## NEW CRITERIA FOR MEROMORPHIC CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** Let  $K_n(\alpha)$  be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-1}}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \qquad (a_{-1} \neq 0)$$

which are regular in the punctured disc  $\mathbf{U}^* = \{z: 0 < |z| < 1\}$  and satisfy

Re 
$$\left\{-z^{2} \left(D^{n} f(z)\right)'\right\} > \alpha, \ 0 \le \alpha < 1, \ |z| < 1,$$

and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , where

$$D^{n}f(z) = \frac{a_{-1}}{z} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n} a_{k-2} z^{k-2}.$$

It is proved that  $K_{n+1}(\alpha) \subset K_n(\alpha)$ . Since  $K_0(\alpha)$  is the class of meromorphically close-to-convex functions, all functions in  $K_n(\alpha)$  are meromorphically close-to-convex.

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