

# ON A SUBCLASS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS INVOLVING RUSCHEWEYH OPERATOR

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we study certain differential inequalities involving Ruscheweyh operator. As particular cases to our main result, we derive certain results for starlike and convex functions.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the class of functions  $f$ , analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{E} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$ , consisting of functions  $f$ , analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{E}$  and normalized by the conditions  $f'(0) = 0 = f''(0) - 1$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  if and only if

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

The class of such functions is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ , if and only if

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  denote the class of all those functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  that are convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two analytic functions in open unit disk  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then we say  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  in  $\mathbb{E}$  written as  $f \prec g$  if there exists a Schwarz function  $w$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1, z \in \mathbb{E}$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z)), z \in \mathbb{E}$ . In case the function  $g$  is univalent, the above subordination is equivalent to  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathbb{E}) \subset g(\mathbb{E})$ .

The Taylor's series expansions of  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$  are given as

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad \text{and} \quad g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k.$$

Then the convolution/Hadamard product of  $f$  and  $g$  is denoted by  $f * g$ , and defined as

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

Ruscheweyh [5] introduced a differential operator  $R^\lambda$ , (Known as Ruscheweyh differential operator) for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is defined as follows

$$R^\lambda f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\lambda+1}} * f(z), \quad \lambda \geq -1, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{1.1}$$

For  $\lambda = n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$

$$R^n f(z) = \frac{z(z^{n-1} f(z))^{(n)}}{n!}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Lecko et al. [3] observed that for  $\lambda \geq -1$ , the expression given in (1.1) becomes

$$R^\lambda f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^\infty \frac{(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) \dots (\lambda + k - 1)}{(k - 1)!} a_k z^k, \quad z \in \mathbb{E},$$

and for every  $\lambda > -1$

$$\begin{aligned} R^1 R^\lambda f(z) &= z(R^\lambda f)'(z) = z \left( \frac{z}{(1 - z)^{\lambda+1}} * f(z) \right)' \\ &= \frac{z}{(1 - z)^{\lambda+1}} * (z f'(z)) = R^\lambda (z f'(z)) = R^\lambda R^1 f(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \end{aligned}$$

We notice that

$$R^{-1} f(z) = z, \quad R^0 f(z) = f(z), \quad R^1 f(z) = z f'(z) \text{ and } R^2 f(z) = z f'(z) + \frac{z^2}{2} f''(z),$$

and so on. For  $\lambda \geq -1$  and for  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ , we have

$$z(R^\lambda f)'(z) = (\lambda + 1)R^{\lambda+1} f(z) - \lambda R^\lambda f(z). \tag{1.2}$$

Ruscheweyh [5] introduced the class  $K_\lambda$  defined as

$$K_\lambda = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re \left( \frac{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)}{R^\lambda f(z)} \right) > \frac{1}{2}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad z \in \mathbb{E} \right\}.$$

He gave coefficient estimates and determined some special elements of  $K_\lambda$ . In 1980, Al-Amiri [1] introduced and studied the class  $\mathcal{S}_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0$  defined as :

$$\mathcal{S}_\lambda(\alpha, \beta) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re P_\lambda(f(z); \alpha, \beta) > 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0, z \in \mathbb{E}\}$$

where

$$P_\lambda(f(z); \alpha, \beta) = \left( \frac{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)}{R^\lambda f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{R^{\lambda+2} f(z)}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^\beta,$$

and  $\alpha, \beta$  are real numbers. He observed that for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$  contains many interesting classes of univalent functions;  $\mathcal{S}_\lambda(1, 0) = K_\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_\lambda(0, 1) = K_{\lambda+1}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_0(\alpha, 0)$  is contained in strongly starlike class when  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ . Owa et al. [4] introduced and studied the following classes:

$$\mathcal{S}_\lambda^* = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : R^\lambda f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*, \lambda \geq -1\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_\lambda = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : R^\lambda f(z) \in \mathcal{K}, \lambda \geq -1\}.$$

They established several interesting properties of  $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^*$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\lambda$ .

The results of above nature motivated us for the work of present paper. We, here, study the following differential inequality

$$\left| \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - 1 \right|^\beta < M(\alpha, \beta, \mu, \lambda), \quad z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 \leq \mu < 1$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$  and obtain certain results for starlike and convex functions as special cases of our main result.

## 2 Preliminary

To prove our main result, we shall make use of the following lemma due to Jack [2].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose  $w(z)$  be a non-constant analytic function in  $\mathbb{E}$ , with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value at a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$ , then  $z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0)$ , where  $k \geq 1$ , is some real number.*

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\mu$  be real numbers such that  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 \leq \mu < 1$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - 1 \right|^\beta < M(\alpha, \beta, \mu, \lambda), \quad z \in \mathbb{E}, \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$M(\alpha, \beta, \mu, \lambda) = \begin{cases} (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2(1+\lambda-\mu)}\right)^\beta, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1/2, \\ (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{\mu+\lambda}\right)^\beta, & 1/2 \leq \mu < 1. \end{cases}$$

then

$$\Re \left( \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} \right) > \mu, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

*Proof.* Case(i) Let  $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Define

$$\frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\mu)w(z)}{1 - w(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{3.2}$$

Here  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$  and  $w(z) \neq 1$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Using (1.2), we get

$$\frac{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)}{R^\lambda f(z)} = \frac{(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z)}{(1 + \lambda)(1 - w(z))}$$

On differentiating above equation logarithmically, we get

$$\frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} = \frac{2(1 - \mu)zw'(z)}{[(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z)][1 - w(z)]} \tag{3.3}$$

By making use of (3.2), the above equation reduces to

$$\frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\mu)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} + \frac{2(1 - \mu)zw'(z)}{[(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z)][1 - w(z)]}.$$

Now, from (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - 1 \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{2(1 - \mu)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{2(1 - \mu)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} + \frac{2(1 - \mu)zw'(z)}{[(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z)][1 - w(z)]} \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{2(1 - \mu)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} \right|^{\alpha+\beta} \left| 1 + \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)[(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z)]} \right|^\beta \end{aligned}$$

We need to prove  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ . If  $|w(z)| \not< 1$  then there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  such that  $\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$ . Then by Lemma 2.1, we have  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$  and  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z_0(R^\lambda f(z_0))'}{R^\lambda f(z_0)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z_0(R^{\lambda+1} f(z_0))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z_0)} - 1 \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{2(1 - \mu)w(z_0)}{1 - w(z_0)} \right|^{\alpha+\beta} \left| 1 + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{w(z_0)[(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)w(z_0)]} \right|^\beta \\ &= \frac{2^{\alpha+\beta} (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta}}{|1 - e^{i\theta}|^{\beta+\alpha}} \left| 1 + \frac{k}{(1 + \lambda) + (1 - 2\mu - \lambda)e^{i\theta}} \right|^\beta \\ &\geq (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{2(1 + \lambda - \mu)} \right)^\beta \geq (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(1 + \lambda - \mu)} \right)^\beta \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (3.1) for  $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, we must have  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$  and hence the result follows.

Case(ii) For  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \mu < 1$ , define  $w$  as

$$\frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} = \frac{\mu}{\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}, \tag{3.4}$$

where  $w(z) \neq \frac{\mu}{1-\mu}$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . In view of (1.2) and proceeding as in Case(i), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z(R^{\lambda+1} f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z)} - 1 \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{(1 - \mu)w(z)}{\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z)} \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{(1 - \mu)w(z)}{\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z)} + \frac{\mu(1 - \mu)zw'(z)}{[\mu(1 + \lambda) - \lambda(1 - \mu)w(z)][\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z)]} \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{(1 - \mu)w(z)}{\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z)} \right|^{\alpha+\beta} \left| 1 + \frac{\mu zw'(z)}{w(z)[\mu(1 + \lambda) - \lambda(1 - \mu)w(z)]} \right|^\beta. \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ . On the contrary, suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  such that  $\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$ . Then by Lemma 2.1, we have  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$  and  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z_0(R^\lambda f(z_0))'}{R^\lambda f(z_0)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{z_0(R^{\lambda+1} f(z_0))'}{R^{\lambda+1} f(z_0)} - 1 \right|^\beta \\ &= \left| \frac{(1 - \mu)w(z_0)}{\mu - (1 - \mu)w(z_0)} \right|^{\alpha+\beta} \left| 1 + \frac{\mu kw(z_0)}{w(z_0)[\mu(1 + \lambda) - \lambda(1 - \mu)w(z_0)]} \right|^\beta \\ &\geq (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( 1 + \frac{k\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \right)^\beta \\ &\geq (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( 1 + \frac{\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \right)^\beta, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (3.1) for  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \mu < 1$ . Thus, we must have  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ , hence we conclude in view of (3.4) that

$$\Re \left( \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} \right) > \mu, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

□

Setting  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 3.1, we obtain result of Singh et al. [6]:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\mu$  be real numbers such that  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$ , and  $0 \leq \mu < 1$ , with  $\beta + \alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|^\beta < \begin{cases} (1 - \mu)^\alpha (\frac{3}{2} - \mu)^\beta, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1/2, \\ (1 - \mu)^{\alpha+\beta} 2^\beta, & 1/2 \leq \mu < 1, \end{cases}$$

then

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \mu, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Hence  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\mu)$ .

Taking  $\lambda = 0$  and replacing  $f(z)$  with  $zf'(z)$  in Theorem 3.1, we get the following result of Singh et al.[6]:

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\mu$  be real numbers such that  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 \leq \mu < 1$  with  $\beta + \alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{2zf''(z) + z^2f'''(z)}{f'(z) + zf''(z)} \right|^\beta < \begin{cases} (1-\mu)^\alpha (\frac{3}{2} - \mu)^\beta, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1/2, \\ (1-\mu)^{\alpha+\beta} 2^\beta, & 1/2 \leq \mu < 1, \end{cases}$$

then

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \mu, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Hence  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\mu)$ .

Setting  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 3.1, we obtain:

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\mu$  be real numbers such that  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, 0 \leq \mu < 1$  with  $\beta + \alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{3zf''(z) + z^2f'''(z)}{2f'(z) + zf''(z)} \right|^\beta < \begin{cases} (1-\mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( \frac{5-2\mu}{4-2\mu} \right)^\beta, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1/2, \\ (1-\mu)^{\alpha+\beta} \left( \frac{2\mu+1}{\mu+1} \right)^\beta, & 1/2 \leq \mu < 1, \end{cases}$$

then

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \mu, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

i.e.  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\mu)$ .

Selecting  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$  in Theorem 3.1, we have:

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $\mu$  be a real number such that  $0 \leq \mu < 1$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\frac{z(R^{\lambda+1}f(z))'}{R^{\lambda+1}f(z)} < \begin{cases} 1 + (1-\mu)z + \frac{(1-\mu)z}{2(1+\lambda-\mu)}, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1/2, \\ 1 + (1-\mu)z + \frac{\mu(1-\mu)z}{\mu+\lambda}, & 1/2 \leq \mu < 1. \end{cases}$$

then

$$\frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} < \frac{1 + (1-2\mu)z}{1-z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E},$$

hence

$$\Re \left( \frac{z(R^\lambda f(z))'}{R^\lambda f(z)} \right) > \mu.$$

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