



# On a new class of analytic functions associated with conic domain

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to generalize the conic domain defined by Kanas and Wisniowska, and define the class of functions which map the open unit disk  $E$  onto this generalized conic domain. A brief comparison between these conic domains is the main motivation of this paper. A correction is made in selecting the range interval of order of conic domain.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $A$  be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Also let  $S$  be the class of functions from  $A$  which are univalent in  $E$ . The classes  $S^*$  and  $C$  are the well known classes of starlike and convex univalent functions respectively, for details see [1].

Kanas and Wisniowska [2,3] introduced and studied the classes of  $k$ -uniformly convex denoted by  $k$ -UCV and the corresponding class of  $k$ -starlike functions denoted by  $k$ -ST related by the Alexandar type relation. They defined these classes as follows:

A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $k$ -UCV, if and only if,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right) > k \left| \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad k \geq 0.$$

A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $k$ -ST, if and only if,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Geometrically, a function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $k$ -UCV (or  $k$ -ST), if and only if, the function  $\frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)}$  (or  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$ ) takes all values in the conic domain  $\Omega_k$  which is defined as:

$$\Omega_k = \{u + iv : u > k\sqrt{(u-1)^2 + v^2}\}.$$

This domain represents the right half plane when  $k = 0$ , a hyperbola when  $0 < k < 1$ , a parabola when  $k = 1$  and an ellipse when  $k > 1$  as shown in Fig. 1.

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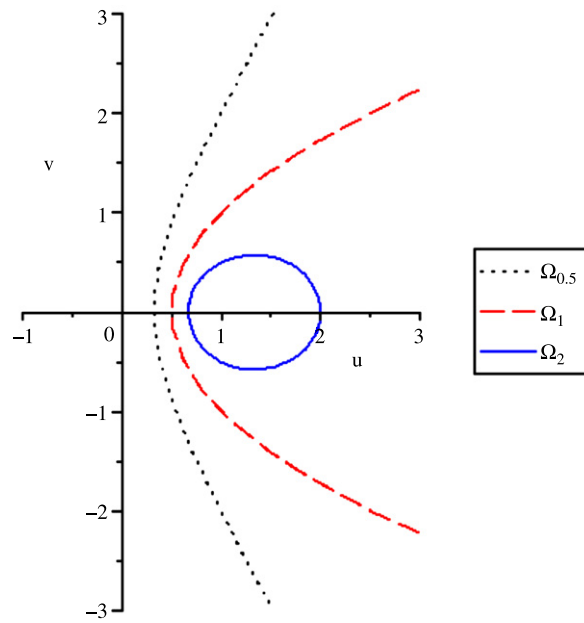


Fig. 1. The curve  $u = k\sqrt{(u - 1)^2 + v^2}$ .

The functions which play the role of extremal functions for these conic regions are given as:

$$p_k(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1+z}{1-z}, & k = 0, \\ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right)^2, & k = 1, \\ 1 + \frac{2}{1-k^2} \sinh^2 \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos k \right) \arctan h\sqrt{z} \right], & 0 < k < 1, \\ 1 + \frac{1}{k^2-1} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2R(t)} \int_0^{\frac{u(z)}{\sqrt{t}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-(tx)^2}} dx \right) + \frac{1}{k^2-1}, & k > 1, \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $u(z) = \frac{z-\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{tz}}$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $z \in E$  and  $z$  is chosen such that  $k = \cosh \left( \frac{\pi R'(t)}{4R(t)} \right)$ ,  $R(t)$  is Legendre's complete elliptic integral of the first kind and  $R'(t)$  is complementary integral of  $R(t)$ , see [2,3]. These conic regions are extensively studied with regard to real and complex orders by Noor [4,5]. We generalize this conic domain and define the following.

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $p(z)$  is said to be in the class  $k - P(a, b)$ , if and only if,

$$p(z) < p_k(a, b; z), \tag{1.3}$$

where  $k \in [0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_k(a, b; z) &= 1 + a + (1 - b)\{p_k(z) - 1\} \\ &= a + b + (1 - b)p_k(z), \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

and  $p_k(z)$  is defined by (1.2). Also  $a$  and  $b$  must be chosen accordingly as:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(i) For } k = 0, \text{ we take } b &= 0, \\ \text{(ii) For } k \in \left( 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \text{ we take } b &\in \left[ \frac{1}{2k^2 - 1}, 1 \right), \\ \text{(iii) For } k \in \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right], \text{ we take } b &\in (-\infty, 1), \\ \text{(iv) For } k \in (1, \infty), \text{ we take } b &\in \left( -\infty, \frac{1}{2k^2 - 1} \right]. \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{1.5}$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{k^2(1-b)}{1-k^2} - \eta &\leq a < 1 - \frac{k^2(1-b)}{k^2-1} + \eta, & 0 \leq k < 1, \\ -\frac{1+b}{2} &\leq a < \frac{1-b}{2}, & k = 1, \\ \max\left(\frac{k^2(1-b)}{1-k^2} - \eta, 1 - \frac{k^2(1-b)}{k^2-1} - \eta\right) &\leq a < 1 - \frac{k^2(1-b)}{k^2-1} + \eta, & k > 1, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.6)$$

where  $\eta = \frac{k\sqrt{k^2(1-b)^2+(1-k^2)(1-b^2)}}{k^2-1}$ .

Geometrically, the function  $p(z) \in k - P(a, b)$  takes all values from the conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  which is defined as:

$$\Omega_k(a, b) = \{u + iv : (u - a)^2 > k^2[(u - a + b - 1)^2 + v^2 + 2b(1 - b)]\}. \quad (1.7)$$

The conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  represents the right half plane when  $k = 0$ , a hyperbola when  $0 < k < 1$ , a parabola when  $k = 1$  and an ellipse when  $k > 1$ .

It can be seen that  $\Omega_k(0, 0) = \Omega_k$ , the conic domain defined by Kanas and Wisniowska [2], consequently,  $k - P(0, 0) = P(p_k)$ , the well-known class introduced by Kanas and Wisniowska [2]. The function  $p_1(a, b; z) = Q_{a,b}(z)$  is defined by Kanas in [6]. Here are some basic facts about the class  $k - P(a, b)$ .

**Remark 1.2.** (1)  $k - P(a, b) \subset P(\alpha)$ , where

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} a + \frac{1+b}{2}, & k = 1, \\ a + \frac{k^2(1-b) - k\sqrt{k^2(1-b)^2 + (1-k^2)(1-b^2)}}{k^2-1}, & k \neq 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

(2)  $k - P(a_1, b) \subset k - P(a_2, b)$ ,  $a_1 > a_2$ ,  $k \in [0, 1]$ .

(3)  $k - P(a, b_1) \subset k - P(a, b_2)$ ,  $b_1 > b_2$ ,  $k \in (0, \infty)$ .

The domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  always ensures that the point  $(1, 0)$  is contained inside it whereas the domain  $\Omega_{k,\xi}$ , studied by several authors, defined by

$$\Omega_{k,\xi} = (1 - \xi)\Omega_k + \xi, \quad 0 \leq \xi < 1, \quad k \geq 0, \quad (1.9)$$

is not always well defined because in general  $(1, 0) \notin \Omega_{k,\xi}$  (for example, in particular  $(1, 0) \notin \Omega_{2,0.5}$ ). We see that the conic domain  $\Omega_k(0, b)$  coincides with  $\Omega_{k,b}$  only when  $b$  is chosen according to (1.5). This means that for  $\Omega_{k,\xi}$  to contain the point  $(1, 0)$ ,  $\xi$  must be chosen according as:

$$\xi \in \begin{cases} [0, 1), & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq 1, \\ \left[0, 1 - \frac{\sqrt{k^2-1}}{k}\right), & \text{if } k > 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

The domain  $\Omega_{k,\xi}$  gives only the contraction of  $\Omega_k$  whereas the domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  gives contraction as well as magnification of  $\Omega_k$  depending upon  $b$ . For  $b > 0$ , the domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  gives the contraction and for  $b < 0$ , the domain gives the magnification of  $\Omega_k$  as can be seen from the Figs. 2 and 3.

**Definition 1.3.** A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $k$ -UCV( $a, b$ ),  $k \geq 0$ ,  $a, b$  satisfying (1.5) and (1.6), if and only if,

$$\left[ \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - a \right\} \right]^2 > k^2 \left[ \left| \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - a + b - 1 \right|^2 + 2b(1 - b) \right] \quad (1.11)$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \prec p_k(a, b; z), \quad (1.12)$$

where  $p_k(a, b; z)$  is defined by (1.4).

**Definition 1.4.** A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $k$ -ST( $a, b$ ),  $k \geq 0$ ,  $a, b$  satisfying (1.5) and (1.6), if and only if,

$$\left[ \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - a \right\} \right]^2 > k^2 \left[ \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - a + b - 1 \right|^2 + 2b(1 - b) \right] \quad (1.13)$$

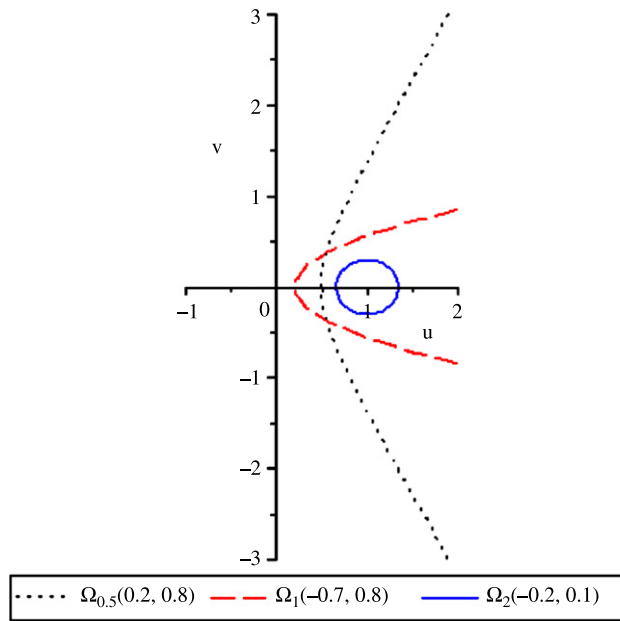


Fig. 2. The curve  $(u - a)^2 = k^2[(u - a + b - 1)^2 + v^2 + 2b(1 - b)]$ .

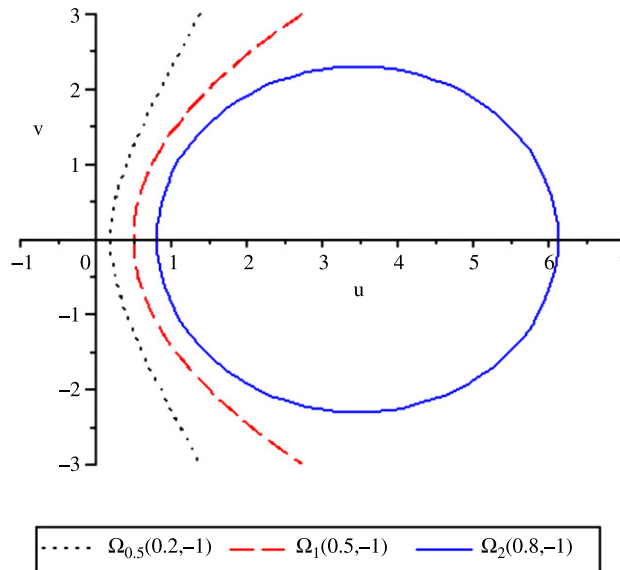


Fig. 3. The curve  $(u - a)^2 = k^2[(u - a + b - 1)^2 + v^2 + 2b(1 - b)]$ .

or equivalently

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < p_k(a, b; z), \tag{1.14}$$

where  $p_k(a, b; z)$  is defined by (1.4).

It can be easily seen that

$$f(z) \in k\text{-UCV}(a, b) \iff zf'(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b).$$

Special cases.

- i.  $k\text{-UCV}(0, 0) = k\text{-UCV}$ , the well-known class of  $k$ -uniformly convex functions, introduced by Kanas and Wisniowska [2].
- ii.  $k\text{-ST}(0, 0) = k\text{-ST}$ , the well-known class of  $k$ -starlike functions, introduced by Kanas and Wisniowska [3].

**Lemma 1.5** ([7]). Let the function  $w(z)$  be non-constant analytic in  $E$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at a point  $z_0$ , then

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = c w(z_0),$$

$c$  is real and  $c \geq 1$ .

## 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1} \right\} < \frac{3 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha},$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8), then  $f(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b)$ ,  $k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $b \leq 0$  with  $a$  and  $b$  satisfying (1.5) and (1.6).

**Proof.** We consider the function  $w(z)$  as

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 = (1 - \alpha)w(z), \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8). We see that  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $E$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . Logarithmic differentiation of (2.1) gives us

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{(1 - \alpha)zw'(z)}{(1 - \alpha)w(z) + 1}.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = (1 - \alpha)w(z) + \frac{(1 - \alpha)zw'(z)}{(1 - \alpha)w(z) + 1}. \tag{2.2}$$

Now from (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\frac{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1} = 1 + \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z) \{(1 - \alpha)w(z) + 1\}}.$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in E$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1, |w(z_0)| \neq 1$$

and also  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$ . Then applying Lemma 1.5, we have

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = c w(z_0), \quad c \geq 1.$$

Using this, we can have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{zf''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}}{\frac{zf'(z_0)}{f(z_0)} - 1} \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{w(z_0) \{(1 - \alpha)w(z_0) + 1\}} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{c w(z_0)}{w(z_0) \{(1 - \alpha)w(z_0) + 1\}} \right\} \\ &= 1 + c \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)w(z_0) + 1} \right\} \\ &= 1 + c \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)e^{i\theta} + 1} \right\} \\ &= 1 + c \frac{1 + (1 - \alpha) \cos \theta}{(1 - \alpha)^2 + 2(1 - \alpha) \cos \theta + 1} = F(\theta), \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Now as we know that  $F(\theta) \geq \min F(\theta)$  and it can easily be seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \min F(\theta) &= F(\pi) \\ &= 1 + c \frac{1 + (1 - \alpha) \cos \pi}{(1 - \alpha)^2 + 2(1 - \alpha) \cos \pi + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 + \frac{c}{\alpha} \\
&\geq 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \\
&> 1 + \frac{1}{2 - \alpha}, \quad \alpha < 1 \\
&= \frac{3 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{zf''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}}{\frac{zf'(z_0)}{f(z_0)} - 1} \right\} \geq \frac{3 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha},$$

which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Thus, we must have  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in E$  and therefore we have from (2.1),

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < 1 - \alpha,$$

which shows that  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  lies inside a circle centered at  $(1, 0)$  and having radius  $1 - \alpha$  and we know from (1.7) that this circle lies inside the conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$ ,  $k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $b \leq 0$  with  $a$  and  $b$  satisfying (1.5) and (1.6). This implies that  $f(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b)$ ,  $k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $b \leq 0$  with  $a$  and  $b$  satisfying (1.5) and (1.6).  $\square$

From the Theorem 2.1, we see that when  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  and  $k = 1$ , we have the following result which is the special case (when  $p = 1$ ) of the result proved by Al-Kharsani et al. [8].

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1} \right\} < \frac{5}{3},$$

then  $f(z)$  is uniformly starlike in  $E$  (that is  $f(z) \in 1\text{-ST}$ ).

**Theorem 2.3.** *For  $b_1 > b_2$ ,*

- i.  $k\text{-UCV}(a, b_1) \subset k\text{-UCV}(a, b_2)$ .
- ii.  $k\text{-ST}(a, b_1) \subset k\text{-ST}(a, b_2)$ .

Proof follows directly from Remark 1.2(3), (1.3), (1.12) and (1.14).

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $f(z) \in S$ . Then  $f(z) \in k\text{-UCV}(a, b)$  for  $|z| < r_0 < 1$  with*

$$r_0 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3 + \alpha^2}}{1 + \alpha},$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8).

**Proof.** Let  $f(z) \in S$ . Then, for  $|z| = r < 1$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{2r^2}{1 - r^2} \right| \leq \frac{4r}{1 - r^2},$$

for detail, see [1]. This implies that

$$\left| \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - \frac{1 + r^2}{1 - r^2} \right| \leq \frac{4r}{1 - r^2}. \quad (2.3)$$

This disk intersects the real axis at the points  $\left(\frac{1-4r+r^2}{1-r^2}, 0\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{1+4r+r^2}{1-r^2}, 0\right)$ . Now we have to find the largest value of  $r$  such that the disk (2.3) lies completely inside the conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$ , that is  $\left(\frac{1-4r+r^2}{1-r^2}, 0\right) \in \Omega_k(a, b)$ . For this, we must have

$$\frac{1 - 4r + r^2}{1 - r^2} \geq \alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8). This gives us

$$(1 + \alpha)r^2 - 4r + 1 - \alpha \geq 0, \quad 0 < r < 1.$$

This holds only if

$$r \leq r_0 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3 + \alpha^2}}{1 + \alpha}.$$

Now it can also be seen that the curves

$$(u - a)^2 = k^2(u - a + b - 1)^2 + k^2v^2 + 2k^2b(1 - b)$$

and

$$\left(u - \frac{1 + r^2}{1 - r^2}\right)^2 + v^2 = \frac{16r^2}{(1 - r^2)^2}$$

do not intersect anywhere except the possibility that the points  $(\alpha, 0)$  and  $\left(\frac{1-4r+r^2}{1-r^2}, 0\right)$  coincide. Therefore, the disk (2.3) lies completely inside the conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

When  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ , then we have the following result, proved by Kanas and Wisniowska [2].

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $f(z) \in S$ . Then  $f(z) \in k$ -UCV for  $|z| < r_0 < 1$  with

$$r_0 = \frac{2(k + 1) - \sqrt{4k^2 + 6k + 3}}{2k + 1}.$$

When  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  and  $k = 1$ , then we have the following result, proved in [9].

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $f(z) \in S$ . Then  $f(z) \in$  UCV for  $|z| < r_0 < 1$  with

$$r_0 = \frac{4 - \sqrt{13}}{3}.$$

When  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  and  $k = 0$ , then we have the following result, proved in [1].

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $f(z) \in S$ . Then  $f(z) \in C$  for  $|z| < r_0 < 1$  with  $r_0 = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ .

Now we have an extension of the result proved in [6].

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $0 \leq k < \infty$ . Also, let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $\text{Re}(\alpha\beta + \gamma) > 0$ , where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8). If  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $E$ ,  $p(0) = 1$ ,  $p(z)$  satisfying

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec p_k(a, b; z), \tag{2.4}$$

and  $q(z)$  is an analytic solution of

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} = p_k(a, b; z),$$

then  $q(z)$  is univalent,  $p(z) \prec q(z) \prec p_k(a, b; z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant of (2.4).

The proof follows similarly as given in [6].

As a special case, when  $\beta = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0$ , we have the function  $q(z)$  as

$$q(z) = \left[ \int_0^1 \left( \exp \int_z^{tz} \frac{p_k(a, b; u) - 1}{u} du \right) dt \right]^{-1}.$$

Now we see a few applications of the Lemma 2.8.

When  $k > 1$ , the conic domain  $\Omega_k(a, b)$  may be characterized by the circular domain having its diameter end points as the vertices of the ellipse. As we see that the vertices of ellipse are  $(\alpha, 0)$  and  $(\alpha_1, 0)$ , where  $\alpha$  is defined by (1.8) and

$$\alpha_1 = a + \frac{k^2(1 - b) + k\sqrt{k^2(1 - b)^2 + (1 - k^2)(1 - b^2)}}{k^2 - 1}.$$

The circle  $K(X, R)$  having diameter end points  $(\alpha, 0)$ ,  $(\alpha_1, 0)$  has its center at  $X \left( \frac{a(k^2 - 1) + (1 - b)k^2}{k^2 - 1}, 0 \right)$  and radius  $R$  as

$$R = \frac{k\sqrt{k^2(1 - b)^2 + (1 - k^2)(1 - b^2)}}{k^2 - 1}.$$

The point  $z = 1$  is contained inside the circle  $K(X, R)$  and then the function  $\phi_{a,b} : E \rightarrow K(X, R)$  has the form

$$\phi_{a,b}(z) = a + \frac{k^2(1-b) + kz\sqrt{(1-b)(1-b-2b(k^2-z^2))}}{k^2-z^2}.$$

For  $b = 0$ , we have

$$\phi_{a,0}(z) = a + \frac{k}{k-z}.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $k \in (1, \infty)$  and  $b = 0$ . Also, let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z)$  satisfies (2.4). Then

$$p(z) < \frac{1}{(k-z) \int_0^1 \frac{t^a}{k-tz} dt}$$

and

$$\text{Rep}(z) > \frac{1}{(k+1) \int_0^1 \frac{t^a}{k+t} dt},$$

where  $-\frac{k}{k+1} \leq a < \frac{1}{k+1}$ .

The proof follows directly by taking  $q(z) = \phi_{a,0}(z)$  in Lemma 2.8.

When  $a = 0$ , we have the following result, proved by Kanas [6].

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $k \in (1, \infty)$  and let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z)$  satisfies (2.4). Then

$$p(z) < \frac{z}{(z-k) \log\left(1 - \frac{z}{k}\right)}$$

and

$$\text{Rep}(z) > \frac{1}{(k+1) \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)}.$$

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $f(z), g(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b)$  and let  $\mu, c$  and  $\delta$  be positive reals. Then the function  $F(z)$ , defined by

$$F(z) = \left[ cz^{\mu-c} \int_0^z t^{c-\mu-1} (f(t))^\delta (g(t))^{\mu-\delta} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \quad (2.5)$$

belongs to  $k\text{-ST}(a, b)$ .

**Proof.** From (2.5), we have

$$z^{c-\mu} (F(z))^\mu = c \int_0^z t^{c-\mu-1} (f(t))^\delta (g(t))^{\mu-\delta} dt.$$

This implies that

$$(c-\mu)z^{c-\mu-1} (F(z))^\mu + \mu z^{c-\mu} (F(z))^{\mu-1} F'(z) = cz^{c-\mu-1} (f(z))^\delta (g(z))^{\mu-\delta}.$$

Let  $h(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{F(z)}$ . Then, we have

$$(F(z))^\mu \{(c-\mu) + \mu h(z)\} = c(f(z))^\delta (g(z))^{\mu-\delta}.$$

Differentiating logarithmically, we have

$$\mu \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \frac{\mu zh'(z)}{\mu h(z) + (c-\mu)} = \delta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + (\mu - \delta) \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}.$$

Now let  $h_1(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  and  $h_2(z) = \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}$ . Then we have

$$h(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\mu} zh'(z)}{h(z) + \frac{c-\mu}{\mu}} = \frac{\delta}{\mu} h_1(z) + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\mu}\right) h_2(z).$$

Since  $f(z), g(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b)$ , so  $h_1(z), h_2(z) \in k\text{-}P(a, b)$ . And we know by subordination technique that the class  $k\text{-}P(a, b)$  is convex. Therefore,

$$h(z) + \frac{\frac{1}{\mu} zh'(z)}{h(z) + \frac{c-\mu}{\mu}} < p_k(a, b; z),$$



which implies by using Lemma 2.8,

$$h(z) \prec p_k(a, b; z).$$

This shows that  $F(z) \in k\text{-ST}(a, b)$ .  $\square$

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