

COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES FOR A CLASS OF STAR-LIKE FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction. In this note we continue the study, initiated in [1], of the class $S^*(\alpha)$ of functions

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

that are analytic and univalent in the unit disc U and satisfy the condition

$$(1.2) \quad -\alpha \frac{\pi}{2} < \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < \alpha \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1).$$

$S^*(1)$ is the frequently studied class of univalent star-like functions. For each α , $S^*(\alpha)$ is a subclass of the class $K(\alpha)$ of close-to-convex functions of order α introduced by Pommerenke [4]. Properties of the class $S^*(\alpha)$ proved useful in studying the coefficient behaviour of bounded univalent functions that are analytic and map U onto a convex domain [1]. In this note we investigate the problem of determining

$$(1.3) \quad A_n(\alpha) = \max_{f \in S^*(\alpha)} |a_n|$$

but we are able to give only a partial solution.

In § 3 we introduce the related class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ of functions

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k$$

that are analytic and univalent in the punctured disc and satisfy the condition

$$(1.4) \quad \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\pi < \arg \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} < \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\pi \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1).$$

$\Sigma^*(1)$ is the class of univalent meromorphic star-like functions studied in [3; 5]. For the class of functions $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$, we show that

$$|A_n| \leq \frac{2\alpha}{n+1}$$

with equality for a fixed integer n if and only if

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = - \left(\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n+1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n+1}} \right)^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1).$$

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It is convenient to denote by \mathcal{P}_α ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$) the class of functions

$$P(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k$$

that are analytic in U and subordinate to the function $((1+z)/(1-z))^\alpha$. We note that $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ if and only if $P(z) = [Q(z)]^\alpha$, where $Q(z) \in \mathcal{P}_1$.

For future reference we observe that (1.2) and (1.4) are equivalent to

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = [P(z)]^\alpha$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = -[P(z)]^\alpha,$$

respectively, where $P(z)$ belongs to \mathcal{P}_1 .

2. We begin by determining $A_n(\alpha)$ in the case that $n = 2$ and $n = 3$.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let*

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

belong to $S^*(\alpha)$ ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$). Then $|a_2| \leq 2\alpha$, with equality if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} \right]^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1).$$

If $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{3}$, then $|a_3| \leq \alpha$ with equality if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z^2}{1 - \epsilon z^2} \right]^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1);$$

if $\frac{1}{3} < \alpha \leq 1$, then $|a_3| \leq 3\alpha^2$ with equality if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} \right]^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1);$$

and if $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$, then $|a_3| \leq \frac{1}{3}$, with equality if and only if

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\lambda \left(\frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} \right) + (1 - \lambda) \left(\frac{1 + \epsilon \frac{z^2}{z^2}}{1 - \epsilon \frac{z^2}{z^2}} \right) \right]^{1/3},$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

Proof. If $f(z) \in S^*(\alpha)$, then by (1.5),

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = [P(z)]^\alpha = \left[1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k \right]^\alpha,$$

where $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_1$. From (2.2) it follows that $a_2 = \alpha p_1$ and

$$(2.3) \quad 2a_3 = \alpha \left[p_2 + \frac{3\alpha - 1}{2} p_1^2 \right].$$

By a well-known theorem due to Carathéodory [2], $|p_n| \leq 2$ and $|p_1| = 2$ if and only if

$$P(z) = \frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z},$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$. This completes the proof of the first part of the theorem.

If $\frac{1}{3} < \alpha \leq 1$, then since $|p_2| \leq 2$, (2.3) implies that $|a_3| \leq 3\alpha^2$ and again equality holds if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} \right]^\alpha.$$

If $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$, then by (2.3) $|a_3| \leq \frac{1}{3}$ with equality if and only if $|p_2| = 2$. It follows from Carathéodory's theorem that if $|p_2| = 2$, then

$$P(z) = \lambda \frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} + (1 - \lambda) \frac{1 + \epsilon^2 z^2}{1 - \epsilon^2 z^2},$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$; consequently, $zf'(z)/f(z)$ satisfies (2.1).

It remains to consider the case $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{3}$. By (2.3) we have

$$(2.4) \quad 2 \operatorname{Re} a_3 = \alpha \operatorname{Re} \left\{ p_2 - \frac{1 - 3\alpha}{2} p_1^2 \right\}.$$

Since $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_1$, the Herglotz representation formula (see [7, p. 232]) states that

$$P(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + ze^{-it}}{1 - ze^{-it}} d\mu(t),$$

where $\mu(t)$ is increasing on $[0, 2\pi]$, and $\mu(2\pi) - \mu(0) = 1$. It follows that

$$p_n = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-int} d\mu(t) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Substituting in (2.4) we have

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} 2 \operatorname{Re} a_3 &= 2\alpha \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2t d\mu(t) \\ &\quad - 2\alpha(1 - 3\alpha) \left\{ \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \cos t d\mu(t) \right]^2 - \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \sin t d\mu(t) \right]^2 \right\} \\ &\leq 2\alpha \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2t d\mu(t) + 2\alpha(1 - 3\alpha) \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \sin t d\mu(t) \right]^2 \\ &= 2\alpha \left\{ 1 + (1 - 3\alpha) \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \sin t d\mu(t) \right]^2 - 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t d\mu(t) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Jensen's inequality [7, p. 61],

$$\left[\int_0^{2\pi} |\sin t| d\mu(t) \right]^2 \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t d\mu(t),$$

and thus it follows from (2.5) that $2 \operatorname{Re} a_3 \leq 2\alpha$.

If $2 \operatorname{Re} a_3 = 2\alpha$, $\mu(t)$ must satisfy

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t d\mu(t) = 0$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \cos t d\mu(t) = 0.$$

(2.6) is possible only if $\mu(t)$ is constant on $(0, \pi)$ and on $(\pi, 2\pi)$. For such a $\mu(t)$, (2.7) is possible only if the jump of $\mu(t)$ at $t = \pi$ equals the sum of the jumps at $t = 0$ and $t = 2\pi$. It follows that $\operatorname{Re} a_3 = \alpha$ if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{1+z}{1-z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1-z}{1+z} \right]^\alpha = \left[\frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2} \right]^\alpha,$$

and therefore $|a_3| = \alpha$ if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1+\epsilon z^2}{1-\epsilon z^2} \right]^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

The "logical" choice for an extremal function for the problem of determining $A_n(\alpha)$ would be the function $f_\alpha(z)$ defined by

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{zf'_\alpha(z)}{f_\alpha(z)} = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\alpha.$$

As seen in the previous theorem, if $n = 3$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{3}$, $f_\alpha(z)$ is not an extremal function for this problem. The next theorem shows however that for each n , $f_\alpha(z)$ is an extremal function provided α is sufficiently near 1.

THEOREM 2.2. *Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^\infty a_k z^k$ belong to $S^*(\alpha)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, and let $n > 1$ be a fixed integer. There exists a number β_n ($0 < \beta_n < 1$) such that if $\beta_n < \alpha \leq 1$, $|a_n| = A_n(\alpha)$ if and only if $f(z) = \epsilon f_\alpha(\epsilon z)$, where $f_\alpha(z)$ is defined by (2.8) and $|\epsilon| = 1$.*

Proof. By (1.5),

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = [P(z)]^\alpha = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \alpha_k z^k,$$

where $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_1$. If $P(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^\infty p_k z^k$, then it follows from (2.9) that

$$(2.10) \quad \alpha_k = \sum \Psi(\alpha; m_1, \dots, m_j) p_{m_1} \dots p_{m_j}$$

(where $\Psi(\alpha; m_1, \dots, m_j)$ is a polynomial of degree at most k in α) is independent of $P(z)$; and the summation is taken over all j -tuples (m_1, \dots, m_j) of positive integers which satisfy

$$m_1 \leq \dots \leq m_j \quad \text{and} \quad m_1 + \dots + m_j = k.$$

Also from (2.9) we have

$$(2.11) \quad (k - 1)a_k = \alpha_1 a_{k-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-2} a_2 + \alpha_{k-1}.$$

Using (2.10) and induction we deduce

$$(2.12) \quad a_n = a_n(\alpha) = \sum \phi(\alpha; m_1, \dots, m_j) p_{m_1} \dots p_{m_j}$$

(where $\phi(\alpha; m_1, \dots, m_j)$ is a polynomial of degree at most $n - 1$ in α) is independent of $f(z)$; and the range of summation is as defined in (2.10) with $k = n - 1$. If $\alpha = 1$, then $\alpha_k = p_k$. An induction argument using (2.11) and (2.12) shows that $\phi(1; m_1, \dots, m_j) > 0$ for all $m_1 \leq \dots \leq m_j$ with $m_1 + \dots + m_j = n - 1$. It follows that there is a constant β_n , $0 < \beta_n < 1$, such that each $\phi(\alpha; m_1, \dots, m_j)$ is positive in the interval $(\beta_n, 1]$. Thus by (2.12), $a_n(\alpha) = A_n(\alpha)$ ($\beta_n < \alpha \leq 1$) if and only if $|p_j| = 2$ for $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$; i.e.,

$$P(z) = \frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z}, \quad |\epsilon| = 1.$$

It follows that for this range of α , the only extremal functions for this problem are functions of the form $\bar{\epsilon} f_\alpha(\epsilon z)$, where $|\epsilon| = 1$.

The previous theorem determines $A_n(\alpha)$ for a given n if α is near 1. We now give a theorem which determines $A_n(\alpha)$ for a given n when α is near 0. This theorem requires the following result.

THEOREM 2.3 (Rogosinski [6, p. 70]). *Let $f(z) = a + \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k z^k$ be subordinate to $F(z) = a + \sum_{k=1}^\infty A_k z^k$ in U . If $F(z)$ is univalent in U and $F(U)$ is convex, then $|a_n| \leq |A_1|$. If $F(U)$ is not a half plane, then equality can hold for a given n only if $f(z) = F(\epsilon z^n)$ ($|\epsilon| = 1$).*

If $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$), then $P(z)$ is subordinate to $((1 + z)/(1 - z))^\alpha$. It follows from Theorem 2.3 that if

$$P(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^\infty p_k z^k,$$

then $|p_n| \leq 2\alpha$. Moreover, $|p_n| = 2\alpha$ if and only if

$$P(z) = \left(\frac{1 + \epsilon z}{1 - \epsilon z} \right)^\alpha \quad (|\epsilon| = 1).$$

We shall also need the following lemma.

LEMMA. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k(\alpha)z^k$ be a function in $S^*(\alpha)$ for which $a_n(\alpha) = A_n(\alpha)$. If

$$(2.13) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + W_\alpha(z)}{1 - W_\alpha(z)} \right]^\alpha,$$

where $|W_\alpha(z)| < 1$ and $W_\alpha(0) = 0$, then

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} W_\alpha(z) = z^{n-1}.$$

Proof. Let

$$(2.14) \quad P_\alpha(z) = \left[\frac{1 + W_\alpha(z)}{1 - W_\alpha(z)} \right]^\alpha = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k(\alpha)z^k.$$

It follows from (2.13) and (2.14) that

$$(2.15) \quad (k - 1)a_k(\alpha) = p_{k-1}(\alpha) + p_{k-2}(\alpha)a_2(\alpha) + \dots + p_1(\alpha)a_{k-1}(\alpha).$$

By Theorem 2.3 and induction we deduce that

$$(k - 1)a_k(\alpha) = p_{k-1}(\alpha) + O(\alpha^2) \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 0).$$

In particular,

$$(n - 1)a_n(\alpha) = \operatorname{Re} p_{n-1}(\alpha) + O(\alpha^2) \leq 2\alpha + O(\alpha^2) \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 0).$$

If $g(z)$ is the function in $S^*(\alpha)$ defined by

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} = \left(\frac{1 + z^{n-1}}{1 - z^{n-1}} \right)^\alpha,$$

then

$$(2.17) \quad g(z) = z + \frac{2\alpha}{n - 1}z^n + \dots$$

Since $a_n(\alpha) = A_n(\alpha)$ and $\operatorname{Re} p_{n-1}(\alpha) \leq 2\alpha$,

$$2\alpha \leq (n - 1)a_n(\alpha) \leq \operatorname{Re} p_{n-1}(\alpha) + O(\alpha^2) \leq 2\alpha + O(\alpha^2).$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\alpha} \operatorname{Re} p_{n-1}(\alpha) = 1.$$

The function $[P_\alpha(z)]^{1/2\alpha} \in \mathcal{P}_{1/2}$. If

$$[P_\alpha(z)]^{1/2\alpha} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q_k(\alpha)z^k,$$

then using the fact that $|p_k(\alpha)| \leq 2\alpha$ we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} q_{n-1}(\alpha) = \operatorname{Re} \frac{p_{n-1}(\alpha)}{2\alpha} + o(\alpha) \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{Re} q_{n-1}(\alpha) = 1$. $\mathcal{P}_{1/2}$ is a normal compact family of functions,

and thus it follows from the theory of normal families and the comments following Theorem 2.3 that

$$\left[\frac{1 + z^{n-1}}{1 - z^{n-1}} \right]^{1/2} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} [P_\alpha(z)]^{1/2\alpha} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1 + W_\alpha(z)}{1 - W_\alpha(z)} \right]^{1/2}.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

THEOREM 2.4. *For each integer $n > 1$, there exists a number γ_n , $0 < \gamma_n < 1$, such that if $0 < \alpha < \gamma_n$, then $A_n(\alpha) = 2\alpha/(n - 1)$. Moreover, if*

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

is a function in $S^*(\alpha)$ for which $|a_n| = 2\alpha/(n - 1)$, then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n-1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n-1}} \right]^\alpha,$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$.

Proof. Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k(\alpha)z^k$ be a function in $S^*(\alpha)$ for which $a_n(\alpha) = A_n(\alpha)$. Using the notation of the lemma we have

$$(2.18) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = P_\alpha(z) = \left[\frac{1 + W_\alpha(z)}{1 - W_\alpha(z)} \right]^\alpha$$

and $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} W_\alpha(z) = z^{n-1}$. We show that there exists a number γ_n , $0 < \gamma_n < 1$, such that

$$(2.19) \quad W_\alpha(z) = z^{n-1}$$

for $0 < \alpha < \gamma_n$. In view of (2.18), (2.16), and (2.17), this will complete the proof.

Let $W_\alpha(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w_k(\alpha)z^k$. If we can show that there exists a $\gamma_n > 0$ such that

$$(2.20) \quad w_{n-1}(\alpha) = 1 \quad (0 < \alpha < \gamma_n),$$

then (2.19) will follow.

Suppose that (2.20) does not hold. Then there exists a set S which contains arbitrarily small values of $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$|w_{n-1}(\alpha)| = 1 - \lambda(\alpha) \quad (\alpha \in S)$$

and $0 < \lambda(\alpha) < 1$. By the lemma, $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \lambda(\alpha) = 0$.

Since $|W_\alpha(z)| < 1$ in $|z| < 1$, Parseval's identity implies that

$$|w_1(\alpha)|^2 + \dots + |w_{n-1}(\alpha)|^2 \leq 1.$$

Thus if $\alpha \in S$,

$$(2.21) \quad |w_k(\alpha)|^2 \leq 2\lambda(\alpha) \quad (1 \leq k \leq n - 2).$$

It follows from (2.18) that

$$(2.22) \quad P_\alpha(z) = 1 + 2\alpha \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [W_\alpha(z)]^j + 2\alpha(\alpha - 1) \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [W_\alpha(z)]^j \right\}^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 2\alpha W_\alpha(z) + 2\alpha^2 W_\alpha^2(z) + \alpha h(z),$$

where $h(z)$ is a sum of powers of $W_\alpha(z)$ of degree at least 3.

If $\alpha \in S$, then (2.21) and (2.22) imply that

$$(2.23) \quad p_k(\alpha) = 2\alpha w_k(\alpha) + \alpha^2 O(\lambda(\alpha)) + \alpha O([\lambda(\alpha)]^{3/2})$$

for $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$. Substituting (2.23) in (2.15), applying (2.21), and using induction, we obtain

$$(n - 1)a_n(\alpha) = 2\alpha w_{n-1}(\alpha) + \alpha^2 O(\lambda(\alpha)) + \alpha O([\lambda(\alpha)]^{3/2})$$

$$\leq 2\alpha[1 - \lambda(\alpha) + \alpha O(\lambda(\alpha)) + O([\lambda(\alpha)]^{3/2})]$$

$$< 2\alpha$$

for sufficiently small α in S . This is a contradiction since (2.17) implies that $(n - 1)A_n(\alpha) \geq 2\alpha$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Thus no such set S can exist which implies the existence of a number γ_n with the desired properties.

3. The coefficient problem for $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$. Let

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k$$

belong to $\Sigma^*(1)$. It was shown in [3] that for $n \geq 1$, $|A_n| \leq 2/(n + 1)$ with equality if and only if

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = -\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n+1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n+1}},$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$. Using this result, we prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let*

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k$$

belong to $\Sigma^(\alpha)$ ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$). Then for $n \geq 1$,*

$$(3.1) \quad |A_n| \leq \frac{2\alpha}{n + 1}$$

with equality if and only if

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = -\left(\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n+1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n+1}}\right)^\alpha,$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$.

Proof. Since $F(z) \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)$,

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = -P(z),$$

where $P(z) \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha$. Let $G(z)$ be the function in $\Sigma^*(1)$ defined by

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} = -P(z) \left[\frac{1 + dz^{n+1}}{1 - dz^{n+1}} \right]^{1-\alpha} \quad (|d| = 1).$$

If $G(z) = 1/z + \sum_{k=0}^\infty B_k z^k$, then it follows from (3.2) and (3.3) that $A_k = B_k$ for $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$ and

$$(3.4) \quad (n + 1)B_n = (n + 1)A_n - 2d(1 - \alpha).$$

Since $G(z) \in \Sigma^*(1)$, $|(n + 1)B_n| \leq 2$, i.e.,

$$(3.5) \quad |(n + 1)A_n - 2d(1 - \alpha)| \leq 2.$$

arg d is arbitrary and thus if we choose

$$(3.6) \quad \arg d = \arg A_n + \pi,$$

(3.5) implies that

$$(n + 1)|A_n| + 2(1 - \alpha) \leq 2 \quad \text{or} \quad (n + 1)|A_n| \leq 2\alpha.$$

This establishes (3.1). If equality holds; i.e., $(n + 1)|A_n| = 2\alpha$, then

$$(n + 1)|B_n| = (n + 1)|A_n| + 2(1 - \alpha) = 2.$$

It follows from the result for $\Sigma^*(1)$ quoted above that

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} = -P(z) \left[\frac{1 + dz^{n+1}}{1 - dz^{n+1}} \right]^{1-\alpha} = -\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n+1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n+1}},$$

where $|\epsilon| = 1$ and $\arg \epsilon = \pi + \arg B_n$. In view of (3.4) and (3.6),

$$(3.8) \quad \arg \epsilon = \pi + \arg B_n = \arg d \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Substituting (3.8) in (3.7) we obtain

$$\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = -P(z) = -\left[\frac{1 + \epsilon z^{n+1}}{1 - \epsilon z^{n+1}} \right]^\alpha.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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