# Some properties for a subclass of Bazilevič functions\*

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**ABSTRACT** Let S represents the class of functions f which are analytic and univalent in the unit disc  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . We denote B to be the class of Bazilevič functions which to date

forms the largest subclass of S. In this paper we introduce the class  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$ , a subclass of B and give some interesting properties for this class, in particular results concerning iterated integral operators.

**ABSTRAK** Katakan S melambangkan kelas fungsi f yang analisis dan univalen pada cakera unit  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  dengan  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . Diketahui bahawa B yang mewakili kelas fungsi Bazilevič

merupakan subkelas terbesar S. Kelas  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  diperkenalkan serta dibincangkan beberapa ciri menarik mengenai kelas ini, khususnya operator pengamir yang terlelar.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Let A denote the class of functions f analytic in the unit disc  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and S, a subclass of A which consists of functions univalent in D.

A function  $f \in A$  is said to be starlike of order  $\beta$  if and only if for  $z \in D$ 

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \beta$$

for some  $\beta$  ( $0 \le \beta < 1$ ). We denote such a class by  $S^*(\beta)$ . This class was introduced by Robertson [9] and studied further by others including Schild [10] and Jack [5].

A function  $f \in A$  is said to be Bazilevič of type  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta$  if  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  are any real numbers with  $\alpha > 0$  and f has the following representation

$$f(z) = \left( (\alpha + i\delta) \int_0^z p(t)g(t)^{\alpha} t^{(i\delta - 1)} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha + i\delta}} \tag{1}$$

for any  $z \in D$ ,  $g \in S^{\bullet}(0)$  and p satisfies the conditions p(0) = 1 and Re p(z) > 0 ( $z \in D$ ). (Powers in (1) are principal values). In 1955, Bazilevič [1] showed that the class B consisting of Bazilevič functions forms a subclass of S. Amongst others, Sheil-Small [11] Pommerenke [8] looked into this class B. For  $\delta = 0$ , the subclass  $B(\alpha)$  of B is obtained and putting  $g(z) \equiv z$ , we have the subclass  $B_1(\alpha)$ . Zamorski [15], Thomas [13] and Singh [12] looked into  $B(\alpha)$  to obtain interesting properties on it. In the same paper, Singh [loc. cit.] also gives results on the class  $B_{\alpha}(\alpha)$ . Other authors which also considered these and other subclasses of B includes Obradovic and Owa [6], [7], Thomas [14] and Halim [2].

From (1), it easily follows that  $f \in B(\alpha)$  if, and only if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)^{1-\alpha}g(z)^{\alpha}}\right) > 0 \qquad (z \in D),$$

and thus  $f \in B_1(\alpha)$ , if, and only if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z^{1-\alpha}f'(z)}{f(z)^{1-\alpha}}\right) > 0$$
  $(z \in D)$ .

We now extend the class  $B_1(\alpha)$  to  $B_1(\alpha, \beta)$  as follows:

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $f \in A \cdot f \in B_1(\alpha, \beta)$  if, and only if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z^{1-\alpha}f'(z)}{f(z)^{1-\alpha}}\right) > \beta$$
  $(z \in D)$ 

for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 \le \beta < 1$ .

Further, we introduce a new subclass of B via the following definition:

**Definition 1.2:** Let  $f \in A$ . Then  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  if, and only if

$$[f(z)]^{\alpha} = (1 - \lambda)z^{\alpha} + \lambda [h(z)]^{\alpha} \qquad (z \in D)$$

for some fixed constant  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda \le 1$  and h belongs to  $B_1(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Remark.**  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  is normalized and  $B_1(\alpha, \beta) \equiv B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$ .

## 2. Iterated Integral Operator

The best estimate for the lower bound of  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^{a}$  was established for  $f \in B_{1}(\alpha)$  by the

author and Thomas [4]. This result was further used in obtaining estimates for the real part of some iterated integral operators. In using the same approach we now extend these results to  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha,\beta)$ .

**Definition 2.1:** For  $z \in D$ , a > -1 and n = 1, 2, 3, ..., define the iterated integral operator  $I_n$  as

$$I_n(z) = \frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^a I_{n-1}(t) dt$$
 (2)

where  $I_0(z) = (f(z)/z)^{\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $z = re^{i\theta} \in D$ . Then for  $n \ge 0$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} I_n(z) \ge \sigma_n(r) > \sigma_n(1)$$
 (3)

and  $\sigma_n(r) < 1$  where

$$\sigma_n(r) = \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r \rho^a \sigma_{n-1}(\rho) d\rho$$
 for  $n = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 

and

$$\sigma_{\theta}(r) = (1-\lambda)(1-\beta) + \frac{\lambda\alpha(1-\beta)}{r^{\alpha}} \int_{\theta}^{r} \rho^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{1+\rho}\right) d\rho + \beta$$

Equality is attained for  $f_0$  defined by

$$f_0^{\alpha}(z) = \alpha \int_0^z t^{\alpha - 1} \left( \frac{(1 - t)(1 - \beta)}{(1 + t)} + (1 - \lambda + \beta) \right) dt$$

To prove the above Theorem, we require the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.1**[3]. Let  $\Gamma_n$  be defined as given below

$$\Gamma_n(r) = \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r \rho^a \Gamma_{n-1}(\rho) d\rho$$
 for  $n = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 

and

$$\Gamma_0(r) = \frac{\alpha(1-\beta)}{r^{\alpha}} \int_0^r \rho^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{1+\rho}\right) d\rho.$$

Then for fixed r (0 < r < 1) and  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\Gamma_{n-1}(r) < \Gamma_n(r)$ .

**Proof** (Theorem 2.1). We use induction to prove the theorem. First, consider the case n = 0. For  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\exists h \in B_1(\alpha, \beta)$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^{\alpha} = 1 - \lambda + \lambda \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{h(z)}{z}\right)^{\alpha}$$

Thus, using the results in [3], i.e. for  $h \in B_1(\alpha, \beta)$  with  $z = re^{i\theta}$ 

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{h(z)}{z}\right)^{\alpha} \geq \frac{\alpha}{r^{\alpha}} \int_{0}^{r} \rho^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{(1-\beta)(1-\rho)}{1+\rho} + \beta\right) d\rho,$$

we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} I_{0}(z) \geq 1 - \lambda + \frac{\lambda \alpha}{r^{\alpha}} \int_{0}^{r} \rho^{\alpha - 1} \left[ \frac{(1 - \beta)(1 - \rho)}{1 + \rho} + \beta \right] d\rho$$
$$= 1 + 2\lambda \alpha (1 - \beta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-r)^{k}}{k + \alpha}$$
$$= \sigma_{0}(r).$$

Elementary calculations will show that  $\sigma_0(1) < \sigma_0(r) < 1$  for  $0 < \rho < r < 1$ . Next, from (2) with  $t = \rho e^{i\theta}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} I_{n+1}(z) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^a I_n(t) dt \right\}$$

$$= \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r \rho^a \operatorname{Re} I_n(\rho e^{i\theta}) d\rho$$

$$\geq \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r \rho^a \sigma_n(\rho) d\rho$$

$$= \sigma_{n+1}(r),$$

where by induction the first inequality in (3) is established.

For  $n \ge 1$ , the series

$$\sigma_n(r) = 1 + 2\lambda\alpha(1-\beta)(1+a)^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-r)^j}{(j+\alpha)(j+a+1)^n}$$

is absolutely convergent and writing it is as follows

$$\sigma_{n}(r) = 1 - 2\lambda \alpha (1 - \beta)(1 + a)^{n} \left( \frac{r}{(1 + \alpha)(2 + a)^{n}} - \frac{r^{2}}{(2 + \alpha)(3 + a)^{n}} \right)$$
$$-2\lambda \alpha (1 - \beta)(1 + a)^{n} \left( \frac{r^{3}}{(3 + \alpha)(4 + a)^{n}} - \frac{r^{4}}{(4 + \alpha)(5 + a)^{n}} \right) +$$
$$= 1 - 2\lambda \alpha (1 - \beta)(1 + a)^{n} X(r, \alpha)$$

where

$$X(r,\alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r^{2k-1}}{(2k-1+\alpha)(2k+a)^n} - \frac{r^{2k}}{(2k+\alpha)(2k+1+a)^n} \right)$$

shows that  $\sigma_n(r) < 1$ .

Finally, we show  $\sigma_n(r) > \sigma_n(1)$ . Noting that  $\sigma_n(r) = (1-\beta)(1-\lambda) + \beta + \lambda \Gamma_n(r)$  for  $n = 0,1,2,3,\ldots$  and using Lemma 2.1, we then have for a fixed r,  $\sigma_{n-1}(r) < \sigma_n(r)$ . Also, since

$$r\sigma'_n(r) = (1+a)[\sigma_{n-1}(r) - \sigma_n(r)],$$
  
this shows that for a fixed  $n \ge 1$ ,  $r\sigma'_n(r) < 0$ 

indicating a decreasing function  $\sigma_n(r)$ . This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.1.

### 3. Other Properties

In this section we list other properties of the class  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.**  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha,\beta) \subseteq B_1(\alpha,\beta)$ .

**Proof.** For any  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\exists h \in B_1(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $[f(z)]^{\alpha} = (1 - \lambda)z^{\alpha} + \lambda [h(z)]^{\alpha}$ .

Differentiating w.r.t. z and further multiplying with  $z^{1-\alpha}$  gives

$$z^{1-\alpha}\alpha[f(z)]^{\alpha-1}f'(z) = z^{1-\alpha}\alpha(1-\lambda)z^{\alpha-1} + z^{1-\alpha}\lambda\alpha[h(z)]^{\alpha-1}h'(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z^{1-\alpha}f'(z)}{f(z)^{1-\alpha}}\right) = 1 - \lambda + \lambda \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z^{1-\alpha}h'(z)}{h(z)^{1-\alpha}}\right)$$
$$> 1 - \lambda + \lambda\beta$$
$$> \beta$$
$$\therefore f \in B_{1}(\alpha, \beta)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  then the function g given as  $[g(z)]^{\alpha+\mu} = z^{\mu}[f(z)]^{\alpha}$  for  $\mu \ge 0$  belong to  $B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha + \mu, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** For  $\mu \ge 0$ , and since  $f \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha, \beta)$  we have

$$[g(z)]^{\alpha+\mu} = z^{\mu} [f(z)]^{\alpha}$$

$$= z^{\mu} \{ (1-\lambda)z^{\alpha} + \lambda [h(z)]^{\alpha} \}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)z^{\alpha+\mu} + \lambda z^{\mu} h(z)]^{\alpha}$$

for some  $h \in B_1(\alpha, \beta)$ . Obradovic and Owa in [7] proved that for  $\mu \ge 0$ ,

$$h \in B_1(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow z^{\mu}[h(z)]^{\alpha} \in B_1(\alpha + \mu, \beta),$$

thus this means  $g \in B_1^{\lambda}(\alpha + \mu, \beta)$ .

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