

New Class of Specific Functions with Fractional Derivatives

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Abstract

Let $\mathcal{A}_n$ be the class of specific analytic functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$) in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U}$. For $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, fractional derivatives $D_z^\lambda f(z)$ and $D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)$ ($0 \leq \lambda < 1, j \in \mathbb{N}$) are defined by using Gamma functions. Applying such fractional derivatives, we introduce a new subclass $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$ of $\mathcal{A}_n$. In this paper, we establish sufficient conditions for $f(z)$ for $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$, coefficient inequalities for $|a_{1+\frac{1}{n}}|$ and $|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}|$ ($k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$) of $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$, and some interesting argument properties of fractional derivatives for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ through an example.

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1. Introduction

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be the class of functions $f(z)$ that are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and normalized by the conditions $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$. For this class, we introduce a subclass $\mathcal{A}_n$ of $\mathcal{A}$ consisting of specific functions $f(z)$ given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}).$$

This class was introduced by Güney, Breaz and Owa [1]. They considered $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ given by

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - \sqrt[n]{z})^{2n(1-\alpha)}} = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (\ell + 2n(1-\alpha) - 1)}{k!} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

for $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and showed that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha)\sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

For $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, we define the fractional integral of order λ as follows:

$$D_z^{-\lambda} f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{(z-t)^{1-\lambda}} dt \quad (\lambda > 0),$$

where $\Gamma(\lambda)$ is the Gamma function.



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The fractional derivative of order λ ($0 \leq \lambda < 1$) for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ is defined by

$$D_z^\lambda f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\lambda)} \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{(z-t)^\lambda} dt.$$

Further, $D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)$ ($j \in \mathbb{N}$) is defined by

$$D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) = \frac{d^j}{dz^j} (D_z^\lambda f(z)).$$

The definitions $D_z^{-\lambda} f(z)$, $D_z^\lambda f(z)$ and $D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)$ were given by Owa [2,3]. With the above definitions, we know that

$$D_z^0 f(z) = f(z),$$

$$D_z^j f(z) = f^{(j)}(z)$$

and

$$D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) = D_z^\lambda (f^{(j)}(z)).$$

Thus, we have

$$D_z^\lambda f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)} z^{1-\lambda} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}-\lambda}$$

and

$$D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) = \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)} z^{1-\lambda-j} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^j \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell \right) \right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+1-\lambda-j}$$

for $j \in \mathbb{N}$. With the above the fractional derivative, we introduce the subclass $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$ of $\mathcal{A}_n$ as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\alpha} \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} \right) > \beta \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (1)$$

with some real α ($|\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$) and β ($0 \leq \beta < 1$), where $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$.

If $j = 1$, $\lambda = 0$ and $\alpha = 0$ in (1), then we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for the class $\mathcal{A}_n(1, 0, 0, \beta)$. Functions $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ in the class $\mathcal{A}_n(1, 0, 0, \beta)$ were discussed by Güney, Breaz and Owa [1]. Let us consider a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ given by

$$D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) = \frac{z^{2-\lambda-j}}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)(1-\sqrt[n]{z})^t} \quad (2)$$

with

$$t = 2n(2-\lambda-j)(1-\beta)e^{-i\alpha} \cos \alpha \quad (j \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then, $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} = (2-\lambda-j) + \frac{t}{n} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{z}}{1-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\alpha} \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} \right) &= \cos \alpha + 2(1-\beta) \cos \alpha \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{z}}{1-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \\ &> \cos \alpha - (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \\ &= \beta \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ given by (2) belongs to the class $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. Accordingly, it is very important to provide example functions $f(z)$ for the new class $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$.

2. Conditions of $f(z)$ for the Class $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$

We first consider the following condition on $f(z)$ for the class $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$.

Theorem 1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} - 1 \right| < (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (3)$$

for some real α ($|\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$), $0 \leq \beta < 1$, $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$.

Proof. We define a function $w(z)$ as follows:

$$\frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} - 1 = (1-\beta) \cos \alpha w(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ which satisfies (3). Then, we see that $w(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$, that $w(0) = 0$ and that $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). For such a function $w(z)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\alpha} \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} \right) &= \operatorname{Re} (e^{i\alpha} (1 + (1-\beta) \cos \alpha w(z))) \\ &= \cos \alpha + (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \operatorname{Re} (e^{i\alpha} w(z)) \\ &\geq \cos \alpha - (1-\beta) \cos \alpha |e^{i\alpha} w(z)| \\ &> \beta \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

This shows us that $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. $\square$

If we consider $j = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 1, then we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies*

$$\left| \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some real α ($|\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$) and $0 \leq \beta < 1$, then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(e^{i\alpha} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \beta \cos \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Next, we derive the following theorem.

Theorem 2. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies

$$\Gamma(1-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(1-\lambda+\frac{k}{n(1-\beta)} \sec \alpha\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

for some real α ($|\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$), $0 \leq \beta < 1$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(1, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(2-\lambda-j+\frac{k}{n(1-\beta)} \sec \alpha\right) \\ & \times \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \leq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for some real α ($|\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$), $0 \leq \beta < 1$, $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ and $j = 2, 3, \dots$, then $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(1, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$.

Proof. For $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ and $j \geq 2$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} zD_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) - (2-\lambda-j)D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) &= \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)} z^{2-\lambda-j} \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^j \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-j} \\ &- (2-\lambda-j) \left\{ \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)} z^{2-\lambda-j} \right. \\ &+ \left. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-j} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-j}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the above that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{zD_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j)D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}}}{1 + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}}} \right| \\ &< \frac{\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right|}{1 - \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right|} \end{aligned}$$

for $z \in \mathbb{U}$. Thus, we know by Theorem 1 that if $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \\ & \leq (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \left\{ 1 - \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. Finally, we see that the inequality (6) implies (5).

If $j = 1$, we also have that

$$\left| \frac{z D_z^{1+\lambda} f(z)}{(1-\lambda) D_z^{\lambda} f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{\Gamma(1-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right|}{1 - \Gamma(2-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right|}.$$

Noting that if $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(1-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \\ & \leq (1-\beta) \cos \alpha \left(1 - \Gamma(2-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left|a_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \right), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the inequality in (4). Further, if we consider a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}}$$

with

$$c_{1+\frac{k}{n}} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right) e^{i\theta}}{\Gamma(1-\lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right) \left(1-\lambda + \frac{k}{n(1-\beta)} \sec \alpha\right) k(k+1)} \quad (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi),$$

then $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(1-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \left(1-\lambda + \frac{k}{n(1-\beta)} \sec \alpha\right) \left|c_{1+\frac{k}{n}}\right| \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

If we take a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{1+\frac{k}{n}}$$

with

$$c_{1+\frac{k}{n}} = \frac{\left(\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right) e^{i\theta}}{\Gamma(2-\lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right) \left(2-\lambda-j+\frac{k}{n(1-\beta)} \sec \alpha\right)} \\ \times \frac{1}{\left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)\right) k(k+1)} \quad (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi),$$

then $f(z)$ satisfies the equality in (5). $\square$

3. Coefficient Inequalities of $f(z)$ for $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$

We would like to discuss coefficient inequalities of $f(z)$ for the class $\mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. We introduce the lemma established by Carathéodory [4].

Lemma 1. *If a function $p(z)$ given by*

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$

is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ and $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \alpha$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then

$$|c_k| \leq 2(1-\alpha) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (7)$$

The equality in (7) is satisfied by $p(z)$ such that

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha)z}{1-z} = 1 + 2(1-\alpha) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^k.$$

With the above lemma, we see the following lemma.

Lemma 2. *If a function $p(z)$ given by*

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ and $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \alpha$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then

$$|c_{\frac{k}{n}}| \leq 2(1-\alpha) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (8)$$

The equality in (8) is satisfied by $p(z)$ such that

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha) \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} = 1 + 2(1-\alpha) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^{\frac{k}{n}}.$$

Applying Lemma 2, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$, then*

$$\left| a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right| \leq \frac{2n |e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^j |2-\lambda-\ell|}{\Gamma(2-\lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left| \frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell \right|} \quad (9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} \right| &\leq \frac{2n |e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^j |2 - \lambda - \ell|}{k \Gamma(2 - \lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left| \frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right|} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=1}^{k-1} \left(1 + \frac{2n}{m} |e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| |2 - \lambda - j| \right) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

for $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$, where $j = 2, 3, 4, \dots$. The equalities in (9) and (10) are satisfied by $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n$ such that

$$D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) = \left(z(1 - \sqrt[n]{z})^t \right)^{2-\lambda-j}$$

with

$$t = 2n \left(\beta \cos \alpha e^{-i\alpha} - 1 \right).$$

Proof. Let us consider a function $p(z)$ as follows:

$$p(z) = \frac{e^{i\alpha} \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{(2-\lambda-j) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} - \beta \cos \alpha}{e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}} \quad (11)$$

for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, \lambda, \alpha, \beta)$. Then, we know that $p(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$, $p(0) = 1$ and that $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). Thus, Lemma 2 implies that

$$\left| c_{\frac{k}{n}} \right| \leq 2 \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (12)$$

and the equality in (12) is satisfied by

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}}.$$

By (11), we see

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\alpha} z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) - \beta(2 - \lambda - j) \cos \alpha D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) \\ = (2 - \lambda - j) \left(e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha \right) p(z) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\alpha} z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) - \beta(2 - \lambda - j) \cos \alpha D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) \\ = \frac{(e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} \prod_{\ell=1}^j (2 - \lambda - \ell) z^{2-\lambda-j} \\ + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(e^{i\alpha} \left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) - \beta(2 - \lambda - j) \right) \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \right. \\ \left. \times \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) \right) \right\} a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-j}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Further, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (2 - \lambda - j) \left(e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha \right) p(z) D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) \\
 &= (2 - \lambda - j) \left(e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha \right) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^{\frac{k}{n}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} z^{2-\lambda-j} \right. \\
 &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}+1-\lambda-j} \right) \Bigg) \\
 &= (2 - \lambda - j) (e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha) \left\{ \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} z^{2-\lambda-j} \right. \\
 &+ \left(c_{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} + \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right) z^{\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-j} \\
 &+ \left(c_{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} + c_{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right. \\
 &+ \left. \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{2}{n}} \right) z^{\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda-j} \\
 &+ \left(c_{\frac{3}{n}} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} + c_{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right. \\
 &+ \left. c_{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{2}{n}} \right. \\
 &+ \left. \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{3}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{3}{n}} \right) z^{\frac{3}{n}+2-\lambda-j} \\
 &+ \dots + \left(c_{\frac{k}{n}} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} (2 - \lambda - \ell)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda)} \right. \\
 &+ c_{\frac{k-1}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \\
 &+ c_{\frac{k-2}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{2}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{2}{n}} \\
 &+ \dots + c_{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-2}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-2}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k-2}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{k-2}{n}} \\
 &+ c_{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k-1}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{k-1}{n}} \\
 &+ \left. \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} \right) z^{\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-j} + \dots \Bigg\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Therefore, for $k = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{e^{i\alpha}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2\right)}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= c_{\frac{1}{n}}(2-\lambda-j)\left(e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha\right)\frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}(2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using $|c_{\frac{1}{n}}| \leq 2$ for $p(z)$, we have

$$\left|a_{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right| \leq \frac{2n|e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha|\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda\right)\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}|2-\lambda-\ell|}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2\right)\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left|\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right|}. \quad (15)$$

This proves the coefficient inequality (9) for $a_{1+\frac{1}{n}}$. $\square$

Considering the coefficient for $z^{\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda-j}$ in (13) and (14), we prove

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2e^{i\alpha}\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2\right)}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{2}{n}} \\ &= (2-\lambda-j)\left(e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha\right)\left(c_{\frac{2}{n}}\frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}(2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}\right. \\ & \quad \left.+c_{\frac{1}{n}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using (8) and (15), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left|a_{1+\frac{2}{n}}\right| &\leq \frac{2n|e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha|\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda\right)\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}|2-\lambda-\ell|}{2\Gamma(2-\lambda)\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2\right)\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left|\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right|} \\ &\quad \times \left(1+2n|2-\lambda-j|\left|e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha\right|\right). \end{aligned}$$

This shows the coefficient inequality for $a_{1+\frac{2}{n}}$ in (10).

Furthermore, we have from (13) and (14) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{ke^{i\alpha}\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} \\ &= (2-\lambda-j)\left(e^{i\alpha}-\beta\cos\alpha\right)\left(c_{\frac{k}{n}}\frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}(2-\lambda-\ell)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}\right. \\ & \quad +c_{\frac{k-1}{n}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \\ & \quad +c_{\frac{k-2}{n}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{2}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{2}{n}} \\ & \quad \left.+\dots+c_{\frac{1}{n}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{n}+2-\lambda\right)}\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1}\left(\frac{k-1}{n}+2-\lambda-\ell\right)a_{1+\frac{k-1}{n}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by mathematical induction, we also prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} \right| &\leq \frac{2n|e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^j |2 - \lambda - \ell|}{k \Gamma(2 - \lambda) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n} + 2\right) \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left| \frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right|} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=1}^{k-1} \left(1 + \frac{2n}{m} |e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| |2 - \lambda - \ell| \right) \end{aligned}$$

for $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

Finally, considering a function $p(z)$ given by

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^{\frac{k}{n}},$$

Equation (11) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} &= (2 - \lambda - j) \left(e^{-i\alpha} \beta \cos \alpha + (1 - e^{-i\alpha} \beta \cos \alpha) \frac{1 + \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \\ &= (2 - \lambda - j) \frac{1 + (1 - 2e^{-i\alpha} \beta \cos \alpha) \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} \end{aligned}$$

and that

$$\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z)} = (2 - \lambda - j) \left(\frac{1}{z} + 2(1 - e^{-i\alpha} \beta \cos \alpha) \frac{\sqrt[n]{z}}{z(1 - \sqrt[n]{z})} \right).$$

This gives us

$$\left(\log D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) \right)' = (2 - \lambda - j) \left((\log z)' + 2n(\beta \cos \alpha e^{-i\alpha} - 1) (\log(1 - \sqrt[n]{z}))' \right).$$

Thus, we obtain the following:

$$D_z^{j-1+\lambda} f(z) = (z(1 - \sqrt[n]{z})^t)^{2-\lambda-j}$$

with

$$t = 2n(\beta \cos \alpha e^{-i\alpha} - 1).$$

Taking $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 3, we see the following corollary.

Corollary 2. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(j, 0, \alpha, \beta)$, then

$$\left| a_{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right| \leq \frac{2n|e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| \prod_{\ell=1}^j |2 - \ell|}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left| \frac{1}{n} + 2 - \ell \right|}$$

and

$$\left| a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} \right| \leq \frac{2n|e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| \prod_{\ell=1}^j |2 - \ell|}{k \prod_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \left| \frac{k}{n} + 2 - \ell \right|} \times \prod_{m=1}^{k-1} \left(1 + \frac{2n}{m} |e^{i\alpha} - \beta \cos \alpha| |2 - j| \right)$$

for $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$, where $j = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

4. Argument Properties of Fractional Derivatives

For analytic functions $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$, $f(z)$ is said to be subordinate to $g(z)$ in $\mathbb{U}$, written $f(z) \prec g(z)$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$), if there exists a function $w(z)$ analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$), such that $f(z) = g(w(z))$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). If $g(z)$ is univalent in $\mathbb{U}$, then $f(z) \prec g(z)$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) if and only if $f(0) = g(0)$ and $f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U})$ [5]. For subordinations, Miller and Mocanu [6] gave the following lemma.

Lemma 3. Let $\beta_0 = 1.21872\dots$ be the solution of $\beta\pi = \frac{3}{2}\pi - \tan^{-1}\beta$ and $\alpha = \alpha(\beta) = \beta + 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\beta}{\pi}\right)$ for $0 < \beta < \beta_0$. If $g(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $g(0) = 1$, then

$$g(z) + zg'(z) \prec \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (16)$$

gives

$$g(z) \prec \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (17)$$

It follows that the subordination given in (16) implies that

$$|\arg(g(z) + zg'(z))| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and the subordination (17) implies that

$$|\arg g(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We also introduce the next lemma, which was established by Nunokawa [7].

Lemma 4. Let $g(z)$ be analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $g(0) = 1$ and $g(z) \neq 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). If there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$|\arg g(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg g(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$$

for some real $\alpha > 0$, then we have

$$\frac{z_0 g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)} = i k \alpha,$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad (\text{for } \arg g(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha), \quad (18)$$

$$k \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad (\text{for } \arg g(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha), \quad (19)$$

and

$$g(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \pm i a \quad (a > 0).$$

Now we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \left(\frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda}} + j + \lambda \right) \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (20)$$

for some $\alpha > 0$, $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2\rho}{1+\rho^2} \right) d\rho = 0.55872876 \dots \quad (21)$$

Proof. For $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfying (20), we define the function $g(z)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell) z^{1-j-\lambda}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}+2-\lambda\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^j \left(\frac{k}{n} + 2 - \lambda - \ell \right) a_{1+\frac{k}{n}} z^{\frac{k}{n}}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Then, $g(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $g(0) = 1$ and $g(z) \neq 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$), as follows from (20). For the above-defined $g(z)$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \arg g(z) &= \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{z} (zg(z)) \right\} \\ &= \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z (tg(t))' dt \right\} \\ &= \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{z} \int_0^r \frac{d}{d\rho} (\rho e^{i\theta} g(\rho e^{i\theta})) e^{i\theta} d\rho \right\} \\ &= \arg \left\{ \int_0^r \left(g(\rho e^{i\theta}) + \rho e^{i\theta} \frac{d}{d\rho} g(\rho e^{i\theta}) \right) d\rho \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $z = re^{i\theta}$ and $t = \rho e^{i\theta}$. Let

$$0 = \rho_0 < \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \dots < \rho_{n-1} < \rho_n = r, \quad \sum_{\ell=1}^n \rho_\ell = \rho$$

and

$$\rho_\ell - \rho_{\ell-1} = \delta \quad (\ell = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n).$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\arg g(z)| &= \left| \arg \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \delta (g(\rho_\ell e^{i\theta}) + \rho_\ell e^{i\theta} g'(\rho_\ell e^{i\theta})) \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \delta \left| \arg (g(\rho_\ell e^{i\theta}) + \rho_\ell e^{i\theta} g'(\rho_\ell e^{i\theta})) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$|\arg g(z) + zg'(z)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \left(\frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} + j + \lambda \right) \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$$

by (20), using Lemma 4, we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |\arg g(z)| &= \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \delta \left| \arg \left(\frac{1 + \rho_\ell e^{i\theta}}{1 - \rho_\ell e^{i\theta}} \right)^\alpha \right| \\ &= \alpha \int_0^r \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2\rho}{1 + \rho^2} \right) d\rho \\ &< \alpha \int_0^1 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2\rho}{1 + \rho^2} \right) d\rho = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \beta. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. $\square$

Taking $j = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 4, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$|\arg(f'(z) + zf''(z))| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for some $\alpha > 0$, then

$$|\arg(f'(z))| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where β is given by (21).

Remark 1. If we take $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}$, then we have

$$\alpha \beta = \frac{3}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \log 2 \right) = 0.533546701 \dots$$

Next, applying Lemma 4, as developed by Nunokawa [7], we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 5. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell) z^{1-j-\lambda}} + j + \lambda - 1 \right) \right| < \tan^{-1} \beta(\alpha) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (23)$$

for some α ($0 < \alpha < 1$), $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$\beta(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} + \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right\} \sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \right) + \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \right). \quad (24)$$

Proof. We consider a function $g(z)$ given by (22) for $f(z) \in A_n$. Then, $g(z)$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $g(0) = 1$. For the above-defined $g(z)$, we see that

$$\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + g(z) = \frac{zD_z^{j+1+\lambda}f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)} + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j(2-\lambda-\ell)z^{1-j-\lambda}} + j + \lambda - 1.$$

We suppose that there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$|\arg g(z)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg g(z_0)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)}{z_0^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha.$$

Then, Lemma 4 gives us the following:

$$\frac{z_0g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)} = \frac{z_0D_z^{j+1+\lambda}f(z_0)}{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)} + j + \lambda - 1 = ik\alpha,$$

where k is given by (18) and (19). If $\arg g(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$, then $g(z_0) = a^\alpha e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \left(\frac{z_0g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)} + g(z_0) \right) &= \arg \left(\frac{z_0D_z^{j+1+\lambda}f(z_0)}{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)} + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j(2-\lambda-\ell)z_0^{1-j-\lambda}} + j + \lambda - 1 \right) \\ &= \arg \left(ik\alpha + a^\alpha e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha} \right) \\ &= \arg \left\{ a^\alpha \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) + i \left(k\alpha + a^\alpha \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) \right) \right\} \\ &\geq \arg \left\{ a^\alpha \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) + i \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right) + a^\alpha \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(a^{1-\alpha} + a^{-1-\alpha} \right) \sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) + \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) \right\} \\ &\geq \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} + \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right) \sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) + \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) \right\} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \beta(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the condition (23) of the theorem. If $\arg g(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$, then we also have that

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \left(\frac{z_0g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)} + g(z_0) \right) &= \arg \left(\frac{z_0D_z^{j+1+\lambda}f(z_0)}{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)} + \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z_0)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j(2-\lambda-\ell)z_0^{1-j-\lambda}} + j + \lambda - 1 \right) \\ &\leq -\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} + \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right) \sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) + \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \right) \right\} \\ &= -\tan^{-1} \beta(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

This also contradicts the condition (23) of the theorem for $g(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$. Therefore, we say that there is no $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$|\arg g(z)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha \quad (|z| < |z_0|)$$

and

$$|\arg g(z_0)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z_0)}{z_0^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha.$$

This implies that

$$|\arg g(z)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{z^{1-j-\lambda}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

Taking $j = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 5, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 4. *If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies*

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + f'(z) \right) \right| < \tan^{-1} \beta(\alpha) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

for some real α ($0 < \alpha < 1$), then

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $\beta(\alpha)$ is given by (24).

Next, we consider $f(z) \in A_n$ given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)z^{j+\lambda}D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j(2-\lambda-\ell)} = \int_0^z \left(\frac{1+\sqrt[n]{t}}{1-\sqrt[n]{t}} \right)^\alpha dt \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \arg \left(\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda)z^{j+\lambda}D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j(2-\lambda-\ell)} \right)' \right| \\ &= \left| \arg \left(z^{j+\lambda} \left((j+\lambda) \frac{D_z^{j+\lambda}f(z)}{z} + D_z^{j+1+\lambda}f(z) \right) \right) \right| \\ &= \alpha \left| \arg \left(\frac{1+\sqrt[n]{z}}{1-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

To discuss such an argument problem, we need the result devised by Fejér and Riesz [8] (or by Tsuji [9]).

Lemma 5. *Let a function $f(z)$ be analytic in $|z| \leq 1$. Then, $f(z)$ satisfies*

$$\int_{-1}^1 |f(z)|^\alpha |dz| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=1} |f(z)|^\alpha |dz| \quad (\alpha > 0), \quad (25)$$

where the above integral on the left-hand side is considered along the real axis.

Remark 2. *When we make the change of variables in Lemma 5, Equation (25) becomes*

$$\int_{-r}^r |f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^\alpha d\rho \leq \frac{r}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^\alpha d\theta. \quad (26)$$

Further, Gwynne [10] gave the following lemma.

Lemma 6. Let $f(z)$ be a complex valued harmonic function defined on a neighborhood of a closed disc of radius one and center the origin in the complex plane. Then

$$f(re^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\rho}) \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2-2r\cos(\theta-\rho)} d\rho$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\rho}) \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2-2r\cos\rho} d\rho = 1.$$

Now, we derive the following theorem.

Theorem 6. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (27)$$

for some α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), then

$$\left| \arg(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$.

Proof. We note that

$$\log \left(\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \right) = \log \left| \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \right| + i \arg(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)) \quad (28)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left(\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \right) &= \int_0^z \left(\log \left(\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) t^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(t)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} \right) \right)' dt \\ &= \int_0^z \left(\frac{j-1+\lambda}{t} + \frac{D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(t)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(t)} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

It follows from (28) and (29) that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)) \right| &= \left| \operatorname{Im} \left(\int_0^z \left(\frac{j-1+\lambda}{t} + \frac{D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(t)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(t)} \right) dt \right) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \operatorname{Im} \left(\int_0^r \left(\frac{j-1+\lambda}{\rho e^{i\theta}} + \frac{D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) e^{i\theta} d\rho \right) \right| \\ &= \int_0^r \left| \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{j-1+\lambda}{\rho} + \frac{e^{i\theta} D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right) \right| d\rho \\ &\leq \int_{-r}^r \left| \frac{D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(\rho e^{i\theta})} \right| d\rho, \end{aligned}$$

where $z = re^{i\theta}$ ($0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$), $0 \leq r < 1$ and $0 \leq \rho \leq r$. Using (26) for $\alpha = 1$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| &\leq \frac{r}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{re^{i\theta} D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Therefore, if $f(z)$ satisfies (27), then $f(z)$ satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

Taking $j = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 6, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 5. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), then

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Further, on applying Lemma 6, we arrive at the following theorem.

Theorem 7. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right| < \frac{\alpha}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1 + \beta \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (31)$$

for some α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and β ($\beta \neq -1$), then

$$\left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$.

Proof. From (30), we see that

$$\left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| < \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{re^{i\theta} D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta$$

for $f(z) \in A_n$. It follows that (31) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| &< \frac{\alpha}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1 + \beta \sqrt[n]{r} e^{i\frac{\theta}{n}}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{r} e^{i\frac{\theta}{n}}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1 + (\beta - 1) \sqrt[n]{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right) - \beta (\sqrt[n]{r})^2}{1 - 2 \sqrt[n]{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right) - (\sqrt[n]{r})^2} \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1 - \beta}{2} + \left(\frac{1 + \beta}{2} \right) \frac{1 - (\sqrt[n]{r})^2}{1 + (\sqrt[n]{r})^2 - 2 \sqrt[n]{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right)} \right\} d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Applying Lemma 6, we obtain

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - (\sqrt[n]{r})^2}{1 + (\sqrt[n]{r})^2 - 2\sqrt[n]{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right)} d\theta = n \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \frac{1 - (\sqrt[n]{r})^2}{1 + (\sqrt[n]{r})^2 - 2\sqrt[n]{r} \cos \rho} d\rho \leq 2\pi.$$

Therefore, (32) becomes

$$\left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

□

Setting $j = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 7, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 6. If $f(z) \in A_n$ satisfies

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| < \frac{\alpha}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1 + \beta \sqrt[n]{z}}{1 - \sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and β ($\beta \neq -1$), then

$$|\arg f'(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Example 1. We consider a function $f(z) \in A_n$ given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda) z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^j (2-\lambda-\ell)} = \left(\frac{2}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right)^{3\alpha} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $0 < \alpha < 1$. If we write that

$$w(z) = \frac{2}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

$w(z)$ satisfies

$$\left| w(z) - \frac{4}{3} \right| < \frac{2}{3} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$|\arg w(z)| = \left| \arg \left(\frac{2}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{6} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\left| \arg \left(z^{j-1+\lambda} D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z) \right) \right| = 3\alpha \left| \arg \left(\frac{2}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

For such a function $f(z)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{3\alpha}{n} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{z}}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) - (j-1+\lambda) \right| \\ &< \frac{3\alpha}{n} \left| \frac{\sqrt[n]{z}}{2-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right| + (j-1+\lambda) \\ &< \frac{3\alpha}{n} + (j-1+\lambda) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

If we consider some β such that

$$\beta \leq \frac{n-12}{n} - \frac{4(j-1+\lambda)}{\alpha},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z D_z^{j+1+\lambda} f(z)}{D_z^{j+\lambda} f(z)} \right| &< \frac{3\alpha}{n} + (j-1+\lambda) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(1-\beta)}{4} \\ &< \frac{\alpha}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1+\beta \sqrt[n]{z}}{1-\sqrt[n]{z}} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

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