

### Argument estimates for certain analytic functions

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**Abstract:** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . S. S. Miller and P. T. Mocanu (J. Math. Anal. Appl. **276** (2002)) have shown some interesting subordination theorems for such functions  $p(z)$ . The object of the present paper is to discuss some sufficient conditions for arguments of  $p(z)$  to be  $|\arg p(z)| < (\pi/2)\rho$  for  $z \in \mathbf{U}$ .

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{U} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . For such functions  $p(z)$ , Miller and Mocanu [3] have shown some interesting subordination theorems.

**Theorem A** ([3]). For  $1/2 < \rho \leq 1$  define the function  $q(z)$  by

$$q(z) = q_\rho(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\rho,$$

and let  $t_0 \in (0, 1)$  be the unique solution of

$$t^\rho \left\{ (1-\rho)t^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) + t \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) - (1-\rho) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) \right\} + t^2 - 1 = 0.$$

If  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$ , with  $p(0) = 1, p'(0) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &|\arg(zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + p(z))| \\ &< \frac{\pi}{2}(\rho + 1) - \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{t_0}{1 + \rho - (1-\rho)t_0^2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

then  $p(z) \prec q_\rho(z)$ , where the symbol “ $\prec$ ” means the subordinations.

To discuss our problems for functions  $p(z)$ , we need the following lemma due to Hallenbeck and Ruscheweyh [2] which is the same as one by Fukui and Sakaguchi [1].

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $|z| < R$  and  $p^{(k)}(0) = 0$  ( $0 \leq k \leq n$ ). Then if  $|p(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r < R$  at a point  $z_0$ , we have

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \geq n + 1.$$

Applying the above lemma, we derive

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $p(0) = 1, p'(0) = 0$ , and let  $p(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathbf{U}$ ). If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbf{U}$  such that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$$

for some  $\alpha > 0$ , then we have

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = iak,$$

where

$$k \geq \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) \geq 2 \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$$

and

$$k \leq -\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) \leq -2 \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $p(z_0)^{1/\alpha} = \pm ia$  and  $a > 0$ .

*Proof.* We use the same manner which was used by Nunokawa [4] for the proof of the lemma. Let us put

$$(1.3) \quad q(z) = p(z)^{1/\alpha}.$$

Then we see that  $\text{Re } q(z) > 0$  ( $|z| < |z_0|$ ),  $\text{Re } q(z_0) = 0, q(0) = 1$  and  $q'(0) = 0$ . Defining the function  $\phi(z)$

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by

$$(1.4) \quad \phi(z) = \frac{1 - q(z)}{1 + q(z)},$$

we have that  $\phi(0) = 0$ ,  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  ( $|z| < |z_0|$ ), and  $|\phi(z_0)| = 1$ .

In view of Lemma 1.1, we know that

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{z_0\phi'(z_0)}{\phi(z_0)} &= \frac{-2z_0q'(z_0)}{1 - q(z_0)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2z_0q'(z_0)}{1 + |q(z_0)|^2} \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.5) that

$$(1.6) \quad -z_0q'(z_0) \geq (1 + |q(z_0)|^2)$$

and  $z_0q'(z_0)$  is a negative real number. Since  $q(z_0)$  is a non-vanishing pure imaginary number, we can put  $q(z_0) = ia$ , where  $a$  is a non-vanishing real number. We have, for  $a > 0$ ,

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{z_0q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} \right) &= \operatorname{Im} \left( -\frac{iz_0q'(z_0)}{|q(z_0)|} \right) \\ &\geq \left( \frac{1 + a^2}{a} \right) \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $a < 0$ ,

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{z_0q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} \right) &= \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{iz_0q'(z_0)}{|q(z_0)|} \right) \\ &\leq -\left( \frac{1 + a^2}{a} \right) \leq -2. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, it follows that

$$(1.9) \quad \frac{z_0q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \frac{z_0p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 1.2.  $\square$

**2. Argument estimates.** Our first property for argument estimates of analytic function  $p(z)$  is contained in

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . If  $p(z)$  satisfies*

$$(2.1) \quad |\arg(zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + \alpha p(z))| < \pi\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U})$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ),  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$ ), where  $\rho_0$  ( $0 < \rho_0 < 1$ ) is given by

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho_0\right) = \frac{2}{\alpha}\rho_0,$$

then

$$(2.2) \quad |\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

*Proof.* Let a function  $p(z)$  satisfy the conditions of the theorem. If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbf{U}$  such that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2}\rho,$$

then applying Lemma 1.2, we have that

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{z_0p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = i\rho k,$$

where

$$k \geq a + \frac{1}{a} \geq 2 \quad \text{when} \quad \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\rho$$

and

$$k \leq -\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) \leq -2 \quad \text{when} \quad \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho$$

with  $p(z_0)^{1/\rho} = \pm ia$  ( $a > 0$ ). It follows that, for  $\arg p(z_0) = \pi/2\rho$  and  $k \geq a + 1/a \geq 2$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \arg(z_0p'(z_0) + p(z_0)^2 + \alpha p(z_0)) &= \arg p(z_0) \left( \frac{z_0p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} + p(z_0) + \alpha \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \arg(i\rho k + a^\rho e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\rho} + \alpha) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \operatorname{Tan}^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho k + a^\rho \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since, by  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0 < 1$  and  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Tan}^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho k + a^\rho \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)} \right) \\ \geq \operatorname{Tan}^{-1} \left( \frac{2\rho + a^\rho \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)} \right) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

we define  $g(a)$  by

$$(2.6) \quad g(a) = \frac{2\rho + a^\rho \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho)} \quad (a > 0).$$

Noting that

$$(2.7) \quad g'(a) = \frac{\alpha\rho a^{\rho-1} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho) (\tan(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho) - \frac{2\rho}{\alpha})}{(\alpha + a^\rho \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho))^2},$$

we define  $h(\rho)$  by

$$(2.8) \quad h(\rho) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) - \frac{2\rho}{\alpha} \quad (0 < \rho \leq \rho_0 < 1).$$

Then  $h(0) = 0$ ,  $h(\rho_0) = 0$ , and

$$(2.9) \quad h''(\rho) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right) > 0.$$

This shows that  $g'(a) \leq 0$  for  $a > 0$ , that is, that

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{\rho k + a^\rho \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}\right) \\ \geq \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$(2.11) \quad \arg(z_0 p'(z_0) + p(z_0)^2 + \alpha p(z_0)) \geq \pi\rho$$

when  $\arg p(z_0) = (\pi/2)\rho$ .

Similarly, for  $\arg p(z_0) = -(\pi/2)\rho$  and  $k \leq -(a + 1/a) \leq -2$ , we have that

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \arg(z_0 p'(z_0) + p(z_0)^2 + \alpha p(z_0)) \\ = -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \arg(i\rho k + a^\rho e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\rho} + \alpha) \\ = -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{\rho k - a^\rho \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}\right) \\ \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{-2\rho - a^\rho \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}\right) \\ = -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho - \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{2\rho + a^\rho \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}\right) \\ \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}\rho - \frac{\pi}{2}\rho = -\pi\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for such a point  $z_0 \in \mathbf{U}$ , we see that

$$(2.13) \quad |\arg(z_0 p'(z_0) + p(z_0)^2 + \alpha p(z_0))| \geq \pi\rho,$$

which contradicts our condition for  $p(z)$ .

Consequently, we conclude that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

□

**Example 2.1.** Let us consider the function  $p(z)$  defined by

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{5}z^2.$$

Then we see that

$$zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + \frac{1}{2}p(z) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{10}z^2 + \frac{1}{25}z^4.$$

Letting  $\alpha = 1/2$  and

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{30}\right)$$

in Theorem 2.1, we have that

$$\left| \arg\left(zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + \frac{1}{2}p(z)\right) \right| < \pi\rho = \text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{30}\right)$$

and

$$|\arg p(z)| < \text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho.$$

If we take  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, then

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . If  $p(z)$  satisfies

$$(2.14) \quad |\arg(zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + p(z))| < \pi\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U})$$

for some  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho \leq 1/2$ ), then

$$(2.15) \quad |\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

**Remark 2.1.** (1) If  $\alpha = 4/5$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.647873 < \rho_0 < 0.647874$ .

(2) If  $\alpha = 1/2$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.809251 < \rho_0 < 0.809252$ .

(3) If  $\alpha = 1/3$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.880966 < \rho_0 < 0.880967$ .

(4) If  $\alpha = 1/4$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.913417 < \rho_0 < 0.913418$ .

(5) If  $\alpha = 1.1$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.401248 < \rho_0 < 0.401249$ .

(6) If  $\alpha = 1.2$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.262943 < \rho_0 < 0.262944$ .

(7) If  $\alpha = 1.3$ , then there is no  $\rho_0 > 0$  such that  $\tan(\pi/2)\rho_0 = (2/\alpha)\rho$ . Thus we see that  $0 < \alpha < 1.3$  in Theorem 2.1.

Next, we derive

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . If  $p(z)$  satisfies

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} |\arg(zp'(z) + p(z)^2 + \alpha p(z))| \\ < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho + \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{2\rho}{\alpha}\right) \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ),  $\rho$  ( $\rho_0 \leq \rho < 1$ ), where  $\rho_0$  ( $0 < \rho_0 < 1$ ) is given by  $\tan(\pi/2)\rho_0 = (2/\alpha)\rho_0$ , then

$$(2.17) \quad |\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

*Proof.* Using the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we know that

$$\text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{2\rho + a^\rho \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}{\alpha + a^\rho \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\rho\right)}\right)$$

is increasing for  $a > 0$ . Thus, we obtain

$$(2.18) \quad \left| \arg (z_0 p'(z_0) + p(z_0)^2 + \alpha p(z_0)) \right| \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \rho + \text{Tan}^{-1} \left( \frac{2\rho}{\alpha} \right)$$

for  $z_0 \in \mathbf{U}$  such that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \rho \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2} \rho.$$

This contradicts our condition of the theorem. Therefore,

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

□

Letting  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.2, we obtain

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ . If  $p(z)$  satisfies*

$$(2.19) \quad \left| \arg (z p'(z) + p(z)^2 + p(z)) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \rho + \text{Tan}^{-1}(2\rho) \quad (z \in \mathbf{U})$$

for some  $\rho$  ( $1/2 \leq \rho < 1$ ), then

$$(2.20) \quad |\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \rho \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}).$$

Finally, we note that

**Remark 2.2.** (1) If  $\alpha = 4/5$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.647873 < \rho_0 < 0.647874$ .

(2) If  $\alpha = 1/2$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.809251 < \rho_0 < 0.809252$ .

(3) If  $\alpha = 1/3$ , then  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$  and  $0.880966 < \rho_0 < 0.880967$ .

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(7) If  $\alpha = 1.3$ , then there is no  $\rho_0 > 0$  such that  $\tan(\pi/2)\rho_0 = (2/\alpha)\rho$ . Thus we see that  $0 < \alpha < 1.3$  in Theorem 2.2.

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