

A SHARP CRITERION FOR STARLIKENESS

RÓBERT SZÁSZ

Abstract. In this paper we have obtained a simple sufficient condition for the starlikeness of analytic functions defined in the unit disc $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$.

MSC 2000. 30C45.

Key words. Starlikeness, convolution, duality.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let A be the class of functions which are analytic in the unit disc $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ and have the form $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$. We denote by S^* the subclass of A consist of starlike (univalent) functions in U , i.e.

$$S^* = \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > 0, z \in U \right\}.$$

In [2] P.T. Mocanu has proved that if $f \in A$ and $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z) + \frac{1}{2}f''(z)) > 0$, $z \in U$, then f belongs to S^* . In this paper we will determine the biggest value of c for which the condition $f \in A$, $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z) + \frac{1}{2}f''(z)) > -c$, $z \in U$ implies the starlikeness of the function f .

2. PRELIMINARIES

In [2] the author used the method of differential subordination. Now we apply the duality principle for convolution. Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ be two analytic function in U . The Hadamard product (convolution) of f and g is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

Let A_0 be the class of the analytic functions f in U which have the property $f(0) = 1$ and let \mathcal{P} be the subclass of A_0 defined by the equality $\mathcal{P} = \{f \in A_0 : \operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > 0, z \in U\}$. For $V \subset A_0$ the dual V^* is the set of functions $g \in A_0$ such that $(f * g)(z) \neq 0$ for every $f \in V$ and $z \in U$. We define the functions h_T in A by

$$h_T(z) = \frac{1}{1+iT} \left[iT \frac{z}{1-z} + \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \right], \quad T \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We need the following theorems, which have been established in [5].

THEOREM 1. [5, p. 23] (The duality principle) *The dual of the class \mathcal{P} satisfies the equality $\mathcal{P}^* = \{f \in A_0 \mid \operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > \frac{1}{2}, z \in U\}$.*

THEOREM 2. [5, p. 94] A function $f \in A$ is in the class S^* of the starlike functions if and only if $\frac{f(z)}{z} * \frac{h_T(z)}{z} \neq 0$ for every $T \in R$ and $z \in U$.

THEOREM 3. If the function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R_+^*$ is increasing on $[0, 1]$ and $a > 0$, then

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{a+1}}{f(x)} dx \leq \frac{a+1}{a+2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^a}{f(x)} dx.$$

Proof. We have:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{a+1}}{f(x)} dx = \frac{a+1}{a+2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^a}{f(x^{\frac{a+1}{a+2}})} dx \leq \frac{a+1}{a+2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^a}{f(x)} dx.$$

3. MAIN RESULT

THEOREM 4. The biggest value of c for which the condition

$$(1) \quad f \in A, \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(f'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z f''(z) \right) > -c, \quad z \in U$$

implies the starlikeness of the function f is $c = \frac{3-4 \ln 2}{4 \ln 2 - 2}$. The condition (1) does not imply even the univalence of the function f for a bigger value of c .

Proof. The condition (2) implies that $\frac{c+f'(z)+\frac{1}{2}zf''(z)}{1+c} \in \mathcal{P}$ and from the Herglotz representation theorem we get

$$(2) \quad \frac{c+f'(z)+\frac{1}{2}zf''(z)}{1+c} = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t),$$

where μ is a probability measure on $[0, 2\pi]$. If the function f has the development $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, then from (3) it follows that

$$a_n = \frac{4(1+c)}{n(n+1)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n-1)t} d\mu(t) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

and

$$f(z) = z + 4(1+c) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n(n+1)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n-1)t} d\mu(t).$$

According to Theorem 2, the function $f \in A$ is starlike with respect to 0 if and only if

$$(3) \quad \frac{f(z)}{z} * \frac{h_T(z)}{z} \neq 0, \quad z \in U, \quad T \in R.$$

The function h_T has the development $h_T(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+iT}{1+iT} z^n$ and the convolution of the functions f and h_T can be rewritten in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{f(z)}{z} * \frac{h_T(z)}{z} &= \left(1 + 4(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)(n+2)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t) \right) \\
&* \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{1+iT} z^n \right) \\
(4) \quad &= \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t) \right) \\
&* \left(1 + 2(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} z^n \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Because $1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t) \in \mathcal{P}$, from Theorem 1 and using (3), (4), we get that the function f belongs to S^* if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} z^n \right) > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U, \quad T \in R,$$

or, equivalently

$$(5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{4(1+c)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} z^n \right) > 0, \quad z \in U, \quad T \in R.$$

In order to determine the biggest value of c for which the starlikeness condition (5) is valid we must compute

$$m = \inf_{\substack{z \in U \\ T \in R}} \left(\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{4(1+c)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} z^n \right) \right).$$

It is easy to observe that:

$$(6) \quad m = \inf_{\substack{\theta \in (0, 2\pi) \\ T \in R}} \left(\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{4(1+c)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} e^{in\theta} \right) \right).$$

We introduce the notation:

$$M(\theta, T) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1+iT}{(1+iT)(n+1)(n+2)} e^{in\theta} \right)$$

and after some calculations we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(7) \quad M(\theta, T) &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{1+T^2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in\theta}}{n+2} - iT \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{ne^{in\theta}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + T^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in\theta}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Our aim is to show that $M(\theta, T) \geq 1 - \ln 2$, $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$. From the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in\theta}}{n + \beta} &= \int_0^1 t^\beta \frac{e^{i\theta} - t}{1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta} dt, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in\theta}}{(n + \beta)(n + \gamma)} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^\beta x^\gamma \frac{e^{i\theta} - tx}{1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta} dt dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$, $\beta, \gamma \in (0, +\infty)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} M(\theta, T) &= \frac{1}{1 + T^2} \left(\int_0^1 t^2 \frac{\cos \theta - t}{1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta} dt \right. \\ &\quad + T \sin \theta \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1 - x)(1 - t^2 x)}{(1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta)(1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta)} dt dx \\ &\quad \left. + T^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 x \frac{\cos \theta - tx}{1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta} dt dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{t^2}{1 + t} dt - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2 x}{1 + tx} dt dx &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1 - x}{(1 + t)(1 + tx)} dt dx, \\ \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{\cos \theta - t}{1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta} dt + \int_0^1 \frac{t^2}{1 + t} dt \\ &= (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1 - t}{(1 + t)(1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta)} dt, \\ \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 x \frac{\cos \theta - tx}{1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta} dt dx + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2 x}{1 + tx} dt dx \\ &= (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 x \frac{1 - tx}{(1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta)(1 + tx)} dt dx, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} M(\theta, T) &= - \int_0^1 \frac{t^2}{1 + t} dt + \frac{1}{1 + T^2} \left(T^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1 - x}{(1 + t)(1 + tx)} dt dx \right. \\ &\quad + (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1 - t}{(1 + t)(1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta)} dt \\ &\quad \left. + T \sin \theta \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1 - t^2 x)(1 - x)}{(1 + t^2 - 2t \cos \theta)(1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta)} dt dx \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{T^2}{1 + T^2} (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 x \frac{1 - tx}{(1 + t^2 x^2 - 2tx \cos \theta)(1 + tx)} dt dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce the notations:

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(\theta, T) &= T^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-x}{(1+t)(1+tx)} dt dx \\ &\quad + (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-t}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)} dt \\ &\quad + T \sin \theta \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1-t^2x)(1-x)}{(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)(1+t^2x^2-2tx \cos \theta)} dt dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L_2(\theta, T) = \frac{T^2}{1+T^2} (1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 x \frac{1-tx}{(1+t^2x^2-2tx \cos \theta)(1+xt)} dt dx.$$

A simple calculation shows that $M(\theta, T) = L_1(\theta, T) + L_2(\theta, T) + \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$. We observe that

$$(8) \quad L_2(\theta, T) \geq 0, \quad \theta \in (0, 2\pi), \quad T \in \mathbb{R}$$

and we will prove the inequality

$$(9) \quad L_1(\theta, T) \geq 0, \quad \theta \in \left(0, \frac{17\pi}{12}\right), \quad T \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We discuss the inequality (9) in two cases. If $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, then (9) is valid. The expression $L_1(\theta, T)$ is a polynomial of degree two in T . The coefficient of T^2 is positive and so, if we prove that the discriminant of $L_1(\theta, T)$ is negative, it will follow (9). The discriminant of $L_1(\theta, T)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\theta) &= \left(\sin \theta \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1-t^2x)(1-x)}{(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)(1+t^2x^2-2tx \cos \theta)} dt dx \right)^2 \\ &\quad - 4(1 + \cos \theta) \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-t}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)} dt \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-x}{(1+t)(1+tx)} dt dx, \end{aligned}$$

which can be rewritten in the form

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta(\theta) &= 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\left(\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1-t^2x)(1-x)}{(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)(1+t^2x^2-2tx \cos \theta)} dt dx \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-t}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)} dt \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-x}{(1+t)(1+tx)} dt dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

If $\theta \in (\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$, then $\cos \theta \leq 0$ and from Theorem 3 we get that

$$(11) \quad \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2(1-x)}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)} dt dx \leq 2 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2(1-t)}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t \cos \theta)} dt.$$

The inequality of Cauchy-Schwarz implies

$$(12) \quad \left(\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2(1-x)}{(1+t)\sqrt{(1+tx)(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)}} dt dx \right)^2 \\ \leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{1-x}{(1+t)(1+tx)} dt dx \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2(1-x)}{(1+t)(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)} dt dx.$$

At the next step we prove that

$$(13) \quad \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t^2 \frac{(1-t^2x)(1-x)}{(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)(1+t^2x^2-2tx\cos\theta)} dt dx \\ \leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{t^2(1-x)}{(1+t)\sqrt{(1+tx)(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)}} dt dx, \quad \theta \in \left[\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12} \right].$$

The above inequality is valid because

$$(14) \quad \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{1+t^2-2t\cos\theta} \leq \frac{1}{(1+t)\sqrt{1+t^2-2t\cos\theta}},$$

which is equivalent to $0 \leq (1-t)^2(1+\cos\theta)$, $\theta \in [\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12}]$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and

$$(15) \quad \frac{1-t^2x}{1+t^2x^2-2tx\cos\theta} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+tx}}, \quad \theta \in \left[\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12} \right], \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

For the argumentation of the inequality (15) we observe that $\theta \in [\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12}]$ implies $\cos\theta \leq -\frac{1}{4}$ and so, instead of (15), it is enough to prove the following stronger inequality:

$$\frac{1-t^2x^2}{1+t^2x^2+\frac{1}{2}tx} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+tx}},$$

which is equivalent to $t^5x^5 \leq \frac{17}{4}t^2x^2 + 3t^3x^3$, $t, x \in [0, 1]$. By multiplying (14) and (15) it results that

$$\frac{t^2(1-t^2x)(1-x)\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)(1+t^2x^2-2tx\cos\theta)} \leq \frac{t^2(1-x)}{(1+t)\sqrt{(1+tx)(1+t^2-2t\cos\theta)}},$$

and integrating on the suitable domain we get (13).

Now (10), (11), (12), (13) imply that $\Delta(\theta) \leq 0$ if $\theta \in [\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12}]$ and so $L_1(\theta, T) \geq 0$ for $\theta \in [\pi, \frac{17\pi}{12}]$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$. According to (8) and (9) we have proved that $\theta \in (0, \frac{17\pi}{12})$ implies $M(\theta, T) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$. It remains to discuss the case $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$. To prove in this case $M(\theta, T) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$, we will deduce on other integral representation of a Fourier series. Let $\Gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_4$ denote the contour constructed by the following curves $\gamma_1(t) = Re^{it}$, $\gamma_2(t) = re^{-it}$, $t \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ and $\gamma_3(t) = iR + t(ir - iR)$, $\gamma_4(t) = -ir + t(ir - iR)$, $t \in [0, 1]$. We calculate the integral $\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz$, where $f(z) = \frac{e^{i\theta z}}{(\beta+z)(e^{2\pi iz} - 1)}$, $\beta > 0$, using the residue theory. It is simple to deduce that $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz =$

0, $\operatorname{Re}z(f, k) = \frac{e^{i\theta k}}{2\pi i(k+\beta)}$, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz = -i\pi \cdot \operatorname{Re}z(f, 0)$ and we get the equality

$$\lim_{\substack{R \rightarrow \infty \\ r \rightarrow 0}} \int_{\gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4} f(z) dz = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\theta k}}{k + \beta}$$

or, equivalently, for $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$ and $\beta \in (0, \infty)$ the following identity holds:

$$(16) \quad \frac{1}{2\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in\theta}}{n + \beta} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x(e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} + e^{\theta x})}{(\beta^2 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \\ + i\beta \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x}}{(\beta^2 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx.$$

Using the deduced identity, some calculations lead us to:

$$M(\theta, T) = \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2 + \frac{1}{1 + T^2} \left(\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x})^2}{(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right. \\ \left. + 3T \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2(e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x})}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right. \\ \left. + 3T^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x})^2}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx + T^2(3 \ln 2 - 2) \right).$$

If we put $\theta = \pi$, $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 2$ in (16) we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{3xe^{\pi x}}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx = \ln 2 - \frac{5}{8}$$

and so we get that

$$\frac{23}{20} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{3xe^{\pi x}}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \leq 3 \ln 2 - 2.$$

from which it follows the inequality

$$(17) \quad M(\theta, T) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2 + \frac{1}{1 + T^2} \left(\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2}{(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right. \\ \left. + 3T \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2(e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x})}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right. \\ \left. + 3T^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2 + \frac{23}{20}xe^{\pi x}}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right), \quad \theta \in \left[\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi \right].$$

Let introduce the notation

$$L_3(\theta, T) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2}{(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \\ + 3T \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2(e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x})}{(1 + x^2)(4 + x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx$$

$$+ 3T^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2 + \frac{23}{20} x e^{\pi x}}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx.$$

We prove that $L_3(\theta, T) \geq 0$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$. The discriminant of L_3 is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_3(\theta) &= \left(3 \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 (e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x})}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right)^2 \\ &\quad - 12 \int_0^\infty \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2}{(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \\ &\quad \cdot \int_0^\infty \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2 + \frac{23}{20} x e^{\pi x}}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

From the inequality of Cauchy-Schwarz it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (18) \quad & \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{x |e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x}| \sqrt{(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x})^2 + \frac{23}{20} e^{\pi x}}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right)^2 \\ & \leq \int_0^\infty \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2 + \frac{23}{20} x e^{\pi x}}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \int_0^\infty \frac{x \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x} \right)^2}{(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

If we prove that

$$\begin{aligned} (19) \quad & \left| \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 (e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x})}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \right| = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 |e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x}|}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx \\ & \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \int_0^\infty \frac{x |e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x}| \sqrt{(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x})^2 + \frac{23}{20} x e^{\pi x}}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} dx, \end{aligned}$$

then from (18) and (19) it is easy to deduce that $\Delta_3(\theta) \leq 0$ and so we get $L_3(\theta, T) \geq 0$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$.

In order to prove (19) it is enough to show that for every $x \in [0, \infty)$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, the next inequality holds true:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^2 |e^{(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\theta x}|}{(1+x^2)(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)} \\ & \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{x |e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x}| \sqrt{(e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi-\theta)x} - e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta x})^2 + \frac{23}{20} e^{\pi x}}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}(4+x^2)(e^{2\pi x} - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is equivalent to

$$(20) \quad \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{e^{2(\theta-\pi)x} - 0.85e^{(\theta-\pi)x} + 1}{(e^{(\theta-\pi)x} + 1)^2}},$$

where $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi]$, $x \in [0, \infty)$. It is enough to prove the inequality (20) for $\theta = \frac{17\pi}{12}$. Let $g, h : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions defined by the equalities

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{e^{\frac{5\pi}{6}x} - 0.85e^{\frac{5\pi}{12}x} + 1}{(e^{\frac{5\pi}{12}x} + 1)^2}}, \quad h(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}.$$

Because the functions g and h are increasing and $g(0) > h(\frac{1}{2})$, $g(\frac{1}{2}) > h(\frac{3}{4})$, $g(\frac{3}{4}) > h(1)$, $g(1) > h(\frac{3}{2})$, $g(\frac{3}{2}) > h(2)$, it results the inequality $g(x) > h(x)$, $x \in [0, 2]$, and we observe that $g(x) > 1 > h(x)$ for $x \in [2, \infty)$, so it follows that $g(x) > h(x)$ for every $x \in [0, \infty)$.

From (18) and (19) we get $\Delta_3(\theta) \leq 0$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, $L_3(\theta, T) \geq 0$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$ and, according to (17), we have $M(\theta, T) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$, $\theta \in [\frac{17\pi}{12}, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$. In conclusion, $M(\theta, T) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$, $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$, $T \in \mathbb{R}$ and $M(\pi, 0) = \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$, which means that $\min\{M(\theta, T) \mid \theta \in (0, 2\pi), T \in \mathbb{R}\} = \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2$.

The necessary and sufficient condition for starlikeness (5) is valid if and only if $m = \frac{1}{4(1+c)} + \frac{1}{2} - \ln 2 \geq 0$ (m is defined by (6)), which is equivalent to $c = \frac{3-4\ln 2}{4\ln 2-2}$. \square

THEOREM 5. *The value $c = \frac{3-4\ln 2}{4\ln 2-2}$ is the biggest having the property that the condition*

$$f \in A, \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(f'(z) + \frac{z}{2} f''(z) \right) > -c, \quad z \in U$$

implies the univalence of the function f .

Proof. It is well-known that a necessary condition for the univalence of a function $f \in A$ is $f'(z) \neq 0$, $z \in U$. We have proved at the previous theorem that the condition (1) implies

$$f(z) = z + 4(1+c) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n(n+1)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n-1)t} d\mu(t), \quad z \in U.$$

From this integral representation it results that

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= 1 + 4(1+c) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n-1}}{n+1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n-1)t} d\mu(t) = \\ &= \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t) \right) * \left(1 + 2(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n+2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 (The duality principle) implies that the condition $f'(z) \neq 0$, $z \in U$ holds if and only if

$$(21) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n+2} \right) > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

Because

$$\inf_{z \in U} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2(1+c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n+2} \right) = 1 + 2(1+c) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \ln 2 \right),$$

we get that condition (21) is equivalent to $1 + 2(1+c) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \ln 2 \right) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $c \leq \frac{3-4\ln 2}{4\ln 2-2}$. \square

4. INTEGRAL VERSION OF THE RESULT

Let $L : A \rightarrow A$ be the operator of Libera defined by $L(f)(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$. For a given real number c , we introduce the following subclass of analytic functions: $R_c = \{f \in A \mid \operatorname{Re} f'(z) > -c, z \in U\}$.

THEOREM 6. *The biggest value of c for which $L(f) \in S^*$ for every $f \in R_c$ is $c = \frac{3-4\ln 2}{4\ln 2-2}$. For a bigger value of c than $\frac{3-4\ln 2}{4\ln 2-2}$, there exists $f \in R(c)$ such that $L(f)$ is not even univalent in U .*

Proof. By derivation from $F(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$ we get the equality $F'(z) + \frac{z}{2} F''(z) = f'(z)$, $z \in U$ and the function F satisfies the condition (1). Theorems 4 and 5 imply that the assertions of Theorem 6 are valid. \square

REFERENCES

- [1] KRZYŻ, J., *A counterexample concerning univalent functions*, Folia Soc. Scient. Lubliniensis, **2** (1962), 57–58.
- [2] MOCANU, P.T., *On starlikeness of Libera transform*, Mathematica(Cluj), **28(51)** (1986), 153–155.
- [3] MOCANU, P.T., *On starlikeness of certain integral operators*, Mathematica(Cluj), **36(59)** (1994), 179–184.
- [4] SINGH, R. and SINGH, S., *Starlikeness and convexity of certain integrals*, Ann. Univ. Mariae Curie-Slodowska, Sect. A, **16** (1981), 145–148.
- [5] RUSCHEWEYH, S., *Convolution in Geometric Function Theory*, Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, Montréal, 1982.

Received October 16, 2003

Department of Mathematics
Sapientia University
Piața Trandafirilor 61
540053 Târgu Mureș, Romania
E-mail: szasz_robert2001@yahoo.com