

90. Differential Inequalities and Carathéodory Functions

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Let P be the class of functions $p(z)$ which are analytic in the unit disk $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$, with $p(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ in E .

If $p(z) \in P$, we say $p(z)$ a Carathéodory function. It is well known that if $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is analytic in E and $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > 0$ in E , then $f(z)$ is univalent in E [2, 7].

Ozaki [6, Theorem 2] extended the above result to the following :

If $f(z)$ is analytic in a convex domain D and

$$\operatorname{Re} (e^{i\alpha} f^{(p)}(z)) > 0 \quad \text{in } D$$

where α is a real constant, then $f(z)$ is at most p -valent in D .

This shows that if $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is analytic in E and

$$\operatorname{Re} f^{(p)}(z) > 0 \quad \text{in } E,$$

then $f(z)$ is p -valent in E .

Nunokawa [3] improved the above result to the following :

Let $p \geq 2$. If $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is analytic in E and

$$|\arg f^{(p)}(z)| < \frac{3}{4}\pi \quad \text{in } E,$$

then $f(z)$ is p -valent in E .

Definition. Let $F(z)$ be analytic and univalent in E and suppose that $F(E) = R$. If $f(z)$ is analytic in E , $f(0) = F(0)$, and $f(E) \subset R$, then we say that $f(z)$ is subordinate to $F(z)$ in E , and we write

$$f(z) \prec F(z).$$

In this paper, we need the following lemmata.

Lemma 1. If $p(z)$ is analytic in E , with $p(0) = 1$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} (p(z) + zp'(z)) > \beta \quad \text{in } E,$$

where $\beta < 1$, then we have

$$(1) \quad \operatorname{Re} p(z) > (1 - \beta) \log \frac{4}{e} + \beta \quad \text{in } E.$$

Proof. Let us put

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \frac{1}{1-\beta} (p(z) + zp'(z) - \beta) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\beta} ((zp(z))' - \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$g(z) \in P.$$

This shows that