# ON *p*-VALENTLY MEROMORPHIC-STRONGLY STARLIKE AND CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we obtain sufficient conditions for analytic function f(z) in the punctured unit disk to be *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly starlike and *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly convex of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$ . Some interesting corollaries of the results presented here are also discussed.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions that are analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \cdots,$$

which are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

Let  $\Sigma(p)$  denote the class of meromorphically p-valent functions f(z) of the form

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-p} z^{k-p} \qquad p \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\},\$$

which are analytic in the punctured unit disk  $\mathbb{U}^* = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\} = \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}$ . Further, we write that  $\Sigma(1) = \Sigma$ . For a function  $f \in \Sigma(p)$ , we say that it is *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly starlike of order  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and type  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ) if

(1) 
$$\left| \arg\left(-\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha\right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2} \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

The corresponding class is denoted by  $S\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(\alpha,\beta)$ . We note that  $S\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(\alpha,1)$ , is the class of *p*-valently meromorphic starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  (see [6]) and  $S\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(0,\beta)$  is the class of *p*-valently meromorphicstrongly starlike functions of order  $\beta$ . Furthermore, a function  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  is said to be in the class  $S\mathcal{K}_{\Sigma}(\alpha,\beta)$  of *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly convex of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$  if and only if

(2) 
$$\left| \arg \left( -1 - \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} - \alpha \right) \right| < \frac{\pi \beta}{2} \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

for some real  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{SK}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, 1)$ , is the class of *p*-valently meromorphic convex functions of order  $\alpha$  (cf. [6]) and  $\mathcal{SK}_{\Sigma}(0, \beta)$  is the class of *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly convex functions of order  $\beta$ .

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{ST}(\beta)$  of strongly starlike function of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , if it satisfies the inequality

$$\left| \arg\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2} \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

A function f(z) belonging to the class  $\mathcal{SK}(\beta)$  is said to be strongly convex of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in \mathcal{ST}(\beta)$  (see [2, 3]).

For proving our results we need the following Lemma.

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**Lemma 1.** (see [1], [5]). Let  $b(z) \in \mathcal{H}$  be continuous on  $\overline{\mathbb{U}}$ , b(0) = 0,  $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{U}} |b(z)| = 1$  and  $c = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{U}} \int_0^1 |b(tz)| dt$ . For  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  let

$$\lambda(\beta) = \frac{\sin(\pi\beta/2)}{\sqrt{1 + 2c\cos(\pi\beta/2) + c^2}}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$|f'(z) - 1| \le \lambda(\beta)|b(z)| \qquad z \in \mathbb{U},$$

then f is strongly starlike of order  $\beta$ . Additionally, if

$$b(t) = \max_{0 \le \varphi \le 2\pi} |b(te^{i\varphi})| \qquad 0 \le t \le 1,$$

then the constant  $\lambda(\beta)$  cannot be replaced by any larger number without violating the conclusion.

The Lemma 1, without the sharpness part, was previously obtained by Ponnusamy and Singh in [4].

In this work, we obtain some sufficient conditions for *p*-valently meromorphic functions.

### 2. Main Results

Our first result is contained in the following.

**Theorem 2.** Assume that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  satisfies

(3) 
$$\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^{-\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-p}} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{\alpha}{z} \right) + p - \alpha \right| < (p-\alpha)\lambda(\beta)|b(z)| \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is p-valently meromorphic-strongly starlike of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $f \in \Sigma(p)$ . Let us define the function g(z) by

(4) 
$$g(z) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^{-\alpha}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-p}} = z + \cdots \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*.$$

Then  $g(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$|g'(z) - 1| = \frac{1}{p - \alpha} \left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^{-\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - p}} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{\alpha}{z} \right) + p - \alpha \right|.$$

Now, by means of the condition of the theorem and applying Lemma 1 we find that g(z) is strongly starlike function of order  $\beta$ . Note that from (4) we have

$$\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{1}{p-\alpha} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \right).$$

Since g(z) is strongly starlike of order  $\beta$ , thus

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{p-\alpha} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \right) \right\} \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}.$$

This shows that the proof is completed.

Putting  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 2, we have:

**Corollary 3.** Assume that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  satisfies

$$\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt[p]{f(z)}}\left(\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}\right) + p\right| < p\lambda(\beta)|b(z)| \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is p-valently meromorphic-strongly starlike of order  $\beta$ .

Setting b(z) = z and  $p = \beta = 1$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 4.** Assume that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies

$$\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^{-\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{\alpha}{z} \right) + 1 - \alpha \right| < \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} (1 - \alpha) \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is meromorphic starlike function of order  $\alpha$ .

If we take  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 4, we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 5.** Assume that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies

$$\left| \left( \frac{1}{f(z)} \right)^2 f'(z) + 1 \right| < \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.894427... \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is meromorphic starlike functions.

Next we derive the following.

**Theorem 6.** Assume that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  satisfies

(5) 
$$\left| \left( \frac{f'(z)}{-pz^{-p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-p}} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + p \right) \right| < (p-\alpha)\lambda(\beta)|b(z)| \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is p-valently meromorphic-strongly convex of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  and define the function p(z) by

(6) 
$$p(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{f'(t)}{-pt^{-p-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-p}} \mathrm{d}t = z + \cdots \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*.$$

Further, let

(7) 
$$h(z) = zp'(z) = z \left(\frac{f'(z)}{-pz^{-p-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-p}} = z + \cdots \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*$$

We see that p(z) and h(z) belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Differentiating from (7), we have

$$h'(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha - p} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{-pz^{-p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - p}} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + \alpha \right).$$

Further we have

$$|h'(z) - 1| = \frac{1}{p - \alpha} \left| \left( \frac{f'(z)}{-pz^{-p-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - p}} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + p \right) - (\alpha - p) \right| < \lambda(\beta)|b(z)|.$$

Therefore, applying of the Lemma 1 gives us that

$$h(z) = zp'(z) \in \mathcal{ST}(\beta) \Rightarrow p(z) \in \mathcal{SK}(\beta).$$

Since

$$\frac{zp''(z)}{p'(z)} = \frac{1}{\alpha - p} \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 + p \right),$$

therefore

$$\left|\arg\left(1+\frac{zp''(z)}{p'(z)}\right)\right| = \left|\arg\frac{1}{p-\alpha}\left(-1-\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}-\alpha\right)\right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2},$$

which imply that f(z) is *p*-valently meromorphic-strongly convex of order  $\beta$  and type  $\alpha$ . This completes the proof.

Putting  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 6, we have:

**Corollary 7.** Assume that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma(p)$  satisfies

$$\left|\sqrt[p]{\frac{-pz^{-p-1}}{f'(z)}} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + p\right)\right| < p\lambda(\beta)|b(z)| \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is p-valently meromorphic-strongly convex of order  $\beta$ .

Setting b(z) = z and  $p = \beta = 1$  in Theorem 6, we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 8.** Assume that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies

$$\left| \left( -z^2 f'(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha - 1}} \left( 2 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} (1 - \alpha) \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*,$$

then f is meromorphic convex function of order  $\alpha$ .

If we take  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 8, we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 9.** Assume that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies

$$\left|\frac{-1}{z^2 f'(z)} \left(2 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)}\right)\right| < \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.894427\dots \qquad z \in \mathbb{U}^*$$

then f is convex meromorphic function.

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