

## On a Class of Univalent Functions\*

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### Abstract

A sharp coefficient estimate, distortion theorem and the radius of convexity are determined for the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  of function  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  satisfying the condition

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{Bf'(z) - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]} \right| < \beta$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta (0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1)$  and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1, 0 < B \leq 1$  and for all  $z$  in  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A sufficient condition for a function to belong to  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  has also been determined.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be analytic in a convex domain  $D$ . If  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > 0 \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $z$  in  $D$ , then it is well known (see [6], [9] etc.) that  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $D$ .

Let  $T$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (1.2)$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . MacGregor [4] investigated the properties of functions  $f(z) \in T$ , satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > 0$  for  $z \in U$ . In [1] Caplinger and Causey, and in [7] Padmanabhan extended the results of MacGregor [4] by introducing the class  $R(\beta)$  of functions  $f(z) \in T$  and satisfying for all  $z$  in  $U$  the condition

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{f'(z) + 1} \right| < \beta \quad (1.3)$$

for some  $\beta, 0 < \beta \leq 1$ .

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Also in [3] Juneja and Mogra studied the class  $R(\alpha, \beta)$  of functions  $f(z) \in T$  satisfying for all  $z$  in  $U$  the condition

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{f'(z) + 1 - 2\alpha} \right| < \beta \quad (1.4)$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta (0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1)$ .

In this paper, we consider the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  of functions  $f(z) \in T$ , satisfying for all  $z$  in  $U$  the condition

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{Bf'(z) - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]} \right| < \beta \quad (1.5)$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta (0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1)$  and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1, 0 < B \leq 1$ .

We note that  $R(\alpha, \beta, -1, 1) = R(\alpha, \beta)$ , and the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  is a subclass of the class of functions whose derivatives have a positive real part in  $U$  and hence a function in  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  is univalent in  $U$ . It is easily seen that for  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , the values  $f'(z)$  lie inside the circle in the right half plane with center  $\frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2}{1 - B^2\beta^2}$  and radius  $\frac{(B - A)\beta(1 - \alpha)}{1 - B^2\beta^2}$ . Further it follows from Schwarz's Lemma [5] that if  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  then

$$f'(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta z\varphi(z)}{1 + B\beta z\varphi(z)},$$

where  $\varphi(z)$  is analytic and  $|\varphi(z)| \leq 1$  in  $U$ .

We obtain a sharp coefficient estimate, distortion theorem, radius of convexity, etc. for  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ . Our results yield for  $A = -1$  and  $B = 1$  the corresponding results obtained by Juneja and Mogra [3], yield for  $A = -1, B = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0$  the corresponding results obtained by Caplinger and Causey [1] and Padmanabhan [7]. For  $A = -1, B = 1$  and  $\beta = 1$ , these give the results for the class of functions satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > \alpha$  for all  $z \in U$  which generalize the corresponding results of MacGregor [4]. We also obtain a sufficient condition for a function to be in  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ .

## 2. A coefficient formula

**Theorem 1** If  $f(z) \in T$  is in  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  for some  $\alpha, \beta (0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1)$  and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1, 0 < B \leq 1$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta}{n}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

The bound is sharp.

**Proof** Since  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , we have

$$f'(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $w(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k z^k = z\varphi(z)$  is analytic and satisfies the condition  $|w(z)| < \beta$  for

$z \in U$ . Then (2.1) gives

$$(Bf'(z) - [(B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha))w(z)] = 1 - f'(z)$$

or

$$[(B - A)(1 - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k a_k z^{k-1}] [\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k z^k] = - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k a_k z^{k-1}. \quad (2.2)$$

Equating corresponding coefficients on both sides of (2.2) we observe that the coefficient  $a_n$  on the right of (2.2) depends only on  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}$  on the left of (2.2). Hence for  $n \geq 2$ , it follows from (2.2) that

$$[(B - A)(1 - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k a_k z^{k-1}] w(z) = - \sum_{k=2}^n k a_k z^{k-1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} b_k z^{k-1}.$$

Since  $|w(z)| < \beta$ , we get

$$\beta |[(B - A)(1 - \alpha) + B \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k a_k z^{k-1}]| \geq |\sum_{k=2}^n k a_k z^{k-1} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} b_k z^{k-1}|. \quad (2.3)$$

Squaring both sides of (2.3) and integrating round  $|z|=r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , we obtain

$$\beta^2 [(B - A)^2 (1 - \alpha)^2 + B^2 \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k^2 |a_k|^2 r^{2k-2}] \geq \sum_{k=2}^n k^2 |a_k|^2 r^{2k-2} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |b_k|^2 r^{2k-2}.$$

If we take the limit as  $r$  approaches 1, then

$$\beta^2 [(B - A)^2 (1 - \alpha)^2 + B^2 \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k^2 |a_k|^2] \geq \sum_{k=2}^n k^2 |a_k|^2$$

or

$$(1 - B^2 \beta^2) \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k^2 |a_k|^2 + n^2 |a_n|^2 \leq (B - A)^2 \beta^2 (1 - \alpha)^2.$$

Since  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $0 < B \leq 1$ ,

$$n^2 |a_n|^2 \leq (B - A)^2 \beta^2 (1 - \alpha)^2,$$

it follows that

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta}{n}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

The bounds are sharp for the functions

$$f(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1 - [(B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha))\beta] z^{n-1}}{1 - B\beta z^{n-1}} dz$$

for  $n \geq 2$  and  $z \in U$ .

### 3. A sufficient condition for a function to be in $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$

**Theorem 2** Let  $f(z) \in T$ . If for some  $\alpha, \beta$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ) and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 + B\beta) n |a_n| \leq (B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta, \quad (3.1)$$

then  $f(z)$  belongs to  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ .

**Proof** We employ the same technique as used by Clunie and Keogh [2].

Thus suppose that (3.1) holds and that  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ , then for  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f'(z) - 1| - \beta |Bf'(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]| \\
&= \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1} \right| - \beta \left| (B-A)(1-\alpha) + B \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1} \right| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| r^{n-1} - \beta \{(B-A)(1-\alpha) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - B \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| r^{n-1}\} < \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| - (B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta + B\beta \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1+B\beta)n |a_n| - (B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that for  $z \in U$ :

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{Bf'(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]} \right| < \beta,$$

therefore  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ .

We note that

$$f(z) = z - \frac{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta}{(1+B\beta)n} z^n$$

is an extremal function from the above theorem since

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{Bf'(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]} \right| = \beta$$

for  $z = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$ , and  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ . We also observe that the converse to the theorem is false in that

$$f(z) = \frac{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{B} z - \frac{(B-A)(1-\alpha)}{B^2 \beta} \log(1 - B\beta z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$$

but

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+B\beta)}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta} |a_n| &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1+B\beta)n}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta} - \frac{(B-A)(1-\alpha)}{n} B^{n-2} \beta^{n-1} \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1+B\beta) (B\beta)^{n-2} > 1
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\alpha, \beta, A, B$  satisfying  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$ .

#### 4. Distortion Theorem

**Theorem 3** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.2) be in the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ . Then

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{B} |z| - \frac{(B-A)(1-\alpha)}{B^2 \beta} \log(1 - B\beta|z|), \quad (4.1)$$

$$|f(z)| \geq \frac{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{B} |z| + \frac{(B-A)(1-\alpha)}{B^2 \beta} \log(1 + B\beta|z|). \quad (4.2)$$

All the estimates are sharp.

**Proof** Since  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , we observe that the condition (1.5) coupled with an application of Schwarz's Lemma [5], implies

$$|f'(z) - \xi| < R,$$

where

$$\xi = \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2},$$

and

$$R = \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta r}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}, \quad (|z| = r).$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r}{1 + B\beta r} \leq \operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) \leq \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r}{1 - B\beta r} \quad (4.3)$$

Let

$$g(z) = \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta z}{1 - B\beta z}.$$

Since  $g(0) = 1 = f'(0)$  and  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , it follows that  $f'$  is subordinate to  $g$ . Hence

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r}{1 - B\beta r}. \quad (4.4)$$

In view of

$$|f(z)| = \left| \int_0^z f(s) ds \right| \leq \int_0^{|z|} |f'(te^{i\theta})| dt,$$

and with the aid of (4.4) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq \int_0^{|z|} \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta t}{1 - B\beta t} dt \\ &= \frac{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{B} |z| - \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)}{B^2\beta} \log(1 - B\beta|z|). \end{aligned}$$

Further, by using (4.3) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq \int_0^{|z|} \operatorname{Re}[f'(te^{i\theta})] dt \geq \int_0^{|z|} \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta t}{1 + B\beta t} dt \\ &= \frac{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{B} |z| + \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)}{B^2\beta} \log(1 + B\beta|z|). \end{aligned}$$

For the function  $f(z) = \frac{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{B} z - \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)}{B^2\beta} \log(1 - B\beta z)$

which satisfies the condition  $\left| \frac{f'(z) - 1}{Bf'(z) - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]} \right| < \beta$  for  $z \in U$ , the equality is attained in (4.1).

For the function  $f(z) = \frac{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{B} z + \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)}{B^2\beta} \log(1 + B\beta z)$

which also belongs to  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , the equality is attained in (4.2).

## 5. The radius of convexity for functions in the class $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$

Let  $B$  denote the class of analytic functions  $w(z)$  in  $|z| < 1$  which satisfy the conditions (i)  $w(0) = 0$  and (ii)  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$ . For obtaining the radius of convexity for functions in the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , we require the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1** [8] If  $w(z) \in B$ , then for  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$|zw'(z) - w(z)| \leq \frac{|z|^2 - |w(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}. \quad (5.1)$$

**Lemma 2** For  $w(z) \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{-1}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ B\beta p(z) + \frac{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta}{p(z)} - [2B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{r^2 |B\beta p(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2(1-r^2)|p(z)|}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

where  $p(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z)}{1 + B\beta w(z)}$ ,  $r = |z|$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$ .

**Proof** Since  $p(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z)}{1 + B\beta w(z)}$ , we have

$$w(z) = \frac{1 - p(z)}{(B\beta p(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)}. \quad (5.3)$$

After simple calculations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \\ & = \frac{(B\beta p(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)^2}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2 p(z)}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{w(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \\ & = \frac{-1}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2} \left\{ B\beta p(z) + \frac{[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta}{p(z)} - [2B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Therefore using Lemma 1, equations (5.4) and (5.5) give

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{w(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{r^2 |B\beta p(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2(1-r^2)|p(z)|} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \right\} \\ & \leq \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{w(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta w(z))} \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{r^2 |B\beta p(z) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(B-A)^2(1-\alpha)^2\beta^2(1-r^2)|p(z)|}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

Hence the lemma follows immediately from (5.5) and (5.6).

**Remark** The transformation  $p(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta w(z)}{1 + B\beta w(z)}$  maps the circle  $|w(z)| \leq r$  onto the circle

$$\left| p(z) - \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta r}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}.$$

**Theorem 4** Let  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$ . Then  $f$  is convex in  $|z| < r_0$ , where  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(1 + B\beta)(1 - B\beta r^2)(1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta)(1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r^2)} \\ & - (1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2) - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta(1 - r^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

if  $R_0 \geq R_1$  and  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of

$$1 + 2[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2 = 0 \quad (5.8)$$

if  $R_0 \leq R_1$ , where

$$R_0 = \left\{ \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta(1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r^2)}{(1 + B\beta)(1 - B\beta r^2)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5.9)$$

and

$$R_1 = \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta r}{1 + B\beta r}, \quad |z| = r < 1. \quad (5.10)$$

All the above estimates are sharp.

**Proof** Since  $f(z) \in R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$ , we have

$$f'(z) = \frac{1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta w(z)}{1 + B\beta w(z)} \quad (5.11)$$

where  $w(z) \in B$ . Differentiating (5.11) logarithmically we have

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = 1 - \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta zw'(z)}{(1 + B\beta w(z))(1 + [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta w(z))}.$$

An application of Lemma 2 to the above equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} & \geq \frac{1}{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \left\{ B\beta p(z) + \frac{[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta}{p(z)} \right\} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{r^2 |B\beta p(z) - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta|^2 - |1 - p(z)|^2}{(1 - r^2)|p(z)|} \right] - \frac{2[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

By setting  $p(z) = a + m + in$ ,  $R^2 = (a + m)^2 + n^2$ , where

$$a = \frac{1 - [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}$$

and denoting the expression on the right hand side of (5.12) by  $E(m, n)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(m, n) &= \frac{-2[B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]}{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)} + \frac{1}{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta} [B\beta(a + m) \\ &+ [B + (A - B)(1 - \alpha)]\beta(a + m)R^{-2} - \frac{(1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2)}{(1 - r^2)}(d^2 - m^2 - n^2)R^{-1}], \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

$$\text{where } d = \frac{(B - A)(1 - \alpha)\beta r}{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}$$

Differentiating (5.13) partially with respect to  $n$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial E(m, n)}{\partial n} = \frac{1}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta} n R^{-4} F(m, n) \quad (5.14)$$

where

$$F(m, n) = -2\beta[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)](a+m) + \frac{(d^2 - m^2 - n^2)(1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2)}{(1-r^2)} R + 2 \frac{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}{1-r^2} R^3.$$

It is easy to see that  $F(m, n) > 0$  and so (5.14) gives that the minimum of  $E(m, n)$  inside the circle  $m^2 + n^2 \leq d^2$  is attained on the diameter  $n=0$ . Hence putting  $n=0$  in (5.13), we get

$$M(R) = E(m, 0) = \frac{1}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta} \left[ \left( B\beta + \frac{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}{1-r^2} \right) R + \frac{(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)(1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r^2)}{(1-r^2)} R^{-1} - 2\alpha \frac{1 - B^2\beta^2 r^2}{1-r^2} \right] - \frac{2[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)}$$

where  $R = a + m$  and  $a - d \leq R \leq a + d$ . Thus the absolute minimum of  $M(R)$  in  $(0, \infty)$  is attained at

$$R_0 = \left\{ \frac{(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)(1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r^2)}{(1 + B\beta)(1 - B\beta r^2)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5.15)$$

and equals

$$M(R_0) = \frac{2}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta(1-r^2)} \times \left\{ \sqrt{(1 + B\beta)(1 - B\beta r^2)(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)(1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r^2)} - (1 - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2) - [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta(1-r^2) \right\}. \quad (5.16)$$

It is easy to see that  $R_0 < a + d$ , but  $R_0$  is not always greater than  $a - d$ . In such a case when  $R_0 \notin [a - d, a + d]$ , the minimum of  $M(R)$  on the segment  $[a - d, a + d]$  is attained at  $R_1 = a - d$  and equals

$$M(R_1) = M(a-d) = \frac{1 + 2[B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2}{(1 + B\beta r)(1 + [B + (A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r)}. \quad (5.17)$$

It follows from what has been said that the bound  $r_0$  of convexity for the class  $R(\alpha, \beta, A, B)$  is determined from the equation  $M(R_0) = 0$  or from the equation  $M(R_1) = 0$ . Also,  $M(R_0) = M(R_1)$  for such values of  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ),  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ) and  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$ ,  $0 < B \leq 1$  for which  $R_0 = R_1$ .

From (5.12), (5.16) and (5.17), we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\}$$

$$\geq \begin{cases} \frac{2}{(B-A)(1-\alpha)\beta(1-r^2)} \\ \times \left\{ \sqrt{(1+B\beta)(1-B\beta r^2)(1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta)(1-[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r^2)} \right. \\ \left. - (1-[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2) - [B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta(1-r^2) \right\} \\ \text{if } R_0 \geq R_1, \\ \frac{1+2[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r + [B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]B\beta^2 r^2}{(1+B\beta r)(1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r)} \\ \text{if } R_0 \leq R_1. \end{cases} \quad (5.18)$$

Now the theorem follows easily from (5.18). The functions given by

$$f'(z) = \frac{1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta z}{1+B\beta z} \quad (5.19)$$

and

$$f'(z) = \frac{1 - \{1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta\}bz + [B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta z^2}{1 - (1+B\beta)bz + B\beta z^2}, \quad (5.20)$$

where  $b$  is determined by the relation

$$\frac{1 - \{1+[B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta\}br + [B+(A-B)(1-\alpha)]\beta r^2}{1 - (1+B\beta)br + B\beta r^2} = R_0, \quad (5.21)$$

show that the results obtained in the Theorem are sharp.

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