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## Starlikeness Associated with Lemniscate of Bernoulli

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**Abstract.** For an analytic function f on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  satisfying f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1, we obtain sufficient conditions so that f satisfies  $|(zf'(z)/f(z))^2 - 1| < 1$ . The technique of differential subordination of first and second order is used. The admissibility conditions for lemniscate of Bernoulli are derived and employed in order to prove the main results.

## 1. Introduction

The set of analytic functions f on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}=\{z:|z|<1\}$  normalized as f(0)=0 and f'(0)=1 will be denoted by  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of univalent functions. A function  $f\in\mathcal{SL}$  if zf'(z)/f(z) lies in the region bounded by the right half of lemniscate of Bernoulli given by  $\{w:|w^2-1|=1\}$  and such a function will be called *lemniscate starlike*. Evidently, the functions in class  $\mathcal{SL}$  are univalent and starlike i.e. Re(zf'(z)/f(z))>0 in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The set  $\mathcal{H}[a,n]$  consists of analytic functions f having Taylor series expansion of the form  $f(z)=a+a_nz^n+a_{n+1}z^{n+1}+\ldots$  with  $\mathcal{H}_1:=\mathcal{H}[1,1]$ . For two analytic functions f and g on  $\mathbb{D}$ , the function f is said to be *subordinate* to the function g, written as f(z)< g(z) (or f< g), if there is a Schwarz function g0 with g1 with g2 and g3. If g3 is a univalent function, then g3 the function g4 if g5 and g6. In terms of subordination, a function g6 is lemniscate starlike if g6 and g7 and g8. The class g6 was introduced by Sokól and Stankiewicz [15].

The class  $S^*(\varphi)$  of *Ma-Minda starlike functions* [6] is defined by

$$S^*(\varphi) := \left\{ f \in S : \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < \varphi(z) \right\},\,$$

where  $\varphi$  is analytic and univalent on  $\mathbb D$  such that  $\varphi(\mathbb D)$  is starlike with respect to  $\varphi(0)=1$  and is symmetric about the real axis with  $\varphi'(0)>0$ . For particular choices of  $\varphi$ , we have well known subclasses of starlike functions like for  $\varphi(z):=\sqrt{1+z}$ ,  $\mathcal S^*(\varphi):=\mathcal S\mathcal L$ . If  $\varphi(z):=(1+Az)/(1+Bz)$ , where  $-1\leq B< A\leq 1$ , the class  $\mathcal S^*[A,B]:=\mathcal S^*((1+Az)/(1+Bz))$  is called the class of *Janowski starlike functions* [2]. If for  $0\leq \alpha<1$ ,  $A=1-2\alpha$  and B=-1, then we obtain  $\mathcal S^*(\alpha):=\mathcal S^*[1-2\alpha,-1]$ , the class of *starlike functions of order*  $\alpha$ . The class  $\mathcal S^*(\alpha)$  was

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The first author is supported by University Grants Commission(UGC), UGC-Ref. No.:1069/(CSIR-UGC NET DEC, 2016). Email addresses: vibhamadaan47@gmail.com (Vibha Madaan), akumar@maths.du.ac.in (Ajay Kumar), vravi68@gmail.com, ravic@nitt.edu (V. Ravichandran) introduced by Robertson [11]. The class  $S^* := S^*(0)$  is simply the class of *starlike functions*. If the function  $\varphi_{PAR} : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  is given by

$$\varphi_{PAR}(z) := 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)^2, \text{ Im } \sqrt{z} \ge 0$$

then  $\varphi_{PAR}(\mathbb{D}) := \{w = u + iv : v^2 < 2u - 1\} = \{w : \operatorname{Re} w > |w - 1|\}$ . Then the class  $S_P := S^*(\varphi_{PAR})$  of parabolic functions, introduced by Rønning [12], consists of the functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right|, \ z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Sharma *et al.* [13] introduced the set  $S_C^* := S^*(1 + 4z/3 + 2z^2/3)$  which consists of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that zf'(z)/f(z) lies in the region bounded by the cardioid

$$\Omega_C := \{ w = u + iv : (9u^2 + 9v^2 - 18u + 5) - 16(9u^2 + 9v^2 - 6u + 1) = 0 \}.$$

The class  $S_e^* := S^*(e^z)$ , introduced by Mendiratta *et al.* [8], contains functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  that satisfy  $|\log(zf'(z)/f(z))| < 1$ .

For  $b \ge 1/2$  and  $a \ge 1$ , Paprocki and Sokól [10] introduced a more general class  $\mathcal{S}^*[a,b]$  for the functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  satisfying  $|(zf'(z)/f(z))^a - b| < b$ . Evidently, the class  $\mathcal{SL} := \mathcal{S}^*[2,1]$ . Kanas [3] used the method of differential subordination to find conditions for the functions to map the unit disk onto region bounded by parabolas and hyperbolas. Ali et al. [1] studied the class  $\mathcal{SL}$  with the help of differential subordination and obtained some lower bound on  $\beta$  such that  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $1 + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 0, 1, 2), where p is analytic on  $\mathbb D$  with p(0) = 1. Kumar et al. [5] proved that whenever  $\beta > 0$ ,  $p(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  for p as mentioned above.

Motivated by work in [1, 3–5, 8, 12–14], the method of differential subordination of first and second order has been used to obtain sufficient conditions for the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  to belong to class  $\mathcal{SL}$ . Let p be an analytic function in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. In Section 3, using the first order differential subordination, conditions on complex number  $\beta$  are determined so that  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $p(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 3,4) or whenever  $p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < 1 + z$  (n = -1,0,1,2) and alike. Also, conditions on  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are obtained that enable  $p^2(z) + z p'(z)/(\beta p(z) + \gamma) < 1 + z$  imply  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ . Section 4 deals with obtaining sufficient conditions on  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , using the method of differential subordination which implies  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  if  $\gamma z p'(z) + \beta z^2 p''(z) < z/(8\sqrt{2})$  and others. Section 5 admits alternate proofs for the results proved in [1] and [5]. The proofs are based on properties of admissible functions formulated by Miller and Mocano [9]. The admissibility condition is used in [7] for investigating generalized Bessel functions.

## 2. The admissibility condition

Let Q be the set of functions q that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}} \setminus \mathbb{E}(q)$ , where

$$\mathbf{E}(q) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D} : \lim_{z \to \zeta} q(z) = \infty \right\}$$

and are such that  $q'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D} \setminus \mathbf{E}(q)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $q \in Q$  and n be a positive integer. The class of admissible functions  $\Psi_n[\Omega,q]$ , consists of those functions  $\psi: \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the admissibility condition  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  whenever  $r = q(\zeta)$  is finite,  $s = m\zeta q'(\zeta)$  and  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{t}{s} + 1\right) \geq m\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\zeta q''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)} + 1\right)$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D} \setminus E(q)$  and  $m \geq n \geq 1$ . The class  $\Psi_1[\Omega,q]$  will be denoted by  $\Psi[\Omega,q]$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [9, Theorem 2.3b, p. 28] Let  $\psi \in \Psi_n[\Omega, q]$  with q(0) = a. Thus for  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  such that

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \in \Omega \implies p(z) < q(z). \tag{1}$$

If  $\Omega$  is a simply connected region which is not the whole complex plane, then there is a conformal mapping h from  $\mathbb D$  onto  $\Omega$  satisfying  $h(0) = \psi(a,0,0;0)$ . Thus, for  $p \in \mathcal H[a,n]$ , (1) can be written as

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) < h(z) \implies p(z) < q(z).$$
(2)

The univalent function q is said to be the *dominant of the solutions* of the second order differential equation (2). The dominant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q} < q$  for all the dominants of (2) is said to be the *best dominant* of (2).

Consider the function  $q: \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $q(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Clearly, the function q is univalent in  $\overline{\mathbb{D}} \setminus \{-1\}$ . Thus,  $q \in Q$  with  $E(q) = \{-1\}$  and  $q(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1\}$ . We now define the admissibility conditions for the function  $\sqrt{1+z}$ . Denote  $\Psi_n[\Omega, \sqrt{1+z}]$  by  $\Psi_n[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Further, the case when  $\Omega = \Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ ,  $\Psi_n[\Omega, \sqrt{1+z}]$  is denoted by  $\Psi_n[\mathcal{L}]$ .

If  $|\zeta| = 1$ , then

$$q(\zeta) \in q(\partial \mathbb{D}) = \partial q(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ w : |w^2 - 1| = 1 \right\} = \left\{ \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta} e^{i\theta} : -\frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4} \right\}.$$

Then, for  $\zeta = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} - 1$ , we have

$$\zeta q'(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta} e^{i\theta} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta} e^{i\theta}} \right) = \frac{e^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} \quad \text{and} \quad q''(\zeta) = \frac{-1}{4(2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta})^{3/2}}$$

and hence

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\zeta q''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)} + 1\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{4\cos 2\theta} + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Thus, the condition of admissibility reduces to  $\psi(r, s, t; z) \notin \Omega$  whenever  $(r, s, t; z) \in \text{Dom } \psi$  and

$$r = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta}, \quad s = \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}, \quad \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{t}{s} + 1\right) \ge \frac{3m}{4}$$
 (3)

where  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and  $m \ge n \ge 1$ .

As a particular case of Theorem 2.2, we have

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  with  $p(z) \not\equiv 1$  and  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  with domain D satisfy

$$\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$$
 whenever  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

for  $r = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta}$ ,  $s = me^{3i\theta}/(2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta})$  and  $\text{Re}(t/s+1) \ge 3m/4$  where  $m \ge n \ge 1$  and  $-\pi/4 < \theta < \pi/4$ . For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , if  $(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \in D$ , and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \in \Omega$ , then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

The case when  $\psi \in \Psi_n[\mathcal{L}]$  with domain D, the above theorem reduces to the case: For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , if  $(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \in D$  and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ , then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

We now illustrate the above result for certain  $\Omega$ . Throughout, the values of r, s, t are as mentioned in (3).

**Example 2.4.** Let  $\Omega = \{w : |w-1| < 1/(2\sqrt{2})\}$  and define  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $\psi(a,b,c;z) = 1+b$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s,t;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) = 1 + \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}$$

and therefore we have that

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)-1|=\left|\frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}\right|=\frac{m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}\geq \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2}}\geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

Thus,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Hence, whenever  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$  such that  $|zp'(z)| < 1/(2\sqrt{2})$ , then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $\Omega = \{w : \text{Re } w < 1/4\}$  and define  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $\psi(a, b, c; z) = b/a$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r, s, t; z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Now, consider  $\psi(r, s, t; z)$  given by

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) = \frac{s}{r} = \frac{me^{2i\theta}}{4\cos 2\theta}.$$

Then, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(r, s, t; z) = \frac{m}{4\cos 2\theta} \operatorname{Re}(e^{2i\theta}) = \frac{m}{4} \ge \frac{1}{4}.$$

That is  $\psi(r, s, t; z) \notin \Omega$ . Hence, we see that  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$  if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}\right) < \frac{1}{4},$$

then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ . Moreover, the result is sharp as for  $p(z) = \sqrt{1+z}$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2(1+z)}\right) \to \frac{1}{4} \text{ as } z \to 1.$$

That is  $\sqrt{1+z}$  is the best dominant.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $\Omega = \{w : |w-1| < 1/(4\sqrt{2})\}$  and define  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $\psi(a,b,c;z) = 1 + b/a^2$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s,t;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) = 1 + \frac{me^{i\theta}}{2(2\cos 2\theta)^{3/2}}$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)-1| = \left|\frac{me^{i\theta}}{2(2\cos 2\theta)^{3/2}}\right| = \frac{m}{4\sqrt{2}(\cos 2\theta)^{3/2}} \ge \frac{m}{4\sqrt{2}} \ge \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}.$$

Thus,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Hence, whenever  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$  such that

$$\left|\frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)}\right| < \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}},$$

then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

## 3. First Order Differential Subordination

In case of first order differential subordination, Theorem 2.3 reduces to:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  with  $p(z) \not\equiv 1$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  with domain D satisfy

 $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Omega$  whenever  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

for  $r = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta}$  and  $s = me^{3i\theta}/(2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta})$  where  $m \ge n \ge 1$  and  $-\pi/4 < \theta < \pi/4$ . For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , if  $(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in D$  and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in \Omega$ , then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

Likewise for an analytic function h, if  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D})$ , then the above theorem becomes

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) < h(z) \Rightarrow p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

Using the above theorem, now some sufficient conditions are determined for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$  to satisfy  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  and hence sufficient conditions are obtained for function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  to belong to the class  $\mathcal{SL}$ .

Kumar *et al.* [5] proved that for  $\beta > 0$  if  $p(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 0, 1, 2), then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ . Extending this, we obtain lower bound for  $\beta$  so that  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $p(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 3, 4).

**Lemma 3.2.** Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and p(0) = 1 and  $\beta_0 = 1.1874$ . Let

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^3(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \, (\beta > \beta_0),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a, b; z) = a + \beta b/a^3$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r, s; z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r, s; z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \frac{\beta m}{8\cos^2 2\theta},$$

so that

$$|\psi(r,s;z)^{2} - 1|^{2} = 1 + \frac{\beta m}{\sqrt{2}} \sec^{3/2} 2\theta \cos 3\theta + \frac{\beta^{2} m^{2}}{32} (4 \sec^{3} 2\theta + 2 \sec^{2} 2\theta - \sec^{4} 2\theta)$$
$$+ \frac{\beta^{3} m^{3}}{64 \sqrt{2}} \sec^{11/2} 2\theta \cos \theta + \frac{\beta^{4} m^{4}}{4096} \sec^{8} 2\theta =: g(\theta)$$

Observe that  $g(\theta) = g(-\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and the second derivative test shows that the minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$  for  $\beta m > 1.1874$ . For  $\beta > 1.1874$ , we have  $\beta m > 1.1874$ . Thus,  $g(\theta)$  attains its minimum at  $\theta = 0$  for  $\beta > \beta_0$ . For  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $g(\theta) \ge 1$  for every  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and since

$$\min g(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta m}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{32} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{64\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{4096} \ge 1 + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{5\beta^2}{32} + \frac{\beta^3}{64\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^4}{4096} > 1.$$

Hence for  $\beta > \beta_0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^3(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} (\beta > \beta_0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.3.** Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and p(0) = 1 and  $\beta_0 = 3.58095$ . Let

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^4(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \, (\beta > \beta_0),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a + \beta b/a^4$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{-i\theta}}{8\cos^2 2\theta \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}},$$

so that

$$|\psi(r,s;z)^{2} - 1|^{2} = 1 + \beta m (1 - \frac{1}{2}\sec^{2}2\theta) + \frac{\beta^{2}m^{2}}{64}(\sec^{4}2\theta + 4\sec^{2}2\theta) + \frac{\beta^{3}m^{3}}{256}\sec^{6}2\theta + \frac{\beta^{4}m^{4}}{128^{2}}\sec^{10}2\theta =: g(\theta)$$

Observe that  $g(\theta) = g(-\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and the second derivative test shows that g attains its minimum at  $\theta = 0$  if  $\beta m > 3.58095$ . For  $\beta > 3.58095$ , we have  $\beta m > 3.58095$ . Thus,  $g(\theta)$  attains its minimum at  $\theta = 0$  for  $\beta > \beta_0$ . For  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $g(\theta) \ge 1$  for every  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and since

$$\min g(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta m}{2} + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{64} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{256} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{128^2} \ge 1 + \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{5\beta^2}{64} + \frac{\beta^3}{256} + \frac{\beta^4}{128^2} > 1.$$

Hence for  $\beta > \beta_0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^4(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta > \beta_0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

On the similar lines, one can find lower bound for  $\beta_n$  such that  $p(z) + \beta_n z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  implies  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

Now, the conditions on  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are discussed so that  $p^2(z) + zp'(z)/(\beta p(z) + \gamma) < 1 + z$  implies  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\beta, \gamma > 0$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that p(0) = 1. If

$$p^2(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} < 1 + z,$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  by h(z) = 1 + z and let  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w - 1| < 1\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\gamma/\beta\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by

$$\psi(a,b;z) = a^2 + \frac{b}{\beta a + \gamma}.$$

For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r, s; z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r, s; z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{(2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta})(\beta\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \gamma)},$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s;z)-1|^2 = \left[\cos\theta + \frac{m\beta\sqrt{2\cos2\theta}\cos\theta + \gamma m}{2\sqrt{2\cos2\theta}d(\theta)}\right]^2 + \left[\sin\theta - \frac{m\beta\sqrt{2\cos2\theta}\sin\theta}{2\sqrt{2\cos2\theta}d(\theta)}\right]^2,$$

where  $d(\theta) = |\beta \sqrt{2 \cos 2\theta} e^{i\theta} + \gamma|^2 = \cos 2\theta (2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1})$ .

Hence on solving, we get that

$$\begin{split} |\psi(r,s;z)-1|^2 &= 1 + \frac{\beta^2 m^2 \sec^2 2\theta}{4(2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1})^2} + \frac{\gamma^2 m^2 \sec^3 2\theta}{8(2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1})^2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta \gamma m^2 \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1} \sec^2 2\theta}{4(2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1})^2} + \frac{\beta m}{2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1}} \\ &+ \frac{\gamma m \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1} \sec 2\theta}{2(2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 \sec 2\theta + 2\beta \gamma \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1})} =: g(\theta) \end{split}$$

Using the second derivative test, we get that minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$ . For  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $g(\theta) \ge 1$  for every  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and since

$$\min g(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{4(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\gamma^2 m^2}{8(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\beta \gamma m^2}{2\sqrt{2}(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\beta m}{(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^2} + \frac{\gamma m}{\sqrt{2}(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^2}$$

$$\geq 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{4(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\gamma^2}{8(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\beta \gamma}{2\sqrt{2}(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^4} + \frac{\beta}{(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2}(\beta \sqrt{2} + \gamma)^2} > 1.$$

Hence, for  $\beta, \gamma > 0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^2(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} < 1 + z,$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

Now, conditions on  $\beta$  are derived so that  $p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < 1 + z$  (n = -1, 0, 1, 2) implies  $p(z) < \sqrt{1 + z}$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. Let  $\beta$  be a complex number such that  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ . If

$$p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z) p(z) < 1 + z,$$

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  by h(z) = 1 + z and let  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w - 1| < 1\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a^2 + \beta ab$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{4i\theta}}{2}$$

and we see that

$$|\psi(r,s;z)-1|=\left|1+\frac{m\beta}{2}\right|\geq 1+\frac{m\operatorname{Re}\beta}{2}\geq 1+\frac{\operatorname{Re}\beta}{2}>1.$$

Hence, for  $\beta$  such that Re  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for such complex number  $\beta$  and for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^2(z) + \beta z p(z) p'(z) < 1 + z,$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. If

$$p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z) < 1 + z,$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  by h(z) = 1 + z and let  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w - 1| < 1\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a^2 + \beta b$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}},$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s;z)-1|^2=1+\frac{\beta^2m^2}{8}\sec 2\theta+\frac{\beta m}{2}\sqrt{\sec 2\theta+1}\geq 1+\frac{\beta^2m^2}{8}+\frac{\beta m}{\sqrt{2}}\geq 1+\frac{\beta^2}{8}+\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}>1.$$

Hence, for  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z) < 1 + z,$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. If

$$p^2(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p(z)} < 1 + z,$$

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  by h(z) = 1 + z and let  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w - 1| < 1\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a^2 + \beta b/a$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{2i\theta}}{4\cos 2\theta},$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s;z)-1|^2=1+\frac{\beta^2m^2}{16\cos^2 2\theta}+\frac{\beta m}{2}\geq 1+\frac{\beta^2m^2}{16}+\frac{\beta m}{2}\geq 1+\frac{\beta^2}{16}+\frac{\beta}{2}>1.$$

Hence for  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^2(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p(z)} < 1 + z,$$

then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.8.** Let  $\beta_0 = 2\sqrt{2}$ . Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. If

$$p^{2}(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{v^{2}(z)} < 1 + z \ (\beta > \beta_{0}),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb D$  by h(z)=1+z and let  $\Omega=h(\mathbb D)=\{w:|w-1|<1\}$ . Let  $\psi:(\mathbb C\setminus\{0\})\times\mathbb C\times\mathbb D\to\mathbb C$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z)=a^2+\beta b/a^2$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal L]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z)\notin\Omega$  for  $z\in\mathbb D$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{i\theta}}{4\sqrt{2}\cos^{3/2}2\theta},$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s;z)-1|^2 = 1 + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{32\cos^3 2\theta} + \frac{\beta m\cos 3\theta}{2\sqrt{2}\cos^{3/2} 2\theta} =: g(\theta)$$

It is clear using the second derivative test that for  $\beta m > 2\sqrt{2}$ , minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$ . For  $\beta > 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\beta m > 2\sqrt{2}$  which implies that minimum of  $g(\theta)$  is attained at  $\theta = 0$  for  $\beta > \beta_0$ . Hence

$$\min g(\theta) = 1 + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{32} + \frac{\beta m}{2\sqrt{2}} \ge 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{32} + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2}} > 1.$$

Hence for  $\beta > \beta_0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$  and therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^{2}(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^{2}(z)} < 1 + z \, (\beta > \beta_{0}),$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

Next result depicts sufficient conditions so that  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z) p(z) < (2+z)/(2-z)$ .

**Lemma 3.9.** Let  $\beta_0 = 2$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1. If

$$p^{2}(z) + \beta z p'(z) p(z) < \frac{2+z}{2-z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_{0}),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

The lower bound  $\beta_0$  is best possible.

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let h be the analytic function defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  by h(z) = (2+z)/(2-z) and let  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |2(w-1)/(w+1)| < 1\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a^2 + \beta ab$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r, s; z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{\beta m e^{4i\theta}}{2}$$

then

$$\left| \frac{2(\psi(r,s;z) - 1)}{\psi(r,s;z) + 1} \right|^2 = \frac{4(1 + m\beta/2)^2}{(1 + \beta m/2)^2 + 4 + 4(1 + \beta m/2)\cos 4\theta} =: g(\theta)$$

Using the second derivative test, one can verify that minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$ . Thus

$$\min g(\theta) = \frac{4(1 + \beta m/2)^2}{(1 + \beta m/2)^2 + 4(1 + \beta m/2) + 4}.$$

Now, the inequality

$$\frac{4(1+\beta/2)^2}{(1+\beta/2)^2+4(1+\beta/2)+4} \ge 1$$

holds if

$$3\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^2-4-4\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right)\geq 0$$

or equivalently if  $\beta \geq 2$ .

Since,  $m \ge 1$ ,  $\beta m \ge 2$  implies that

$$\frac{4(1+\beta m/2)^2}{(1+\beta m/2)^2+4(1+\beta m/2)+4}\geq 1$$

and therefore  $\left|\frac{2(\psi(r,s;z)-1)}{\psi(r,s;z)+1}\right|^2 \ge 1$ . Hence, for  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$  and for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p^2(z) + \beta z p'(z) p(z) < \frac{2+z}{2-z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

**Remark 3.10.** All of the above lemmas give a sufficient condition for f in  $\mathcal{A}$  to be lemniscate starlike. This can be seen by defining a function  $p: \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  by p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z).

#### 4. Second Order Differential Subordinations

This section deals with the case that if there is an analytic function p such that p(0) = 1 satisfying a second order differential subordination then p(z) is *subordinate* to  $\sqrt{1+z}$ . Now, for r, s, t as in (3), we have  $\text{Re}\left(\frac{t}{s}+1\right) \geq \frac{3m}{4}$  for  $m \geq n \geq 1$ . On simplyfying,

$$\operatorname{Re}(te^{-3i\theta}) \ge \frac{m(3m-4)}{8\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}.\tag{4}$$

If  $m \ge 2$ , then

$$\operatorname{Re}(te^{-3i\theta}) \ge \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} \ge \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

**Lemma 4.1.** Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that p(0) = 1. If

$$zp'(z) + z^2p''(z) < \frac{3z}{8\sqrt{2}}$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $h(z) = 3z/(8\sqrt{2})$ , then  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w| < 3/(8\sqrt{2})\}$  and let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b,c;z) = b+c$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s,t;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) = \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + t.$$

So, we have that

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| = \left| \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + te^{-3i\theta} \right| \ge \frac{3m^2}{8\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}.$$

Since  $m \ge 1$ , so

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| \ge \frac{3}{8\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} \ge \frac{3}{8\sqrt{2}}.$$

Therefore,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Hence, for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$  if

$$zp'(z) + z^2p''(z) < \frac{3z}{8\sqrt{2}}$$

then 
$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.  $\square$ 

We obtain the following theorem by taking p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z) in Lemma 4.1, where p is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and p(0) = 1.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let f be a function in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If f satisfies the subordination

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{z^2 f'''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{3z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{2zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 2\left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^2 - \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \frac{3z}{8\sqrt{2}},$$

**Lemma 4.3.** Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that p(0) = 1 and let  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1,2]$ . If

$$p^{2}(z) + zp'(z) + z^{2}p''(z) < 1 + \left(1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)z,$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $h(z) = 1 + (1 + 3/(2\sqrt{2}))z$  then  $\Omega = h(z) = \{w : |w - 1| < 1 + 3/(2\sqrt{2})\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b,c;z) = a^2 + b + c$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s,t;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s,t;z) = 2\cos 2\theta e^{2i\theta} + \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + t.$$

So, we have

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z) - 1| = \left| e^{i\theta} + \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + te^{-3i\theta} \right| \ge \operatorname{Re}\left( e^{i\theta} + \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + te^{-3i\theta} \right)$$
$$= \cos\theta + \frac{3m^2}{8\sqrt{2}} \sec^{1/2} 2\theta =: g(\theta)$$

The second derivative test shows that minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$  if  $m \ge 2$ . Therefore,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Hence, for  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, 2]$  if

$$p^{2}(z) + zp'(z) + z^{2}p''(z) < 1 + \left(1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)z,$$

then  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

The following theorem holds by taking p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z) in Lemma 4.3, where p is analytic in  $\mathbb D$  and p(0) = 1.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let f be a function in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that zf'(z)/f(z) has Taylor series expansion of the form  $1+a_2z^2+a_3z^3+\ldots$  If f satisfies the subordination

$$\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^{2} + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\left(\frac{z^{2}f'''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{3z^{2}f''(z)}{f(z)}\right) + \frac{2zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 2\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^{2} - \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) < 1 + \left(1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)z,$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{SL}$ .

The next result admits some conditions on  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  for  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $\gamma z p'(z) + \beta z^2 p''(z) < z/(8\sqrt{2})$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $\gamma \ge \beta > 0$  be such that  $4\gamma - \beta \ge 1$ . Let p be analytic in  $\mathbb D$  such that p(0) = 1 and

$$\gamma z p'(z) + \beta z^2 p''(z) < \frac{z}{8\sqrt{2}}$$
 for  $\gamma \ge \beta > 0$  and  $4\gamma - \beta \ge 1$ ,

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $h(z) = z/(8\sqrt{2})$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $\Omega = h(\mathbb{D}) = \{w : |w| < 1/(8\sqrt{2})\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b,c;z) = \gamma b + \beta c$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\Omega,\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s,t;z) \notin \Omega$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s,t;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) = \frac{\gamma m e^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + \beta t.$$

Hence, we see that

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| = \left| \frac{\gamma m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + \beta t e^{-3i\theta} \right| \ge \frac{\gamma m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} + \beta \operatorname{Re}(t e^{-3i\theta}).$$

Using (4),

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| \ge \frac{4m(\gamma-\beta)+3\beta m^2}{8\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}.$$

Since  $m \ge 1$ , so

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| \ge \frac{4(\gamma-\beta)+3\beta}{8\sqrt{2}\cos 2\theta} = \frac{4\gamma-\beta}{8\sqrt{2}\cos 2\theta}.$$

Given that  $4\gamma - \beta \ge 1$ ,

$$|\psi(r,s,t;z)| \ge \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}} \ge \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}.$$

Therefore,  $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, \mathcal{L}]$ . Hence for  $p \in \mathcal{H}_1$  satisfying

$$\gamma z p'(z) + \beta z^2 p''(z) < \frac{z}{8\sqrt{2}}$$
 for  $\gamma \ge \beta > 0$  and  $4\gamma - \beta \ge 1$ ,

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

By taking p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z) in Lemma 4.5, where p is analytic in  $\mathbb D$  and p(0) = 1, the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let f be a function in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$  be as stated in Lemma 4.5. If f satisfies the subordination

$$\gamma \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) + \beta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \frac{z^2 f'''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{3z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} \right)$$
$$+ \frac{2zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 2 \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^2 - \frac{2zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \frac{z}{8\sqrt{2}},$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{SL}$ .

## 5. Further results

Now, we discuss alternate proofs to the results proven in [1] where lower bounds for  $\beta$  are determined for the cases where  $1 + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 0,1,2) imply  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ . The method of admissible functions provides an improvement over the results proven in [1].

**Lemma 5.1.** Let p be analytic function on  $\mathbb D$  and p(0)=1. Let  $\beta_0=2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)\approx 1.17$ . If

$$1 + \beta z p'(z) < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let us define  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $\psi(a, b; z) = 1 + \beta b$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r, s; z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r, s; z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 1 + \frac{\beta m}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}e^{3i\theta}$$

and so

$$|\psi(r,s;z)^2 - 1|^2 = \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{64} \sec^2 2\theta + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{4\sqrt{2}} \sec^{3/2} 2\theta \cos 3\theta + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{2} \sec 2\theta =: g(\theta)$$

Observe that  $g(\theta) = g(-\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and the second derivative shows that the minimum of g occurs at  $\theta = 0$  when  $\beta > 2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ . For  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $g(\theta) \ge 1$  for every  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4)$  and since

$$\min g(\theta) = \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{64} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{4\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{2} \ge \frac{\beta^4}{64} + \frac{\beta^3}{4\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^2}{2}.$$

The last term is greater than or equal to 1 if

$$(\beta + 2\sqrt{2})^2(\beta - 4 + 2\sqrt{2})(\beta + 4 + 2\sqrt{2}) \ge 0$$

or equivalently if

$$\beta \ge 4 - 2\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1) = \beta_0.$$

Hence, for  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$  and therefore for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$1+\beta zp'(z)<\sqrt{1+z}\;(\beta\geq\beta_0),$$

then, we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

As in [1, Theorem 2.2], using above lemma, we deduce the following.

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let*  $\beta_0 = 2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1) \approx 1.17$  *and*  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ .

1. If f satisfies the subordination

$$1 + \beta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

2. If 
$$1 + \beta z f''(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
  $(\beta \ge \beta_0)$ , then  $f'(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** Let p be analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$  and p(0) = 1. Let  $\beta_0 = 4(\sqrt{2} - 1) \approx 1.65$ . If

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = 1 + \beta b/a$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 1 + \beta \frac{m}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{-2i\theta}}{2\cos 2\theta} \right)$$

so that

$$\begin{split} |\psi(r,s;z)^2 - 1|^2 &= \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{256} \sec^4 2\theta + \left(\frac{\beta^2 m^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{16}\right) \sec^2 2\theta \\ &\geq \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{256} + \left(\frac{\beta^2 m^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{16}\right) \geq \frac{\beta^4}{256} + \frac{\beta^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3}{16} \end{split}$$

The last term is greater than or equal to 1 if

$$(\beta + 4)^2(\beta + 4 + 4\sqrt{2})(\beta + 4 - 4\sqrt{2}) \ge 0,$$

which is same is  $\beta \ge 4\sqrt{2} - 4 = \beta_0$ .

Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

As in [1], Theorem 2.4, we get the following.

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let*  $\beta_0 = 4(\sqrt{2} - 1) \approx 1.65$  *and*  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ .

1. *If f satisfies the subordination* 

$$1 + \beta \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

- 2. If  $1 + \beta z f''(z) / f'(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$   $(\beta \ge \beta_0)$ , then  $f'(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .
- 3. If f satisfies the subordination

$$1 + \beta \left( \frac{(zf(z))^{\prime\prime}}{f^{\prime}(z)} - \frac{2zf^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then 
$$z^2 f'(z)/f^2(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let p be analytic function on  $\mathbb D$  and p(0)=1. Let  $\beta_0=4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)\approx 2.34$ . If

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = 1 + \beta b/a^2$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = 1 + \beta \frac{me^{i\theta}}{4\sqrt{2}\cos^{3/2}2\theta}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(r,s,t;z)^2 - 1|^2 &= \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{1024} \sec^6 2\theta + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{64} \sec^4 2\theta \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1} + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{8} \sec^3 2\theta \\ &\geq \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{1024} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{32\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{8} \geq \frac{\beta^4}{1024} + \frac{\beta^3}{32\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^2}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

The last term is greater than or equal to 1 if

$$(\beta + 4\sqrt{2})^2(\beta - 4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1))(\beta + 4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} + 1)) \ge 0$$

equivalently

$$\beta \ge 4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1) = \beta_0.$$

Thus, for  $\beta \ge \beta_0$ , we have  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ . Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$1 + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

By taking  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  as in [1], we obtain the following.

**Theorem 5.6.** Let  $\beta_0 = 4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1) \approx 2.34$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . If f satisfies the subordination

$$1 - \beta + \beta \left( \frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1 + z} \ (\beta \ge \beta_0),$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{SL}$ .

Kumar *et al.* [5] introduced that for every  $\beta > 0$ ,  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  whenever  $p(z) + \beta z p'(z)/p^n(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$  (n = 0,1,2). Using admissibility conditions (3), alternate proofs to the mentioned results are discussed below.

**Lemma 5.7.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and p(0) = 1 such that

$$p(z) + \beta z p'(z) < \sqrt{1+z},$$

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a, b; z) = a + \beta b$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r, s; z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r, s; z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \beta \frac{me^{3i\theta}}{2\sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(r,s;z)^2 - 1|^2 &= 1 + 2\beta m + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{4} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{64} \sec^2 2\theta \\ &\geq 1 + 2\beta m + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{4} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{64} \\ &\geq 1 + 2\beta + \frac{5\beta^2}{4} + \frac{\beta^3}{4} + \frac{\beta^4}{64} > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ . Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p(z) + \beta z p'(z) < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta > 0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

Taking p(z) = z f'(z)/f(z) and p(z) = f'(z), we get the following.

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let*  $\beta > 0$  *and* f *be a function in*  $\mathcal{A}$ .

1. If f satisfies the subordination

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \beta \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1+z},$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{SL}$ .

2. If 
$$f'(z) + \beta z f''(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
, then  $f'(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and p be analytic in  $\mathbb D$  and p(0) = 1 such that

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p(z)} < \sqrt{1+z},$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \text{Re } w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a + \beta b/a$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \beta \frac{me^{2i\theta}}{4\cos 2\theta}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(r,s,t;z)^2 - 1|^2 &= 1 + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{256} \sec^4 2\theta + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{8} \sec^2 2\theta + \frac{\beta^2 m^2}{2} \sec 2\theta \\ &+ \beta m \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{16} \sqrt{\sec 2\theta + 1} \sec^2 \theta \\ &\geq 1 + \sqrt{2}\beta m + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{8} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{8\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{256} \\ &\geq 1 + \sqrt{2}\beta + \frac{5\beta^2}{8} + \frac{\beta^3}{8\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\beta^4}{256} > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ . Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p(z) + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta > 0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

For p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z) and  $p(z) = z^2f'(z)/f^2(z)$ , we have

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and f be a function in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

1. *If f satisfies the subordination* 

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \beta \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) < \sqrt{1+z},$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{SL}$ .

2. *If f satisfies the subordination* 

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)} + \beta \left( \frac{(z f(z))''}{f'(z)} - \frac{2z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) < \sqrt{1+z},$$

then 
$$z^2 f'(z)/f^2(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$$
.

**Lemma 5.11.** *Let*  $\beta > 0$  *and* p *be analytic in*  $\mathbb{D}$  *and* p(0) = 1 *such that* 

$$p(z) + \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{p^2(z)} < \sqrt{1+z},$$

then

$$p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\Delta = \{w : |w^2 - 1| < 1, \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ . Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\psi(a,b;z) = a + \beta b/a^2$ . For  $\psi$  to be in  $\Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ , we must have  $\psi(r,s;z) \notin \Delta$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then,  $\psi(r,s;z)$  is given by

$$\psi(r,s;z) = \sqrt{2\cos 2\theta}e^{i\theta} + \beta \frac{me^{i\theta}}{4\sqrt{2}\cos^{3/2}2\theta},$$

so that

$$\begin{split} |\psi(r,s;z)^2-1|^2 &= 1+\beta m + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{16}\sec^2 2\theta + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{32}\sec^4 2\theta + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{1024}\sec^6 2\theta \\ &\geq 1+\beta m + \frac{5\beta^2 m^2}{16} + \frac{\beta^3 m^3}{32} + \frac{\beta^4 m^4}{1024} \geq 1+\beta + \frac{5\beta^2}{16} + \frac{\beta^3}{32} + \frac{\beta^4}{1024} > 1. \end{split}$$

Thus,  $\psi \in \Psi[\mathcal{L}]$ . Therefore, for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , if

$$p(z) + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)} < \sqrt{1+z} \ (\beta > 0),$$

we have  $p(z) < \sqrt{1+z}$ .  $\square$ 

Taking  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$ , we obtain the following.

**Theorem 5.12.** Let  $\beta > 0$  and f be a function in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If f satisfies the subordination

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \beta + \beta \left(\frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)}\right) < \sqrt{1 + z},$$

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