On a New Criterion for Univalent Functions of Order Alpha

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RIASSUNTO – Si indica con $V_n(A,B,\alpha)$ la classe di funzioni $f(z)=z+\sum_{k=2}^{\infty}a_kz^k$, che siano regolari nel disco unitario $U=\{z\colon |z|<1\}$ e che verifichino la condizione

$$\left|\frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}-1}{[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]-B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}}\right| < 1 \text{ for } z \in U,$$

dove $-1 \le B < A \le 1$, $0 \le \alpha < 1$ e $D^{n+1}f(z) = \frac{z(z^nf(z))^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)!}$. In questo articolo, per mezzo di una relazione di inclusione, si dimostra che le funzioni da $V_n(A,B,\alpha)$ sono univalenti per $z \in U$. Quindi si ottengono operatori che preservano tale classe, stime accurate ed una proprietà di chiusura per tali classi.

ABSTRACT – Let $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ be the class of functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ regular in the unit disc $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and satisfying the condition

$$\left|\frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}-1}{[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]-B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}}\right|<1 \text{ for } z\in U,$$

where $-1 \le B < A \le 1$, $0 \le \alpha < 1$ and $D^{n+1}f(z) = \frac{z(z^n f(z))^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)!}$. In this paper we show, by an inclusion relation, that the functions from $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ are univalent for

 $z \in U$. Then we obtain a class preserving operators, sharp coefficient estimates and a closure property for those classes.

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1 - Introduction

Let S be the class of functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ regular in the unit disc $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$.

If $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ and $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ belongs to S, the convolution or Hadamard product of f(z) and g(z) is defined by the power series

 $(f\star g)(z)=z+\sum_{k=2}^{\infty}a_kb_kz^k,\quad z\in U.$

Let $n \in N_0 = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$. The nth order RUSCHEWEYH derivative [1] of f(z), denoted by $D^n f(z)$, is defined by

$$D^n f(z) = \frac{z \left(z^{n-1} f(z)\right)^{(n)}}{n!}.$$

RUSCHEWEYH [10] determined that

$$D^n f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \star f(z).$$

In [5] GOEL and SOHI have studied the class of those functions of S for which

Re
$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} > \rho$$
, $0 \le \rho < 1$, $z \in u$.

In the present paper we introduce a more general class, namely $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

A function f(z) of S belongs to the class $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ if and only if there exists a function w(z) regular in U and satisfying w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for $z \in U$ such that

(1.1)
$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad z \in U$$

where $-1 \le B < A \le 1$ and $0 \le \alpha < 1$. It is easy to see that the condition (1.1) is equivalent to

(1.2)
$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - 1}{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)] - B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}} \right| < 1, \quad z \in U.$$

We note that $V_n(A, B, 0) = V_n(A, B)$, is the class of functions $f(z) \in S$, studied by Kumar [8].

In our first theorem we obtain the basic inclusion relation $V_{n+1}(A, B, \alpha) \subset V_n(A, B, \alpha)$. Since $f(z) \in V_0(A, B, \alpha)$ implies $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \alpha$, $0 \le \alpha < 1$, it follows (cf. [11] p. 6) that the functions of $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ are univalent in U. Then we obtain class preserving integral operators and sharp coefficient estimates for these classes. We also obtain a sufficient condition in terms of coefficients for a function to be in $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, when $-1 \le B < 0$ and we show that the converse of the same need not be true.

Our results generalize many results of CHEN [3], GOEL and SOHI [4], [5], JUNEJA and MOGRA [7] and KUMAR [8].

2 - Preliminary lemmas

LEMMA 2.1. A function f(z) belongs to $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, $-1 \le B < A < 1$ and $0 \le \alpha < 1$, if and only if

$$\left|\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}-m\right| < M, \quad z \in U,$$

where

(2.2)
$$m = \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B}{1 - B^2}$$
 and $M = \frac{(A - B)(1 - \alpha)}{1 - B^2}$.

PROOF. First suppose that $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$. Then, by (2.1) and (2.2), we have

(2.3)
$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - m = \frac{(1-m) + ([B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)] - Bm)w(z)}{1+Bw(z)} = M\frac{B+w(z)}{1+Bw(z)} = Mh(z).$$

It is clear that the function h(z) satisfies |h(z)| < 1. Hence (2.1) follows from (2.3).

Conversely, suppose that the condition (2.1) holds.

Then we have

$$\left|\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{Mz}-\frac{m}{M}\right|<1.$$

Let

$$g(z) = \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{Mz} - \frac{m}{M},$$

then, by (2.3),

$$(2.4) w(z) = \frac{g(z) - g(0)}{1 - g(0)g(z)} = \frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - 1}{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)] - B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}}.$$

Clearly w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1. Rearanging (2.4) we arrive at (1.1). Hence $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

NOTE. (i) The condition (2.1) can also be written as

$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - \frac{1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{1 - B}}{1 - \frac{1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{1 - B}} - \frac{1}{1+B} \right| < \frac{1}{1+B}, \ z \in U.$$

Now as $B \longrightarrow -1$, the above condition reduces to

$$\operatorname{Re}\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}>\rho\,,\;\rho=\frac{1-A+\alpha(A+1)}{2}\,,\;z\in U\,,$$

which is precisely the necessary and sufficient condition for $f(z) \in V_n(A, -1, \alpha)$. Thus, including the limiting case $B \longrightarrow -1$, the results proved with the help of above lemma will hold for $-1 \le B < A \le 1$ and $0 \le \alpha < 1$.

The following lemma is due to JACK [6].

LEMMA 2.2. If the function w(z) is regular for

$$|z| \le r < 1$$
, $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z_0)| = \max_{|z| = r} |w(z)|$,

then

$$z_0w'(z_0)=kw(z_0),$$

where k is a real number such that $k \geq 1$.

3 - Main results

THEOREM 3.1. Let n_0 be any integer such that $n_0 > n$. Then

$$V_{n_0}(A,B,\alpha)\subset V_n(A,B,\alpha)$$
.

PROOF. In order to establish the required result it suffices to show that $V_{n+1}(A, B, \alpha) \subset V_n(A, B, \alpha)$. Let $f(z) \in V_{n+1}(A, B, \alpha)$. Choose a function w(z) such that

(3.1)
$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)},$$

where w(0) = 0 and w(z) is either regular or meromorphic in U. It is easy to verify that

$$(3.2) z(D^{n+1}f(z))' = (n+2)D^{n+2}f(z) - (n+1)D^{n+1}f(z).$$

Differentiating (3.1) and using (3.2) we get

(3.3)
$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{z} - m = \frac{(1-m) + ([B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)] - Bm)w(z)}{1+Bw(z)} = \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{n+2} \frac{zw'(z)}{[1+Bw(z)]^2}.$$

Let r^* be the distance from the origin to the pole of w(z) nearest the origin. Then w(z) is regular in the disc $|z| < r_0 = \min(r^*, 1)$. By Lemma 2.2, for $|z| \le r(r < r_0)$, there is a point z_0 such that

$$(3.4) z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0), \quad k \ge 1.$$

From (3.3) and (3.4) we have

(3.5)
$$\frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{z_0}-m=\frac{N(z_0)}{R(z_0)},$$

where

$$N(z_0) = (1-m)(n+2) + [(n+2)([B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)] - Bm) +$$

$$+ B(n+2)(1-m) + k(A-B)(1-\alpha)]w(z_0) +$$

$$+ B(n+2)([B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)] - Bm)w^2(z_0)$$

and

$$R(z_0) = (n+2)[1+2Bw(z_0)+B^2w^2(z_0)].$$

Now suppose it was possible to have $M(r,w) = \max_{|z|=r} |w(z)| = 1$ for some $r < r_0 \le 1$. At the point z_0 , where this occurs, we would have $|w(z_0)| = 1$. Then, by using the identities 1 - m = BM and $[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)] - Bm = M$ (cf. (2.2)), we have

$$(3.6) |N(z_0)|^2 - M^2 |R(z_0)|^2 = a + 2b \operatorname{Re} w(z_0),$$

where $a = k(A - B)(1 - \alpha)[k(A - B)(1 - \alpha) + 2M(n + 2)(1 + B^2)]$ and $b = 2k(A - B)(1 - \alpha)MB(n + 2)$.

From (3.6) we have

$$|N(z_0)|^2 - M^2 |R(z_0)|^2 > 0$$
, provided $a \pm 2b > 0$.

Now, in view of the fact $(A - B)(1 - \alpha) > 0$, it follows that

$$a + 2b = k(A - B)(1 - \alpha)[k(A - B)(1 - \alpha) + 2M(n + 2)(1 + B)^{2}] > 0,$$

$$a - 2b = k(A - B)(1 - \alpha)[k(A - B)(1 - \alpha) + 2M(n + 2)(1 - B)^{2}] > 0.$$

Thus, from (3.5) and (3.7) we get

$$\left|\frac{D^{n+1}f(z_0)}{z_0}-m\right|>M.$$

But this is contrary to (2.1). So we can not have M(r, w) = 1. Thus $|w(z)| \neq 1$ in $|z| < r_0$. Since w(0) = 0, |w(z)| is continuous and $|w(z)| \neq 1$ in the disc $|z| < r_0$, the function w(z) can not have a pole at $|z| = r_0$. Therefore w(z) is regular in U and satisfies |w(z)| < 1 for $z \in U$. Hence, from (3.2), $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

REMARK. When A=1 and $B \longrightarrow -1$, a result of GOEL and SOHI [5] follows Theorem 3.1.

In our next theorem we study the class preserving integral operators for the classes $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

THEOREM 3.2. Let γ be a real number such that $\gamma > -1$. If $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, then the function F(z) defined by

(3.8)
$$F(z) = \frac{\gamma + 1}{z^{\gamma}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\gamma - 1} f(t) dt$$

also belongs to $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

PROOF. From (3.8) it is easy to verify that

(3.9)
$$z(D^{n+1}f(z))' = (\gamma+1)D^{n+1}f(z) - \gamma D^{n+1}F(z).$$

Suppose that

(3.10)
$$\frac{D^{n+1}F(z)}{z} = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)},$$

where the function w(z) is either regular or meromorphic in U and satisfies w(0) = 0.

Differentiating (3.10) and using the identity (3.9) we get

(3.11)
$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - m = \frac{(1-m) + ([B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)] - Bm)}{1 + Bw(z)} + \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{\gamma + 1} \frac{zw'(z)}{[1+Bw(z)]^2}.$$

The required result can be obtained now from (3.11) by using the same technique as applied in (3.3) in the proof of Theorem 3.1.

REMARKS.

- (1) When $\alpha = 0$, a result of KUMAR [8] follows from Theorem 3.2.
- (2) For n = 0, $\alpha = 0$, A = 1 and $B \longrightarrow -1$, Theorem 3.2 improves a result of Bernardi [2], who proved it when γ is a positive integer.

In the following theorem we obtain sharp coefficient estimates for the classes $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

THEOREM 3.3. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$. If $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, then

(3.12)
$$|a_k| \leq \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{\delta(n,k)}, \quad K=2,3,\ldots,$$

where $\delta(n,k) = \binom{n+k}{n+1}$. The result is sharp.

PROOF. Since $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, we have

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)},$$

where $w(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j z^j$ is regular in U, satisfies w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for $z \in U$. Hence

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - 1 = \left[[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)] - B \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} \right] w(z)$$

or (3.13)

$$\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \delta(n,j) a_j z^{j-1} = \left[(A-B)(1-\alpha) - B \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \delta(n,j) a_j z^{j-1} \right] \times \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_j z^j \right].$$

Equating corresponding coefficients on both sides of (3.13), we find that the coefficient a_k on the left-hand side of (3.13) depends only on $a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_{k-1}$ on the right-hand side of (3.13). Hence, for $k \geq 2$, it follows from (3.13) that

$$\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \delta(n,j)a_j z^{j-1} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} c_j z^{j-1} =$$

$$= \left[(A-B)(1-\alpha) - B \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \delta(n,j)a_j z^{j-1} \right] w(z),$$

where c_j are some complex numbers. Since |w(z)| < 1, by using PARSE-VAL's identity [9], we get

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k} (\delta(n,j))^{2} |a_{j}|^{2} r^{2(j-1)} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} |c_{j}|^{2} r^{2(j-1)} \le$$

$$\le (A-B)^{2} (1-\alpha)^{2} + B^{2} \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (\delta(n,j))^{2} |a_{j}|^{2} r^{2(j-1)} \le$$

$$\le (A-B)^{2} (1-\alpha)^{2} + B^{2} \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (\delta(n,j))^{2} |a_{j}|^{2}.$$

Letting $r \longrightarrow 1$ on the left-hand side of the above inequality we obtain

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k} (\delta(n,j))^{2} |a_{j}|^{2} \leq (A-B)^{2} (1-\alpha)^{2} + B^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (\delta(n,j))^{2} |a_{j}|^{2}.$$

Thus

$$(\delta(n,k))^{2}|a_{k}|^{2} \leq (A-B)^{2}(1-\alpha)^{2} - (1-B^{2})\sum_{j=2}^{k-1}(\delta(n,j))^{2}|a_{j}|^{2} \leq$$
$$\leq (A-B)^{2}(1-\alpha)^{2}.$$

Hence $|a_k| \leq \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{\delta(n,k)}$.

In order to establish the sharpness we consider the function

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}=\frac{1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]z^{k-1}}{1+Bz^{k-1}}, k=2,3,\ldots.$$

Clearly, $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$. It is easty to compute that the function f(z) has the expansion

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{\delta(n,k)}z^k + \dots$$

showing that the estimate (3.12) is sharp.

REMARK. Assigning specific values to A, B, α and n, some results of CHEN [3], GOEL and SOHI [4], JUNEJA and MOGRA [7] and KUMAR [8] follow from Theorem 3.3.

Now we obtain a sufficient condition, in terms of coefficients, for a function to be in $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ when $-1 \le B < 0$.

THEOREM 3.4. Let $f(z)=z+\sum\limits_{k=2}^{\infty}a_kz^k$ be regular in U. If, for $-1\leq B<0$,

(3.14)
$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1-B)\delta(n,k)|a_k| \leq (A-B)(1-\alpha),$$

where $\delta(n,k) = \binom{n+k}{n+1}$, then $f(z) \in V_n(A,B,\alpha)$. The result is sharp. Although the converse need not be true.

PROOF. Suppose that (3.14) holds. Then, for $z \in U$, we have

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{z} - 1 \right| - \left| [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)] - B \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{z} \right| =$$

$$= \left| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) a_k z^{k-1} \right| - \left| (A - B)(1 - \alpha) + B \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) a_k z^{k-1} \right| \le$$

$$\le \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) |a_k| r^{k-1} - [(A - B)(1 - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) |a_k| r^{k-1}] <$$

$$< \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) |a_k| - (A - B)(1 - \alpha) - B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) |a_k| =$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \delta(n, k) (1 - B) |a_k| - (A - B)(1 - \alpha) \le 0.$$

Hence it follows that

$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - 1}{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)] - B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}} \right| < 1, \quad z \in U.$$

Therefore $f(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$. We note that

$$f(z) = z - \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)}{\delta(n,k)(1-B)}z^k, \quad k = 2,3,\ldots,$$

is an extremal function with respect to the above theorem, since for this function

$$\left| \frac{\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - 1}{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)] - B\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z}} \right| = 1, \text{ for } |z| = 1,$$

and the equality is attained in (3.14).

In order to show that the converse need not be true, we consider the function $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ defined by

$$\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]z}{1 + Bz}, \ -1 \le B < 0, \ z \in U.$$

Then, it is easty to verify that $a_k = \frac{(A-B)(1-\alpha)(-B)^{k-2}}{\delta(n,k)}$. But

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1-B)\delta(n,k)|a_k| = (A-B)(1-\alpha)\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (1-B)(-B)^{k-2} > (A-B)(1-\alpha).$$

Hence the converse need not be true.

Lastly we establish a closure property for $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

THEOREM 3.5. If the functions f(z) and g(z) belong to $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$ and $0 \le \lambda \le 1$, then the function F(z) given by

$$F(z) = \lambda f(z) + (1 - \lambda)g(z)$$

also belongs to $V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

PROOF. Since $f(z), g(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - m \right| < M \text{ and } \left| \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{z} - m \right| < M, z \in U, (cf.(2.2)).$$

Therefore

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+1}F(z)}{z} - m \right| = \left| \frac{\lambda D^{n+1}f(z) + (1-\lambda)D^{n+1}g(z)}{z} - m \right| =$$

$$= \left| \lambda \left[\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - m \right] + (1-\lambda) \left[\frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{z} - m \right] \right| \le$$

$$\le \lambda \left| \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{z} - m \right| + (1-\lambda) \left| \frac{D^{n+1}g(z)}{z} - m \right| <$$

$$< \lambda M + (1-\lambda)M = M.$$

Hence $F(z) \in V_n(A, B, \alpha)$.

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