ &< \frac{\alpha+1}{2(\alpha-1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the function  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 1. If we define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha),$$

then we see that  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) with Mathematica 5.2. This implies that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

For  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ , we consider

$$f(z) = \frac{\alpha+1}{2(2\alpha-1)} \left( 1 - (1-z)^{\frac{2(2\alpha-1)}{\alpha+1}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Then we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{2(2\alpha-1)z(1-z)^{\frac{3(\alpha-1)}{\alpha+1}}}{(\alpha+1) \left( 1 - (1-z)^{\frac{2(2\alpha-1)}{\alpha+1}} \right)}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha+1-2(2\alpha-1)z}{(\alpha+1)(1-z)} \right) < \frac{5\alpha-1}{2(\alpha+1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Thus, the function  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 1. Define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha).$$

Then  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) with Mathematica 5.2. Therefore, we have that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

In particular, if we take  $\alpha = 2$  in this example, then  $f(z)$  becomes

$$f(z) = z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 \in \mathcal{S}^*,$$

where  $\mathcal{S}^*$  denotes the class of all starlike function in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

**Theorem 2** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > -\frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha - 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.1)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \leq -1$ ), or

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \frac{3\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.2)$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ), then

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \left( \frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha} \right).$$

This implies that  $\int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in \mathcal{K} \left( \frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha} \right)$ .

*Proof.* Let us define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha). \quad (2.3)$$

Then, we have that  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . We want to prove that  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Differentiating (2.3) in both side logarithmically and simplifying, we obtain

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{\alpha - w(z)}{\alpha(1-w(z))} + \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)},$$

and, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha - w(z)}{\alpha(1-w(z))} + \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)} \right) \\ &> -\frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha - 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\alpha \leq -1$ , or

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha - w(z)}{\alpha(1-w(z))} + \frac{zw'(z)}{1-w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{\alpha-w(z)} \right) \\ &> \frac{3\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\alpha > 1$ . If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1,$$

then Lemma 1 gives us that  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  and  $z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} &= \frac{\alpha - w(z_0)}{\alpha(1 - w(z_0))} + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{1 - w(z_0)} - \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{\alpha - w(z_0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha(1 - e^{i\theta})} + \frac{k}{1 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{k\alpha}{\alpha - e^{i\theta}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha} - \frac{k(\alpha^2 - 1)}{2(1 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha \cos \theta)}.$$

This implies that, for  $\alpha \leq -1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha} - \frac{k(\alpha + 1)}{2(\alpha - 1)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha} - \frac{\alpha + 1}{2(\alpha - 1)} \\ &= -\frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $\alpha > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha} - \frac{k(\alpha - 1)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha} - \frac{\alpha - 1}{2(\alpha + 1)} \\ &= \frac{3\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the condition in the theorem. Therefore, there is no  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $|w(z_0)| = 1$ . This means that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , this is, that

$$\frac{f(z)}{z f'(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1 - z)}{\alpha - z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Furthermore, since



$$w(z) = \frac{\alpha \left(1 - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)}{1 - \alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), we conclude that

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \left( \frac{\alpha + 1}{2\alpha} \right).$$

Noting that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  if and only if  $\int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ , we complete the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

For Theorem 2, we give the following example.

**Example 2** For  $\alpha > 1$ , we take

$$f(z) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{-\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1} \left( 1 - (1 - z)^{\frac{-\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Then,  $f(z)$  satisfies

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{(-\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)z}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)(1 - z)^{\frac{2\alpha^2 - \alpha - 1}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}} \left( 1 - (1 - z)^{\frac{-\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}} \right)}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1) + (\alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 1)z}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)(1 - z)} \right) \\ &> \frac{3\alpha + 1}{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition of Theorem 2. Let us define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1 - w(z))}{\alpha - w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha).$$

Then  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$   $z \in \mathbb{U}$  with Mathematica 5.2. It follows that

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1 - z)}{\alpha - z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Furthermore, for  $\alpha \leq -1$ , we consider the following function

$$f(z) = -\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{\alpha^2+1} \left( 1 - (1-z)^{-\frac{\alpha^2+1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)}} \right).$$

Note that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{-(\alpha^2+1)z}{\alpha(\alpha-1)(1-z)^{\frac{2\alpha^2-\alpha+1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)}} \left( 1 - (1-z)^{-\frac{\alpha^2+1}{\alpha(\alpha-1)}} \right)}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1) + (\alpha^2+1)z}{\alpha(\alpha-1)(1-z)} \right) \\ &> \frac{\alpha+1}{2\alpha(\alpha-1)} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition of Theorem 2. Defining the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha),$$

we see that  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) with Mathematica 5.2. Thus we have that

$$\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec \frac{\alpha(1-z)}{\alpha-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Making  $\alpha = -1$  for  $f(z)$ , we have

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} \in \mathcal{K}.$$

### 3 Open Question

As we say in Example 1, we need to use Mathematica 5.2 to check that  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) for

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\alpha(1-w(z))}{\alpha-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq \alpha).$$

Because, it is not so easy to calculate the fact that  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) in this case. If  $\alpha = 2$  in Example 1, then we see that  $|w(z)| = |z| < 1$ .

Also, in Example 2, we use Mathematica 5.2 to see that  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). If  $\alpha = -1$  in Example 2, then we know that  $|w(z)| = |z| < 1$ . Thus we have to leave our open questions to prove  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) without Mathematica 5.2. Can we prove that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$  without Mathematica 5.2 in Example 1 and Example 2?

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