

MARX-STROHHACKER INEQUALITY  
FOR MOCANU-JANOWSKI  $\alpha$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\Omega$  be the class of functions  $w(z)$  regular in the unit disc  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $w(0) = 0$ , and  $|w(z)| < 1$ . For arbitrarily fixed real numbers  $A \in (-1, 1]$  and  $B \in [-1, A)$ , let  $P(A, B)$  be the class of regular functions  $p(z)$  in  $D$  such that  $p(0) = 1$ , and  $p(z) \in P(A, B)$  if and only if  $p(z) = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)}$  for every  $z \in D$ , for some  $w(z) \in \Omega$ .

In the present paper we apply the subordination principle to give new proofs for some results concerning the class  $M(\alpha, A, B)$  of functions  $f(z)$  regular in  $D$  with  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  satisfying the condition:  $M(\alpha, A, B)$  if and only if  $\left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] = p(z)$ , for all  $z$  in  $D$  and for some  $p(z) \in P(A, B)$  ( $A \in (-1, 1], B \in [-1, A), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ).

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Omega$  be the family of functions  $w(z)$  regular in the unit disc  $D$  and satisfying the conditions  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$ , for  $z \in D$ .

For arbitrary fixed numbers  $A, B$ ,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , let  $P(A, B)$  denote the family of functions

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots + p_nz^n + \dots$$

regular in  $D$  and such that  $p(z)$  is in  $P(A, B)$  if and only if

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \Leftrightarrow p(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}$$

for some  $w(z) \in \Omega$  and every  $z \in D$ .

Furthermore, for arbitrary fixed numbers  $A, B, \alpha$ ,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let  $M(\alpha, A, B)$  denote the family of functions

$$f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$$

regular in  $D$  and such that  $f(z)$  is in  $M(\alpha, A, B)$  if and only if

$$\left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] = p(z)$$

for some  $p(z)$  in  $P(A, B)$  and for all  $z$  in  $D$ .

Furthermore, for  $A = 1, B = -1$ , the class  $M(\alpha, 1, -1)$  becomes the well known class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions introduced by P.T. Mocanu ([4]).

## 2. NEW RESULTS ON THE CLASS $M(\alpha, A, B)$

In this section we shall give representation theorems and a generalized Marx-Strohhacker inequality for the class  $M(\alpha, A, B)$ . Our proofs are based on I.S. Jack's Lemma

LEMMA 1. ([3]) *Let  $w(z)$  be a non-constant and analytic function in the unit disc  $D$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  at the point  $z_0$ , then  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$  and  $k \geq 1$ .*

THEOREM 1. *If  $f(z)$  satisfies*

$$(1) \quad \left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) - 1 \right] \prec \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)z}{1+Bz} = F_1(z), & B \neq 0, \\ Az = F_2(z), & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

then  $f(z) \in M(\alpha, A, B)$ .

*Proof.* The linear transformation

$$w_1 = h(z) = \frac{(A-B)z}{1+Bz}$$

maps  $|z| = r$  onto the circle centered at  $C_1(r)$ , with radius  $\rho_1(r)$ , where

$$\begin{cases} C_1(r) = -\frac{B(A-B)r^2}{1-B^2r^2}, \quad \rho_1(r) = \frac{(A-B)r}{1-B^2r^2}, & B \neq 0, \\ C_1(r) = (0, 0), \quad \rho_1(r) = |A|r, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $h(D)$  is contained in the closed disc centered at  $C_1(r)$  with radius  $\rho_1(r)$ . On the other hand, we define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$(2) \quad \frac{f(z)}{z} \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\alpha = \begin{cases} (1+Bw(z))^{\frac{A-B}{B}}, & B \neq 0, \\ e^{Aw(z)}, & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $(1+Bw(z))^{\frac{A-B}{B}}$  and  $e^{Aw(z)}$  have the value 1 at the origin. Then  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $D$ , and  $w(0) = 0$ . If we take the logarithmic derivative of equality (2), simple calculations yield

$$(3) \quad (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) - 1 = \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)zw'(z)}{1+Bw(z)}, & B \neq 0, \\ Azw'(z), & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Now, the subordination (1) is equivalent to  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in D$ . Indeed, assume the contrary. There exists  $z_0 \in D$ ,  $Max_{|z|=z_0}$  such that  $|w(z_0)| = 1$ . Then, by I.S. Jack's lemma,  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$  and  $k \geq 1$ , and for such  $z_0 \in D$  we have

$$(1 - \alpha)z_0 \frac{f'(z_0)}{f(z_0)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z_0 \frac{f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) - 1 = \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)kw(z_0)}{1+Bw(z_0)} = F_1(w(z_0)) \notin F_1(D), & B \neq 0, \\ Akw(z_0) = F_2(w(z_0)) \notin F_2(D), & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

since  $|w(z_0)| = 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . But this contradicts (3) and so  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in D$ .

On the other hand we have,

$$\left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] - 1 \prec \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)z}{1+Bz}, & B \neq 0, \\ Az, & B = 0, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] - 1 = \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)w(z)}{1+Bw(z)}, & B \neq 0, \\ Aw(z), & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

The sharpness of the result follows from the fact that

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\alpha = \begin{cases} (1 + Bz)^{\frac{A-B}{B}}, & B \neq 0, \\ e^{Az}, & B = 0, \end{cases}$$

implies

$$\left[ (1 - \alpha)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] - 1 \prec \begin{cases} \frac{(A-B)z}{1+Bz}, & B \neq 0, \\ Az, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

□

REMARK 1. If  $f(z) \in M(\alpha, A, B)$ , then

$$(4) \quad w(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{B} \left[ \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{B}{A-B}} \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{\frac{\alpha B}{A-B}} - 1 \right], & B \neq 0, \\ \log \left[ \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{A}} \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{A}} \right], & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

If we use the definition of  $w(z)$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} \left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{B}{A-B}} \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{\frac{\alpha B}{A-B}} - 1 \right| < |B|, & B \neq 0, \\ \left| \log \left[ \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\alpha \right] \right| < |A|, & B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Substituting specific values for  $A, B$  and  $\alpha$ , the following are obtained:

$$(1) \quad \alpha = 1, A = 1, B = -1,$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{f'(z)}} - 1 \right| < 1.$$

This is the well-known ‘‘Marx-Strohhacker Inequality’’ ([2, p. 129]) for convex functions.

$$(2) \quad \alpha = 0, A = 1, B = -1,$$

$$\left| \sqrt{\frac{z}{f(z)}} - 1 \right| < 1.$$

This inequality was proved by Marx-Strohhacker in 1932 and by M.S. Robertson in 1936 for starlike functions ([2, p. 128]).

$$(3) \quad A = 1, B = -1,$$

$$(5) \quad \left| \sqrt{\frac{z}{f(z)} \left( \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \right)^\alpha} - 1 \right| < 1.$$

This is the Marx-Strohhacker inequality for  $\alpha$ -convex functions.

$$(4) \quad A = 1, B = 0,$$

$$\left| \log \left[ \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \left( z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\alpha \right] - 1 \right| < 1.$$

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