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1.

The writing of this paper has been motivated by recent results of A. E. Livingston [7] and S. D. Bernardi [2].

Let S denote the class of functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ which are regular and univalent in $E\{z : |z| < 1\}$ and which map E onto domains D(f). We denote by S* and K the subclasses of S where D(f) are, respectively, starlike with respect to the origin, and convex. Let P denote the class of functions p(z) which are regular and satisfy p(0) = 1, Re (p(z)) > 0, for z in E. In [1] the following theorem was proven.

THEOREM A. Let
$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$
 be a member of S*. Then

(1.1)
$$F(z) = (c+1)z^{-c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt = z + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(\frac{c+1}{c+n}\right) a_n z^n$$

is also a member of the same class for $c = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$.

Theorem A represents a generalization of the corresponding theorem by R. J. Libera [6] for the case c = 1. Solving the relation (1.1) for the inverse function f(z), we have

(1.2)
$$f(z) = \left(\frac{1}{1+c}\right) z^{1-c} [z^c F(z)]'.$$

In [2] S. D. Bernardi proved that if $F(z) \in S^*$, then f(z), defined by (1.2), is univalent and starlike for $|z| < r_0$, where

$$r_0 = [-2 + (3 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}]/(c-1)$$
 for $c = 2, 3, 4, \cdots$

This result is sharp. For c = 1, $r_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and this result is due to A. E. Livingston [7].

In this paper we determine the radius of univalence and starlikeness of functions $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots$ which are regular in E and satisfy

(1.3)
$$F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)g(t)}{t} dt,$$

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where $F(z) \in S^*$ and (i) $g(z) \in K$, (ii) $g(z) \in S$ and (iii) $g(z)/z \in P$. We shall employ the same techniques used in [7].

2.

THEOREM 1. If f(z) is regular in E and satisfies (1.3), where $F(z) \in S^*$ and $g(z) \in K$, then f(z) is univalent and starlike for $|z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$. This result is sharp.

PROOF. Since F is in S*, Re $\{zF'(z)/F(z)\} > 0$ for all z in E. Hence there exists w, regular in E, such that $|w(z)| \leq 1$ for z in E and such that

$$\frac{f(z)g(z) - \int_0^z \frac{f(t)g(t)dt}{t}}{\int_0^z \frac{f(t)g(t)dt}{t}} = \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{1 - zw(z)}{1 + zw(z)}.$$

Thus

$$f(z)g(z) = \frac{2}{1+zw(z)}\int_0^z \frac{f(t)g(t)dt}{t},$$

and

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{2 - zw(z) - z^2w'(z)}{1 + zw(z)} - \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}.$$

Therefore

(2.1)
$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} \ge \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{2-zw(z)-z^2w'(z)}{1+zw(z)}\right\} - \left|\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right|.$$

Thus f(z) will be univalent and starlike for those values of z for which the right-hand side of (2.1) is positive. Since g(z) is in K,

$$\left|\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \leq \frac{1}{1-|z|} \qquad \qquad [4, p. 13].$$

Therefore the right-hand side of (2.1) will be positive if

Condition (2.2) is equivalent to

(2.4) Re {
$$(1-|z|)z^2w'(z)[1+\overline{zw(z)}]$$
} < { $1-(1+|z|)$ Re ($zw(z)$)
- $2|z|+(-2+|z|)|z|^2|w(z)|^2$ }.

Using the well known result

$$|w'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |w(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}$$
 [3, p. 18]

and the fact that $\operatorname{Re}(zw(z)) \leq |z||w(z)|$, we see that (2.4) will be satisfied if

$$(2.5) \qquad (1-|z|)|z|^{2} \frac{(1-|w(z)|^{2}}{1-|z|^{2}} (1+|z||w(z)|) \\ < \{1-(1+|z|)|w(z)||z|-2|z|+(|z|-2)|z|^{2}|w(z)|^{2}\}.$$

Since $|w(z)| \le 1$, $(1+|z||w(z)|)/(1+|z|) \le 1$ and (2.5) will be satisfied if

$$|z|^{2}(1-|w(z)|^{2}) < 1-2|z|-(1+|z|)|z||w(z)|+(|z|-2)|z|^{2}|w(z)|^{2}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2.6) \qquad (|z|^2 + 2|z|) + (1 - |z|)|z|^2|w(z)|^2 + (1 + |z|)|z||w(z)| < 1.$$

Hence, it suffices to show that (2.6) holds for all functions w, regular in E and satisfying $|w(z)| \leq 1$, provided $|z| < 2-\sqrt{3}$.

In (2.6) put a = |z|, x = |w(z)| and consider the function

$$p(x) = a^{2} + 2a + a(1+a)x + a^{2}(1-a)x^{2}.$$

Clearly, p(x) is increasing in [0, 1] and $p(1) = 3a + 3a^2 - a^3$ is less than one for $0 \le a < 2 - \sqrt{3}$. Condition (2.2) is thus seen to be satisfied if $|z| < 2 - \sqrt{3}$. Hence f(z) is univalent and starlike for $|z| < 2 - \sqrt{3}$.

To see that the result is sharp, let $F(z) = z/(1-z)^2$ and g(z) = z/(1+z). Then F(z) is in S^* , g(z) is in K and $f(z) = (z^2+z)/(1-z)^3$. Thus $f'(z) = (z^2+4z+1)/(1-z)^4$ and $f'(-2+\sqrt{3}) = 0$. Hence f(z) is not univalent in |z| < r if $r > 2-\sqrt{3}$.

THEOREM 2. If f(z) is regular in E and satisfies (1.3), where $F(z) \in S^*$ and $g(z) \in S$, then f(z) is univalent and starlike for $|z| < \frac{1}{5}$. This result is sharp.

The proof of this theorem is similar to that of Theorem 1. The only essential difference is the estimate

$$\left|\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \le \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|}$$
 [4, p. 5]

To see that the result is sharp, let $F(z) = z/(1-z)^2$ and $g(z) = z/(1+z)^2$. Then $f(z)g(z) = z^2/(1-z)^3$ and we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{2+z}{1-z} - \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{2+z}{1-z} - \frac{1-z}{1+z} = \frac{1+5z}{1-z^2} = 0$$

for $z = -\frac{1}{5}$. Thus f(z) is not starlike in |z| < r if $r > \frac{1}{5}$.

REMARK. The above example shows that we cannot improve on the result of Theorem 2 if instead of g(z) in S we assume g(z) in S^{*}.

THEOREM 3. If f(z) is regular in E and satisfies (1.3), where $F(z) \in S^*$ and $g(z)/z \in P$, then f(z) is univalent and starlike for $|z| < (5-\sqrt{17})/4$. This result is sharp.

PROOF. Let h(z) = g(z)/z. Then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1 - 2zw(z) - z^2w'(z)}{1 + zw(z)} - \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)},$$

where w(z) is regular in E and $|w(z)| \leq 1$. Using the estimate

$$\left|\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)}\right| \leq \frac{2|z|}{1-|z|^2}$$
[5]

and the techniques of Theorem 1, the result follows.

To see that the result is sharp, let $F(z) = z/(1-z)^2$ and g(z) = z(1-z)/(1+z). Then $f(z)h(z) = z/(1-z)^3$, $f(z) = (z^2+z)/(1-z)^4$ and $f'(z) = (2z^2+5z+1)/(1-z)^5 = 0$ for $z = (-5+\sqrt{17})/4$. Hence f(z) is not univalent in any disk |z| < r if $r + (5-\sqrt{17})/4$.

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