

## ON SOME DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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*Abstract.* Let  $f(z) = D(F(z))$  where  $D$  is a differential operator defined separately in every result. Let  $F$  be analytic and  $F(0) = 0, F'(0) = 1$ . We shall find out the disc in which operator  $D$  transforms some classes of analytic functions into the same.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}(n)$  denote the class of functions  $f$  of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad (n \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

analytic in the unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $P(n, \beta)$  be the class of functions  $h(z)$  of the form

$$h(z) = 1 + c_n z^n + c_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, \quad (1.2)$$

which are analytic in  $E$  and satisfy  $\operatorname{Re} \{h(z)\} > \beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $z \in E$ . We note that  $P(1, 0) \equiv P$  is the class of functions with positive real part,  $P(1, \beta) \equiv P(\beta)$ , and  $P(n, 0) \equiv P(n)$ .

Let  $P_k(n, \beta)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , be the class of functions  $p$ , analytic in  $E$ , such that

$$p(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) p_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) p_2(z)$$

if and only if  $p_1, p_2 \in P(n, \beta)$  for  $z \in E$ . It is easy to see that  $P_2(1, \beta) \equiv P(\beta)$  and  $P(1, 0) \equiv P$ . The class  $P_k(1, 0) \equiv P_k$  was introduced by Pinchuk [6], where he has generalized the concept of functions of bounded boundary rotation. It is worth mentioning that, for  $k > 2$ , functions in  $P_k$  need not be with the positive real part. It is easy to see that  $p \in P_k(n, \beta)$  if and only if there exists  $h \in P_k(n, 0)$  such that

$$p(z) = (1 - \beta)h(z) + \beta.$$

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Let  $f$  and  $g$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ . Then the convolution (or Hadamard product) of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$(f \star g)(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

DEFINITION 1.1. A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  is said to belong to the class  $R_k(n, \beta)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , if and only if  $\frac{zf'}{f} \in P_k(n, \beta)$  for  $z \in E$ .

We note that  $R_k(1, 0) \equiv R_k$  is the class of functions with bounded radius rotation, first discussed by Tammi, see [1] and  $R_2(1, 0)$  consists of starlike univalent functions.

Similarly  $f \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  belongs to  $V_k(n, \beta)$  for  $z \in E$  if and only if  $\frac{(f')'}{f'} \in P_k(n, \beta)$ . It is obvious that

$$f \in V_k(n, \beta) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad zf' \in R_k(n, \beta). \quad (1.3)$$

It may be observed that  $V_2(1, 0) \equiv C$ , the class of convex univalent functions and  $V_k(1, 0) \equiv V_k$  is the class of functions with bounded boundary rotation first discussed by Paatero, see [1].

## 2. Preliminary Results

We extend a result proved in [7] as follows.

LEMMA 2.1. Let  $p \in P_k$  and be given by (1.3). Let  $s > 0$  and  $u \neq -1$  (complex). Then

$$\left\{ p(z) + \frac{szp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \right\} \in P_k, \quad \text{for} \quad |z| < R_0,$$

where  $R_0$  is given by

$$R_0 = \frac{|\mu + 1|}{\sqrt{A + \sqrt{A^2 - |\mu^2 - 1|^2}}}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$A = \{2(s+1)^2 + |\mu|^2 - 1\}.$$

The radius  $R_0$  is best possible.

*Proof.* Define

$$\Phi(z) = \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \mu} \frac{z}{(1-z)^{s+1}} + \frac{\mu}{1 + \mu} \frac{z}{(1-z)^{s+2}} \right\}. \quad (2.2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left( p(z) \star \frac{\Phi(z)}{z} \right) &= p(z) + \frac{szp'(z)}{p(z) + \mu} \\ &= \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ p_1(z) + \frac{szp'_1(z)}{p_1(z) + \mu} \right] \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ p_2(z) + \frac{szp'_2(z)}{p_2(z) + \mu} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $i = 1, 2$ , it is shown [7] that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ p_i(z) + \frac{szp'_i(z)}{p_i(z) + \mu} \right] > 0 \quad \text{for } |z| < r_0,$$

where the best possible value of  $r_0$  is given by (2.1). Using this along with (1.3), we obtain the required result.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $h \in P(n)$ . Then, for  $z \in E$ ,*

- (i)  $\frac{1 - r^n}{1 + r^n} \leq \operatorname{Re} h(z) \leq |h(z)| \leq \frac{1 + r^n}{1 - r^n}$ ,
- (ii)  $|zh'(z)| \leq \frac{2nr^n \operatorname{Re} h(z)}{1 - r^{2n}}$ ,
- (iii)  $\left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2nr^n}{1 - r^{2n}}$ .

For (i), we refer to [8], (ii) may be found in [1] and for (iii), see [5].

### 3. Main Results

THEOREM 3.1. *Let  $F \in R_k(1, \gamma) \equiv R_k(\gamma)$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$  and let the function  $f$  be defined by the differential operator*

$$D_{\alpha, \beta}(F(z)) = f^\beta(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta - \alpha + 1} \left[ (1 - \alpha)F^\beta(z) + \alpha z \left( F^\beta(z) \right)' \right], \quad (\alpha, \beta > 0). \quad (3.1)$$

Then  $f \in R_k(\gamma)$  for  $|z| < R_0$ , where  $R_0$  is given by (2.1) with

$$s = \frac{1}{\beta(1 - \gamma)}, \quad \mu = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha\gamma}{\alpha(1 - \gamma)}.$$

This result is sharp.

*Proof.* We can write (3.1) as

$$F^\beta(z) = \left( \beta + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 \right) z^{1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{1}{\alpha} - 2} f^\beta(t) dt. \quad (3.2)$$

Let

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = (1 - \gamma)h(z) + \gamma.$$

Differentiating (3.2) logarithmically and with some simple computation, we have

$$\frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \gamma \right] = h(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\beta(1 - \gamma)}zh'(z)}{h(z) + \left( \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha\gamma}{\alpha(1 - \gamma)} \right)}. \quad (3.3)$$

We now apply Lemma 2.1 to obtain that  $p \in P_k$  for  $|z| < R_0$ , where  $R_0$  is given by (2.1) with  $s = \frac{1}{\beta(1 - \gamma)}$ ,  $\mu = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha\gamma}{\alpha(1 - \gamma)}$ . This implies that  $f \in R_k(\gamma)$  for  $|z| < r_{\alpha, \beta}$ , and proof is complete.  $\square$

### Special Cases

(i) Let  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 1$  and  $F \in R_k$ . Then  $f(z) = zF'(z)$  and it follows from Theorem 3.1 that  $f \in R_k$  for  $|z| < r_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7+\sqrt{48}}} \approx 2 - \sqrt{3}$  with  $s = 1$ ,  $\mu = 0$  and  $A = 7$  in (2.1). This sharp result is well known for  $k = 2$ .

(ii) Let  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $F \in R_k$ . Then  $f(z) = \frac{(zF)'}{2}$  (Livingston's operator [7]) and using Theorem 3.1, we note that  $f \in R_k$  for  $|z| < r = \frac{1}{2}$ , (with  $s = 1$ ,  $\mu = 0$ ,  $A = 8$ ). This sharp result is known [4] for  $k = 2$ .

REMARK 3.1. By using (1.4), it can easily be seen that Theorem 3.1 holds for the class  $K_k(\gamma)$ .

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $F \in R_k(\sigma)$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ . Let, for  $c \geq \alpha > 0$ ,  $s \geq \alpha$ ,  $f$  be defined by

$$[F(z)]^\alpha = cz^{\alpha-c} \int_0^z t^{c-\delta-1} (f(t))^\delta dt. \quad (3.4)$$

Then  $f \in R_k(\beta_1)$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\delta}(1 - \sigma)$ , for  $|z| < R_0$ , where  $R_0$  is given by (2.1) with

$$s = \frac{1}{\alpha(1 - \sigma)}, \quad \mu = \frac{c - \alpha + \alpha\sigma}{\alpha(1 - \sigma)}.$$

This result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = H(z) = (1 - \sigma)h(z) + \sigma, \quad h \in P_k \text{ in } E. \quad (3.5)$$

Differentiating (3.4), we have

$$z^{(c-\alpha)-1} (F(z))^\alpha [(c - \alpha) + \alpha h(z)] = cz^{c-\delta-1} (f(z))^\delta,$$

and now logarithmic differentiation, simple computation and (3.5) yield

$$\alpha H(z) + \frac{\alpha z H'(z)}{(c - \alpha) + \alpha H(z)} = (\alpha - \delta) + \delta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}. \quad (3.6)$$

Let

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = (1 - \beta_1)p(z) + \beta_1, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$ , and  $\beta_1 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\delta}(1 - \sigma)$ . Then, from (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$p(z) = \frac{\alpha(1 - \sigma)}{\delta(1 - \beta_1)} \left\{ h(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha(1 - \sigma)} zh'(z)}{h(z) + \frac{c - \alpha + \alpha\sigma}{\alpha(1 - \sigma)}} \right\}. \quad (3.8)$$

Now, using Lemma 2.1 with  $s = \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\sigma)} > 0$ ,  $\mu = \frac{c-\alpha+\alpha\sigma}{\alpha(1-\sigma)}$ , we obtain the required result.  $\square$

REMARK 3.2. By using relation (1.4), we note that similar result holds when  $F \in V_k(\sigma)$  implies  $f \in V_k(\beta_1)$  for  $|z| < R_0$ .

For  $\sigma = 0$ ,  $\mu = \frac{c-\alpha}{\alpha} \neq -1$  (since  $c > 0$ ) and  $s = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\delta}$ , for  $|z| < R_0 = \frac{c}{(\alpha+1)\sqrt{(\alpha+1)^2+c^2-2\alpha c}}$ . This result has been proved in [2] for  $\alpha = \delta$ ,  $k = 2$ .

REMARK 3.3. In Theorem 3.2, let  $F \in R_k(n, 0)$ , then, using the convolution technique of Lemma 2.1, we can write (3.8) as

$$p(z) = \frac{\alpha}{\delta(1-\beta_1)} \left\{ \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ h_1(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha}zh'_1(z)}{h_1(z) + \frac{c-\alpha}{\alpha}} \right] - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ h_2(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha}zh'_2(z)}{h_2(z) + \frac{c-\alpha}{\alpha}} \right] \right\}.$$

Now, using Lemma 2.2, we have for  $i = 1, 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ h_i(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha}zh'_i(z)}{h_i(z) + \frac{c-\alpha}{\alpha}} \right\} &\geq \operatorname{Re} h_i(z) \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{2nr^n}{1-r^{2n}} \right) \frac{1}{\alpha \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} + (c-\alpha)} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} h_i(z) \left\{ \frac{(1-r^n)[c - (2\alpha - c)r^n] - 2nr^n}{(1-r^n)[c - (2\alpha - c)r^n]} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and with (1.3), it implies that  $f \in R_k(n, \beta_1)$  for  $|z| < r_1$ , where  $\beta_1 = (1 - \frac{\alpha}{\delta})$  and

$$r_1 = \left[ \frac{c}{(\alpha + n) + \sqrt{(\alpha + n)^2 + c^2 - 2\alpha c}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad (c \neq 2\alpha).$$

We note that  $r_1 = R_0$  for  $n = 1$  and  $c \neq 2\alpha$ .

THEOREM 3.3. Let  $F, G_i \in R_k(n, 0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $q \in P(n)$ . Let  $f$  be defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) \left( \frac{G_1(t)}{G_2(t)} \right)^\alpha q(t) dt, \quad \alpha \geq 0. \tag{3.9}$$

Then  $f \in R_k(n, 0)$  for  $|z| < R_1$ , where  $R_1^n \in (0, 1)$  is given by

$$R_1 = \left[ \frac{2}{(3n + 4\alpha + 2) + \sqrt{(3n + 4\alpha + 2)^2 - 4(n + 1)}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}. \tag{3.10}$$

This result is sharp.

Proof. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} &= \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) h_1(z) - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) h_2(z) \\ \frac{zG'_1(z)}{G_1(z)} &= H(z) = \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) H_1(z) - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) H_2(z) \\ \frac{zG'_2(z)}{G_2(z)} &= p(z) = \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) p_1(z) - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) p_2(z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $h_i, H_i, p_i \in P(n)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . From (3.9), it follows that

$$zF'(z) + F(z) = 2f(z) \left( \frac{G_1(z)}{G_2(z)} \right)^\alpha q(z). \quad (3.11)$$

Differentiating (3.11) logarithmically, we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)+1} - \alpha \frac{zG_1'(z)}{G_1(z)} + \alpha \frac{zG_2'(z)}{G_2(z)} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

Using convolution technique, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} &= \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left\{ h_1(z) + \frac{zh_1'(z)}{h_1(z)+1} - \alpha H_1(z) + \alpha p_1(z) - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\} \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left\{ h_2(z) + \frac{zh_2'(z)}{h_2(z)+1} - \alpha H_2(z) + \alpha p_2(z) - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Now, by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left[ h_i(z) + \frac{zh_i'(z)}{h_i(z)} \right] &\geq \operatorname{Re} h_i(z) \left[ 1 - \frac{2nr^n}{2-r^{2n}} \left| \frac{1}{h_i(z)+1} \right| \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \left[ 1 - \frac{2nr^n}{1-r^{2n} + \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1-(n+1)r^n}{1+r^n}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

From (3.12) and (3.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \left( h_i(z) + \frac{zh_i'(z)}{h_i(z)+1} \right) - \alpha H_i(z) + \alpha p_i(z) - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1-(n+1)r^n}{1+r^n} - \alpha \left( \frac{1+r^n}{1-r^n} \right) + \alpha \left( \frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} \right) - \frac{2nr^n}{1-r^{2n}}. \\ &= \frac{2[(n+1)r^{2n} - (3n+4\alpha+2)r^n + 1]}{1-r^{2n}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

The right hand side of (3.14) is positive for  $|z| < R_1$  and consequently from (3.12), it follows that  $f \in R_k(n, 0)$  for  $|z| < R_1$  where  $R_1$  is given by (3.10).

Sharpness follows when we consider

$$h_1(z) = \frac{zs_1'(z)}{s_1(z)}, \quad h_2(z) = \frac{zs_2'(z)}{s_2(z)},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(z) &= \frac{z}{(1-z^n)^{\frac{2}{n}}}, \quad s_2(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z^n)^{\frac{2}{n}}}, \\ h_i(z) &= p_i(z) = \frac{1+z^n}{1-z^n} = q(z), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \text{and } z = r^n. \end{aligned}$$

We now consider differential operator  $D_\lambda$  defined by (3.1) with  $\alpha = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}$ ,  $\beta = 1$  and prove the following.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.4. Let  $F \in R_k(n, \gamma)$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$  and let the function  $f$  be defined by

$$D_\lambda(F(z)) = f(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}F(z) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda}zF'(z), \quad (\lambda > -1). \quad (3.15)$$

Then  $f \in R_k(n, \gamma)$  for  $|z| < r_{\lambda, \gamma}$ , where  $r_{\lambda, \gamma}$  is given by

$$r_{\lambda, \gamma} = \left[ \frac{\lambda + 1}{(n + 1 + \gamma) + \sqrt{(n + 1 + \gamma)^2 + (\lambda + 1)(2\gamma + \lambda - 1)}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}. \quad (3.16)$$

This result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = H(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)h_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right)h_2(z). \quad (3.17)$$

From (3.15), we can write

$$F(z) = \frac{\lambda + 1}{z^\lambda} \int_0^z t^{\lambda-1} f(t) dt. \quad (3.18)$$

Differentiating (3.18) logarithmically and using (3.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} &= H(z) + \frac{zH'(z)}{H'(z) + \lambda} \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ h_1(z) + \frac{zh'_1(z)}{h_1(z) + \lambda} \right] - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ h_2(z) + \frac{zh'_2(z)}{h_2(z) + \lambda} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $H \in P_k(n, \gamma)$ ,  $h_i \in P(n, \gamma)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and we write

$$h_i(z) = (1 - \gamma)p_i(z) + \gamma, \quad p_i \in P(n), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \gamma \right] &= \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ p_1(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}zp'_1(z)}{p_1(z) + \frac{\gamma+\lambda}{1-\gamma}} \right] \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ p_2(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}zp'_2(z)}{p_2(z) + \frac{\gamma+\lambda}{1-\gamma}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Now, using Lemma 2.2, we have for  $i = 1, 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left[ p_i(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}zp'_i(z)}{p_i(z) + \frac{\gamma+\lambda}{1-\gamma}} \right] &\geq \operatorname{Re} p_i(z) - \frac{\frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{2nr^n \operatorname{Re} p_i(z)}{1-r^{2n}} \right)}{\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n} + \left( \frac{\gamma+\lambda}{1-\gamma} \right)} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} p_i(z) \left[ 1 - \frac{2nr^n}{(1-r^n)[(1-\gamma)(1-r^n) + (\gamma+\lambda)(1+r^n)]} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} p_i(z) \frac{(1+\lambda) + 2(\gamma-n)r^n - (2\gamma+\lambda-1)r^{2n}}{(1-r^n)\{(1-\gamma)(1-r^n) + (\gamma+\lambda)(1+r^n)\}}. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side is positive for  $r \leq r_{\lambda, \gamma}$  where  $r_{\lambda, \gamma}$  is given by (3.16).

Sharpness follows when we take

$$h_1(z) = \frac{zs'_1(z)}{s_1(z)}, \quad h_2(z) = \frac{zs'_2(z)}{s_2(z)},$$

with

$$s_1(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z^n)^{\frac{2}{n}(1-\gamma)}}, \quad s_2(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z^n)^{\frac{2}{n}(1-\gamma)}}$$

in (3.17). From (3.19), we conclude that  $f \in R_k(n, \gamma)$  for  $|z| < r_{\lambda, \gamma}$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $F \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  and  $F' \in P_k(n, \beta)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and let  $f$  be defined by (3.15). Then  $f' \in P_k(n, \beta)$  for  $|z| < R_n$ , where*

$$R_n = \left\{ \frac{(\lambda + 1)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + (\lambda + 1)}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{n}}. \quad (3.20)$$

*This result is sharp.*

*Proof.* Let

$$F'(z) = H(z) = \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) H_1(z) - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) H_2(z).$$

From (3.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \lambda) [f'(z) - \beta] &= \left( \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) [(1 + \lambda)\{H_1(z) - \beta\} + zH'_1(z)] \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) [(1 + \lambda)\{H_2(z) - \beta\} + zH'_2(z)] \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

Since  $H_1, H_2 \in P(n, \beta)$ , we use Lemma 2.2 and have for  $i = 1, 2$

$$\begin{aligned} [(1 + \lambda)\{H_i(z) - \beta\} + zH'_i(z)] &= \operatorname{Re} \{H_i(z) - \beta\} \left[ (1 + \lambda) - \frac{2nr^n}{1 - r^{2n}} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \{H_i(z) - \beta\} \left[ \frac{(1 + \lambda) - 2nr^n - (1 + \lambda)r^{2n}}{1 - r^{2n}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side is positive for  $r < R_n$  and from (3.21) it follows that  $f \in P_k(n, \beta)$  for  $r < R_n$  where  $R_n$  is given by (3.20).

Sharpness follows by taking  $H_i(z)$  in (3.21) as

$$H_i^o(z) = \frac{1 - (2\beta - 1)z^n}{1 - z^n}.$$



It is clear that  $\operatorname{Re} \{H_i^o(z)\} > \beta$  in  $E$ . Therefore, with some computation, we have

$$(1 + \lambda)\{H_i^o(z) - \beta\} + z(H_i^o(z))' = \frac{(1 - \beta)}{1 + \lambda} \left[ \frac{(1 + \lambda) + 2nz^n - (\lambda + 1)z^{2n}}{(1 - z^n)^2} \right].$$

This gives us

$$H_i^o(z) - \beta = 0 \quad \text{for } z^n = -(R_n)$$

and it implies that  $\operatorname{Re} [H_i^o(z)]$  is not greater than  $\beta$  in any disc  $|z| < r$  if  $r > R_n$ .  $\square$

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