

## A family of meromorphically p-valent functions with positive coefficients <sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

In this paper we introduce a new subclass  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  of meromorphically p-valent functions with positive coefficients in  $U^* = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\}$  by using a linear operator  $D^n$ . The main object of this paper is to investigate the various important properties and characteristics of the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . We also derive many results for the Hadamard products of functions belonging to the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\})$$

which are analytic and p-valent in the punctured disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ . For functions  $f(z)$  in the class  $\Sigma_p$ , we define a linear operator  $D^n$  by the recurrence formula

$$D^0 f(z) = f(z) ,$$

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$$D^1 f(z) = Df(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p+k+1)a_k z^k = \frac{(z^{p+1}f(z))'}{z^p},$$

$$D^2 f(z) = D(D^1 f(z)) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^2 a_k z^k,$$

and (in general)

$$D^n f(z) = D(D^{n-1} f(z)) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n a_k z^k = \frac{(z^{p+1}D^{n-1}f(z))'}{z^p}$$

$$(1.2) \quad (f \in \Sigma_p; p, n \in N).$$

Then it is easily verified that

$$(1.3) \quad z(D^n f(z))' = D^{n+1} f(z) - (p+1)D^n f(z) \quad (f \in \Sigma_p; n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}; p \in N).$$

The linear operator  $D^n$  was considered, when  $p = 1$ , by Uralegaddi and Somanatha [14]. More recently, Aouf and Hossen [2] presented several results involving the operator  $D^n$  for  $p \in N$ .

Furthermore, let  $\Sigma_p^*$  denote the class of functions

$$(1.4) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_k \geq 0; p \in N)$$

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in  $U^*$ .

Making use of the operator  $D^n$ , we say that a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p^*$  is in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  if it satisfies the following inequality :

$$(1.5) \quad \Re \left\{ z^p D^n f(z) - \alpha z^{p+1} (D^n f(z))' \right\} > \beta$$

for some  $\alpha (\alpha > 1), \beta (0 \leq \beta < p), p \in N, n \in N_0$ , and for all  $z \in U^*$ .

We note that :

(i)  $M^0(1, \alpha, \beta) = M(1, \alpha, \beta)$  (Altintas et al. [1]);

(ii)  $M^0(p, \alpha, \beta) = M^*(p, \alpha, \beta) =$

$$(1.6) \quad = \left\{ f(z) \in \Sigma_p^* : \Re \left\{ z^p f(z) - \alpha z^{p+1} f'(z) \right\} > \beta, \alpha > 1, 0 \leq \beta < p, p \in N, z \in U^* \right\}.$$

In [11] Mogra defined the class  $H_p^*(\alpha)$  as follows :

$$(1.7) \quad H_p^*(\alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in \Sigma_p^* : \Re \left\{ -z^{p+1} f'(z) \right\} > \alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in U^* \right\} .$$

Some other subclasses of the class  $\Sigma_p^*$  were studied (for example) by Cho et al. ([5] and [6]), Liu [8], Liu and Srivastava ([9] and [10]), Joshi et al. [7], Raina and Srivastava [12], Aouf and Shammaky [3] and Chen et al. [4].

In this paper, we investigate the various important properties and characteristics of the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . We also derive many results for the Hadamard products of functions belonging to the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

## 2 Coefficient inequalities and inclusion properties

We first determine a necessary and sufficient condition for a function  $f(z)$ , given by (1.4), to be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 1** *Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p^*$  be given by (1.4). Then  $f(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if*

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k \leq (1 + \alpha p - \beta) \quad (\alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0) .$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we find from (1.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \left\{ z^p (z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k z^k) - \alpha z^{p+1} (-pz^{-(p+1)} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k(p+k+1)^n a_k z^{k-1}) \right\} \\ &= \Re \left\{ 1 + \alpha p - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k z^{k+p} \right\} > \beta \\ & \quad (z \in U^*; \alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0) . \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $z$  to be real and let  $z \rightarrow 1^-$ , we get

$$1 + \alpha p - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k \geq \beta \quad (\alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0) ,$$

which is equivalent to (2.1).

Conversely, let us suppose that the inequality (2.1) holds true. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| z^p D^n f(z) - \alpha z^{p+1} (D^n f(z))' - (1 + \alpha p) \right| \\
&= \left| - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k z^{k+p} \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k |z|^{k+p} \\
&\leq (1 + \alpha p - \beta) \quad (z \in U^*; \alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0)
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $f(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Corollary 1** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.4) be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then*

$$(2.2) \quad a_k \leq \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1)} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

The equality in (2.2) is attained for the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(2.3) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1)} z^k \quad (k \geq p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

**Theorem 2** *The class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  is closed under convex linear combinations.*

**Proof.**

$$(2.4) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \quad (a_{k,j} \geq 0; j = 1, 2; p \in N)$$

be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . It is sufficient to show that the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$(2.5) \quad h(z) = (1-t)f_1(z) + tf_2(z) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

is also in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Since

$$(2.6) \quad h(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} [(1-t)a_{k,1} + ta_{k,2}] z^k \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1),$$

with the aid of Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) [(1-t)a_{k,1} + ta_{k,2}] \\
&= (1-t) \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_{k,1} + t \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_{k,2} \\
&\leq (1-t)(1 + \alpha p - \beta) + t(1 + \alpha p - \beta) = (1 + \alpha p - \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

$$(2.7) \quad (\alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0; 0 \leq t \leq 1),$$

which shows that  $h(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Hence we have Theorem 2.

### 3 Distortion theorem

In this section we prove the following growth and distortion theorem for the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 3** *If a function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.4) is in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then*

$$(3.1) \quad \left( \frac{(p+m-1)!}{(p-1)!} - \frac{(1+\alpha p - \beta)}{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} \cdot \frac{p!}{(p-m)!} r^{2p} \right) r^{-(p+m)} \leq \left| f^{(m)}(z) \right| \leq \\ \leq \left( \frac{(p+m-1)!}{(p-1)!} + \frac{(1+\alpha p - \beta)}{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} \cdot \frac{p!}{(p-m)!} r^{2p} \right) r^{-(p+m)} \\ (0 < |z| = r < 1; \alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0; m \in N_0; p > m).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(3.2) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(1+\alpha p - \beta)}{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} z^p \quad (p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

**Proof.**

$$\frac{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p - 1)}{p!} \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k! a_k \leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1) a_k \\ \leq (1+\alpha p - \beta),$$

which yields

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k! a_k \leq \frac{(1+\alpha p - \beta)p!}{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} \quad (p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

Now, by differentiating both sides of (1.4)  $m$  times with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$(3.4) \quad f^{(m)}(z) = (-1)^m \frac{(p+m-1)!}{(p-1)!} z^{-(p+m)} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-m)!} a_k z^{k-m}$$

$$(p \in N; m \in N_0; p > m),$$

and Theorem 3 follows easily from (3.3) and (3.4).

Finally, it is easy to see that the bounds in (3.1) are attained for the function  $f(z)$  given by (3.2).

Putting (i)  $m = 0$  and (ii)  $m = 1$  in Theorem 3, we have the following corollaries:

**Corollary 2** *If a function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.4) is in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then*

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{1}{r^p} - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} r^p \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{1}{r^p} + \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} r^p$$

$$(0 < |z| = r < 1; \alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (3.2).*

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$$(3.6) \quad \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} - \frac{p(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} r^{p-1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{p}{r^{p+1}} + \frac{p(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} r^{p-1}$$

$$(0 < |z| = r < 1; \alpha > 1; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

*The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (3.2).*

## 4 Radii of meromorphically p-valent starlikeness and convexity

In this section we determine the radii of meromorphically p-valent starlikeness of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) and meromorphically p-valent convexity of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) for functions in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 4** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.4) be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then*

(i)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically p-valent starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in the disc  $|z| < r_1$ , that is,

$$(4.1) \quad \Re \left\{ -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \delta \quad (|z| < r_1; 0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N),$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad r_1 = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{(p - \delta)(p + k + 1)^n(\alpha k - 1)}{(k + 2p - \delta)(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} \right\} \frac{1}{k + p}.$$

(ii)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically p-valent convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in the disc  $|z| < r_2$ , that is,

$$(4.3) \quad \Re \left\{ -\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \right\} > \delta \quad (|z| < r_2; 0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N),$$

where

$$(4.4) \quad r_2 = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{p(p-\delta)(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{k(k+2p-\delta)(1+\alpha p-\beta)} \right\} \frac{1}{k+p}.$$

Each of these results is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (2.3).

**Proof.** We must show that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p \right| \leq p - \delta \quad \text{for } |z| < r_1, \quad 0 \leq \delta < p \quad \text{and } p \in N.$$

Indeed we have

$$(4.5) \quad \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (k+p)a_k |z|^{k+p}}{1 - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k |z|^{k+p}}.$$

Thus  $\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p \right| \leq p - \delta$  if

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(k+2p-\delta)}{(p-\delta)} a_k |z|^{k+p} \leq 1.$$

But Theorem 1 assures that

$$(4.7) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)} a_k \leq 1.$$

In view of (4.7), it follows that (4.6) will be true if

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{(k+2p-\delta)}{(p-\delta)} |z|^{k+p} \leq \left\{ \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)} \right\} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

The last inequality (4.8) leads us immediately to the disc  $|z| < r_1$ , where  $r_1$  is given by (4.2).

(ii) It is sufficient to show that

$$(4.9) \quad \left| \frac{(zf'(z))' + pf'(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq p - \delta \quad \text{for } |z| < r_2, \quad 0 \leq \delta < p \quad \text{and } p \in N.$$

Note that

$$(4.10) \quad \left| \frac{(zf'(z))' + pf'(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k(k+p)a_k |z|^{k+p}}{p - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} ka_k |z|^{k+p}}.$$

Thus  $\left| \frac{(zf'(z))' + pf'(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq p - \delta$  if

$$(4.11) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k(k+2p-\delta)}{p(p-\delta)} a_k |z|^{k+p} \leq 1.$$

Hence, by Theorem 1, (4.11) will be true if

$$(4.12) \quad \frac{k(k+2p-\delta)}{p(p-\delta)} |z|^{k+p} \leq \left\{ \frac{(p+k+1)^n (\alpha k - 1)}{(1+\alpha p - \beta)} \right\} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

The last inequality (4.12) readily yields the disc  $|z| < r_2$  with  $r_2$  defined by (4.4), and the proof of Theorem 4 is completed by merely verifying that each assertion is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (2.3).

## 5 Integrals transforms

In this section we consider integral transforms of functions in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . We shall need the following lemma in our investigation.

**Lemma 1 [11].** *A function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.4) is in the class  $H_p^*(\alpha)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ) if and only if*

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k a_k \leq (p - \alpha).$$

**Theorem 5** *If  $f(z)$  is in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , then the integral transforms*

$$(5.2) \quad F_{c+p-1}(z) = c \int_0^1 u^{c+p-1} f(uz) du, \quad 0 < c < \infty$$

*are in the class  $H_p^*(\theta)$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < p$ , where*

$$(5.3) \quad \theta = \theta(p, \alpha, \beta, c) = p \left( 1 - \frac{c(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + c)(2p + 1)^n (\alpha p - 1)} \right).$$

*The result is the best possible for the function  $f(z)$  given by (3.2).*

**Proof.** Suppose  $f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{c+p-1}(z) &= c \int_0^1 u^{c+p-1} f(uz) du \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{c}{p+k+c} a_k z^k. \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 1, it is sufficient to show that

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k}{p-\theta} \cdot \frac{c}{p+k+c} a_k \leq 1.$$

Since  $f(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)} a_k \leq 1.$$

Thus (5.4) will be satisfied if

$$\frac{kc}{(p-\theta)(p+k+c)} \leq \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)} \text{ for each } k,$$

or

$$(5.5) \quad \theta \leq p - \frac{ck(1+\alpha p-\beta)}{(p+k+c)(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}.$$

Since the right hand side of (5.5) is an increasing function of  $k$ , putting  $k = p$  in (5.5), we get

$$\theta \leq p \left( 1 - \frac{c(1+\alpha p-\beta)}{(2p+c)(2p+1)^n(\alpha p-1)} \right).$$

Hence the theorem.

## 6 Convolution properties

For the functions

$$(6.1) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \quad (a_{k,j} \geq 0; j = 1, 2; p \in N)$$

we denote by  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z)$  the Hadamard product (or convolution) of the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$ , that is,

$$(6.2) \quad (f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} z^k.$$

**Theorem 6** *Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (6.1) be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \gamma)$ , where*

$$(6.3) \quad \gamma = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$(6.4) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} z^p \quad (j = 1, 2; p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

**Proof.** Employing the technique used earlier by Schild and Silverman [13], we need to find the largest  $\gamma$  such that

$$(6.5) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k - 1)}{(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)} a_{k,1} \cdot a_{k,2} \leq 1$$

for  $f_j(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \gamma)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Since  $f_j(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), we readily see that

$$(6.6) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k - 1)}{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} a_{k,j} \leq 1 \quad (j = 1, 2).$$

Therefore, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$(6.7) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k - 1)}{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} \sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}} \leq 1.$$

This implies that we need only to show that

$$(6.8) \quad \frac{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}}{(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}}}{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} \quad (k \geq p)$$

or, equivalently, that

$$(6.9) \quad \sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}} \leq \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)}{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} \quad (k \geq p).$$

Hence, by the inequality (6.7), it is sufficient to prove that

$$(6.10) \quad \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k - 1)} \leq \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)}{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)} \quad (k \geq p).$$

It follows from (6.10) that

$$(6.11) \quad \gamma \leq 1 + \alpha p - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k - 1)} \quad (k \geq p).$$

Now, defining the function  $\varphi(k)$  by

$$(6.12) \quad \varphi(k) = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(p + k + 1)^n(\alpha k - 1)} \quad (k \geq p),$$

we see that  $\varphi(k)$  is an increasing function of  $k$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$(6.13) \quad \gamma \leq \varphi(p) = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)},$$

which evidently completes the proof of Theorem 6.

Using arguments similar to those in the proof of Theorem 6, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 7** *Let the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (6.1) be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Suppose also that the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (6.1) is in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \gamma)$ . Then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \xi)$ , where*

$$(6.14) \quad \xi = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$(6.15) \quad f_1(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \beta)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} z^p \quad (p \in N; n \in N_0)$$

and

$$(6.16) \quad f_2(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(1 + \alpha p - \gamma)}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)} z^p \quad (p \in N; n \in N_0).$$

**Theorem 8** *Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (6.1) be in the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by*

$$(6.17) \quad h(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2) z^k$$

belongs to the class  $M^n(p, \alpha, \zeta)$ , where

$$(6.18) \quad \zeta = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{2(1 + \alpha p - \beta)^2}{(2p + 1)^n(\alpha p - 1)}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given already by (6.4).

**Proof.** Noting that

$$(6.19) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{[(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)]^2}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2} a_{k,j}^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)} a_{k,j} \right)^2 \leq 1 \quad (j=1,2),$$

for  $f_j(z) \in M^n(p, \alpha, \beta)$  ( $j=1,2$ ), we have

$$(6.20) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{[(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)]^2}{(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2} (a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2) \leq 1.$$

Therefore, we have to find the largest  $\zeta$  such that

$$(6.21) \quad \frac{1}{(1+\alpha p-\zeta)} \leq \frac{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)}{2(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2} \quad (k \geq p),$$

that is, that

$$(6.22) \quad \zeta \leq 1 + \alpha p - \frac{2(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2}{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)} \quad (k \geq p).$$

Now, defining a function  $\Psi(k)$  by

$$(6.23) \quad \Psi(k) = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{2(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2}{(p+k+1)^n(\alpha k-1)} \quad (k \geq p),$$

we observe that  $\Psi(k)$  is an increasing function of  $k$ . We conclude that

$$(6.24) \quad \zeta \leq \Psi(p) = 1 + \alpha p - \frac{2(1+\alpha p-\beta)^2}{(2p+1)^n(\alpha p-1)},$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 8.

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