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# A Criterion for Subfamilies of Multivalent Functions of Reciprocal Order with Respect to Symmetric Points

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**Abstract:** In the present research paper, our aim is to introduce a new subfamily of  $p$ -valent (multivalent) functions of reciprocal order. We investigate sufficiency criterion for such defined family.

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## 1. Introduction

Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{A}_p$  represents the class of  $p$ -valent functions  $f(z)$  that are holomorphic (analytic) in the region  $\mathbb{E} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and has the following Taylor series representation:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}. \quad (1)$$

Two points  $p$  and  $p'$  are said to be symmetrical with respect to  $o$  if  $o$  is the midpoint of the line segment  $pp'$ .

If  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $\mathcal{E}$ , we say that  $f(z)$  is subordinate to  $g(z)$ , written as  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there exists a Schwarz function,  $w(z)$ , which is analytic in  $\mathcal{E}$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . Furthermore, if the function  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathcal{E}$ , then we have the following equivalence, see [1].

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{E}) \iff f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathcal{E}) \subset g(\mathcal{E}).$$

Let  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha$  denotes the class of starlike functions of reciprocal order  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ) and is given below

$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha := \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \alpha, \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}) \right\}. \quad (2)$$

This class was introduced by Uralegaddi et al. [2] and further studied by the Owa et al. [3]. After that Nunokawa and his coauthors [4] proved that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha, 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ , if and only if the following inequality holds

$$\left| \frac{2\alpha z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < 1, \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}).$$

Later on, Owa and Srivastava [5] in 2002 generalized this idea for the classes of multivalent convex and starlike functions of reciprocal order  $\alpha (\alpha > p)$ , and further studied by Polatoglu et al. [6]. For more details of the related concepts, see the article of Dixit et al. [7], Uyanik et al. [8], and Arif et al. [9].

For  $-1 \leq t < s \leq 1$  with  $s \neq 0 \neq t, 0 < \alpha < 1$ , and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , we introduce a subclass of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  consisting of all analytic  $p$ -valent functions of reciprocal order  $\alpha$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$  and is defined as

$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t) = \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right) < \frac{p}{\alpha}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}) \right\}, \tag{3}$$

or equivalently

$$\left| \frac{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} - \frac{p}{2\alpha} \right| \leq \frac{p}{2\alpha}. \tag{4}$$

Many authors studied sufficiency conditions for various subclasses of analytic and multivalent functions, for details see [4,10–17].

We will need the following lemmas for our work.

**Lemma 1** (Jack’s lemma [18]). *Let  $\Psi$  be a non-constant holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{E}$  and if the value of  $|\Psi|$  is maximum on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at  $z_0$ , then  $z_0 \Psi'(z_0) = k \Psi(z_0)$ , where  $k \geq 1$  is a real number.*

**Lemma 2** (See [1]). *Let  $\mathfrak{H} \subset \mathbb{C}$  and let  $\Phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{E}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a mapping satisfying  $\Phi(a, b, z) \notin \mathfrak{H}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $b \leq -\frac{1+a^2}{2}$ . If  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$  is regular in  $\mathbb{E}^*$  and  $\Phi(p(z), zp'(z), z) \in \mathfrak{H} \forall z \in \mathbb{E}^*$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$ .*

**Lemma 3** (See [15]). *Let  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $\eta$  be analytic and starlike (with respect to the origin) univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$  with  $\eta(0) = 0$ . If  $zp'(z) \prec \eta(z)$ , then*

$$p(z) \prec 1 + \int_0^z \frac{\eta(t)}{t} dt.$$

*This result is the best possible.*

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  and satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \alpha(p+n) + p \frac{(s^{p+n} - t^{p+n})}{(s^p - t^p)} \right) |a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{p}{2} (1 - |2\alpha - 1|). \tag{5}$$

*Then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ .*

**Proof.** Let us assume that the inequality (5) holds. It suffices to show that

$$\left| \frac{2\alpha (s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} - p \right| \leq p. \tag{6}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{2\alpha (s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} - p \right| \\ = & \left| \frac{p (2\alpha - 1) (s^p - t^p) z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2\alpha (p + n) (s^p - t^p) - p (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p})) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}}{(s^p - t^p) z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p}) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}} \right| \\ \leq & \frac{p |2\alpha - 1| (s^p - t^p) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2\alpha (p + n) (s^p - t^p) + p (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p})) |a_{n+p}|}{(s^p - t^p) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p}) |a_{n+p}|} \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is bounded above by  $p$  if

$$\begin{aligned} & p |2\alpha - 1| (s^p - t^p) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2\alpha (p + n) (s^p - t^p) + p (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p})) |a_{n+p}| \\ < & p \left\{ (s^p - t^p) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s^{n+p} - t^{n+p}) |a_{n+p}| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \alpha (p + n) + p \frac{(s^{p+n} - t^{p+n})}{(s^p - t^p)} \right) |a_{n+p}| \leq \frac{p}{2} (1 - |2\alpha - 1|).$$

This shows that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}S_p(s, t, \alpha)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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

$$\left| 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z (f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right| < 1 - \alpha, \quad \left( \frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1 \right), \tag{7}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ .

**Proof.** Let us set

$$q(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{\alpha (s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{p (f(sz) - f(tz))}}{1 - \alpha} - 1. \tag{8}$$

Then clearly  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  with  $q(0) = 0$ . Differentiating logarithmically, we have

$$1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z (f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} = - \frac{(1 - \alpha) z q'(z)}{(\alpha - (1 - \alpha) q(z))}.$$

So

$$\left| 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z (f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right| = \left| - \frac{(1 - \alpha) z q'(z)}{(\alpha - (1 - \alpha) q(z))} \right|.$$

From (7), we have

$$\left| \frac{(1 - \alpha) z q'(z)}{(\alpha - (1 - \alpha) q(z))} \right| < 1 - \alpha.$$

Next, we claim that  $|q(z)| < 1$ . Indeed, if not, then for some  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$ , we have

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |q(z)| = |q(z_0)| = 1.$$

Applying Jack’s lemma to  $q(z)$  at the point  $z_0$ , we have

$$q(z_0) = e^{i\theta}, \frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = k, k \geq 1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} - \frac{z(f(sz_0) - f(tz_0))'}{f(sz_0) - f(tz_0)} \right| &= \left| \frac{(1 - \alpha) z_0 q'(z_0)}{(\alpha - (1 - \alpha) q(z_0))} \right| \\ &= |1 - \alpha| \left| \frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} \left( \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha) - \alpha e^{-i\theta}} \right) \right| \\ &= |1 - \alpha| \left| \frac{k}{\alpha e^{-i\theta} - (1 - \alpha)} \right| \\ &\geq |1 - \alpha| \left| \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha) - \alpha e^{-i\theta}} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left| 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} - \frac{z(f(sz_0) - f(tz_0))'}{f(sz_0) - f(tz_0)} \right|^2 \geq \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{(1 - \alpha)^2 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha(1 - \alpha)\cos\theta}.$$

Now the right hand side has minimum value at  $\cos\theta = -1$ , therefore we have

$$\left| 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} - \frac{z(f(sz_0) - f(tz_0))'}{f(sz_0) - f(tz_0)} \right|^2 \geq (1 - \alpha)^2.$$

But this contradicts (7). Hence we conclude that  $|q(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ , which shows that

$$\left| \frac{1 - \frac{\alpha(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))}}{1 - \alpha} - 1 \right| < 1.$$

This implies that

$$\left| \frac{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1. \tag{9}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))} - 1 \right| + \left| 1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| \\ &< \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( -1 - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right) > \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{2(\alpha-1)}, & 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1, \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

**Proof.** Let

$$q(z) = \frac{\frac{p(f(sz)-f(tz))}{(s^p-t^p)zf'(z)} - \alpha}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Then clearly  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Applying logarithmic differentiation, we have

$$-1 - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} = \frac{(1 - \alpha)zq'(z)}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)q(z)} = \Psi(q(z), zq'(z), z),$$

where

$$\Psi(u, v; t) = \frac{(1 - \alpha)v}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)u}.$$

Now for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the inequality  $y \leq -\frac{1+x^2}{2}$ , we have

$$\Psi(ix, y, z) = \frac{(1 - \alpha)y}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)ix}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(\Psi(ix, y, z)) &\leq -\frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)(1 + x^2)}{2(\alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha)^2x^2)}, \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{2(\alpha - 1)}, & 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \zeta : \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) > \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{2(\alpha - 1)}, & 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1. \end{cases} \right\}$$

Then  $\Psi(ix, y; z) \notin \Lambda$  for all real  $x, y$  such that  $y \leq -\frac{1+x^2}{2}$ . Moreover, in view of (10), we know that  $\Psi(q(z), zq'(z), z) \in \Lambda$ . So applying Lemma 2, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(q(z)) > 0,$$

which shows that the desired assertion of Theorem 3 holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{f(sz) - f(tz)}{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)} \left( 1 - \beta \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \beta \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right) > \frac{2\alpha + \beta(3\alpha - 1)}{2p}, \tag{11}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** Let

$$h(z) = \frac{\frac{p(f(sz)-f(tz))}{(s^p-t^p)zf'(z)} - \alpha}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Where  $h(z)$  is clearly analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  such that  $h(0) = 1$ . We can write

$$\frac{p(f(sz) - f(tz))}{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)} = \alpha + (1 - \alpha)h(z). \tag{12}$$

After some simple computation, we have

$$-\beta \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \beta \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} = \beta \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)(h(z) + zh'(z))}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)h(z)}$$

It follows from (12) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p(f(sz) - f(tz))}{(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)} \left( 1 - \beta \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \beta \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right) \\ &= \beta(1 - \alpha)zh'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(1 + \beta)h(z) + \alpha(1 + \beta) \\ &= \Psi(h(z), zh'(z), z) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Psi(u, v, t) = \beta(1 - \alpha)v + (1 - \alpha)(1 + \beta)u + \alpha(1 + \beta).$$

Now for some real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying  $y \leq -\frac{1+x^2}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(\Psi(ix, y, z)) &\leq -\beta(1 - \alpha)\frac{1+x^2}{2} + \alpha(1 + \beta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2\alpha + \beta(3\alpha - 1)). \end{aligned}$$

If we set

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \zeta : \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) > \frac{1}{2}(2\alpha + \beta(3\alpha - 1)) \right\},$$

then  $\Psi(ix, y, z) \notin \Lambda$ . Furthermore, by virtue of (11), we know that  $\Psi(h(z), zh'(z), z) \in \Lambda$ . Thus by using Lemma 2, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(h(z)) > 0,$$

which implies that the assertion of Theorem 4 holds true.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies the condition

$$\left| \left( p - \frac{2\alpha(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right)' \right| \leq p\beta|z|^\gamma, \tag{13}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq \gamma + 1$  and  $\gamma \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** Let we define

$$F(z) = z \left( p - \frac{2\alpha(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right). \tag{14}$$

Then  $F(z)$  is regular in  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $F(0) = 0$ . The condition (14) gives

$$\left| \left( p - \frac{2\alpha(s^p - t^p)zf'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right)' \right| = \left| \left( \frac{F(z)}{z} \right)' \right|$$

It follows from (13) that

$$\left| \left( \frac{F(z)}{z} \right)' \right| \leq p\beta|z|^\gamma.$$

This implies that

$$\left| \left( \frac{F(z)}{z} \right) \right| = \left| \int_0^z \left( \frac{F(t)}{t} \right)' dt \right| \leq \int_0^z \left| \left( \frac{F(t)}{t} \right)' \right| dt \leq \frac{p\beta |z|^{\gamma+1}}{\gamma+1},$$

and therefore

$$\left| \left( \frac{F(z)}{z} \right) \right| < p,$$

which further gives

$$\left| \frac{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha}.$$

Hence  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \left( 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right) \right| < p \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \right), \tag{15}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_{\frac{p}{p+1}}^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ , where  $\frac{p}{p+1} < \alpha < 1$ .

**Proof.** Let

$$q(z) = \frac{p(f(sz) - f(tz))}{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}. \tag{16}$$

Then  $q(z)$  is clearly analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  such that  $q(0) = 1$ . After logarithmic differentiation and some simple computation, we have

$$z \left( \frac{1}{q(z)} \right)' q(z) = 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)}. \tag{17}$$

From (16) and (17), we find that

$$z \left( \frac{1}{q(z)} \right)' = \frac{(s^p - t^p) z f'(z)}{p(f(sz) - f(tz))} \left( 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z(f(sz) - f(tz))'}{f(sz) - f(tz)} \right).$$

Now by condition (15), we have

$$z \left( \frac{1}{q(z)} \right)' \prec p \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \right) z = \Theta(z),$$

where  $\Theta(0) = 0$ . Applying Lemma 3, we have

$$\frac{1}{q(z)} \prec 1 + \int_0^z \frac{\Theta(t)}{t} dt = \frac{\alpha + p(1 - \alpha)z}{\alpha},$$

which implies that

$$q(z) \prec \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + p(1 - \alpha)z} = H(z). \tag{18}$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha - p(1-\alpha)z}{\alpha + p(1-\alpha)z} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\alpha - p(1-\alpha)}{\alpha + p(1-\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $\frac{p}{1+p} < \alpha < 1$ , therefore we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right) > 0.$$

This shows that  $H$  is convex univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $H(\mathbb{E})$  is symmetric about the real axis, therefore

$$\operatorname{Re}(H(z)) \geq H(1) \geq 0. \quad (19)$$

Combining (16), (18), and (19), we deduce that

$$\operatorname{Re}(q(z)) > \alpha,$$

which implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}_\alpha^p \mathcal{S}(s, t)$ .  $\square$

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