# Sufficient conditions for certain subclasses of meromorphic $p$-valent functions 

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ABSTRACT: In the present paper, we obtain certain sufficient conditions for meromorphic $p$-valent functions. Several corollaries and consequences of the main results are also considered.

Key Words: Meromorphic multivalent functions, meromorphic starlike functions, meromorphic convex functions, meromorphic close-to-convex functions.

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## 1. Introduction and definitions

Let $\Sigma_{p}$ denote the class of functions of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(z)=\frac{1}{z^{p}}+\sum_{n=p}^{\infty} a_{n} z^{n} \quad, \quad(p \in \mathbb{N}:=\{1,2,3, \ldots\}) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

which are analytic and $p$-valent in the punctured open unit disk

$$
\mathcal{U}^{*}=\{z: z \in \mathbb{C} ; 0<|z|<1\}=: \mathcal{U} \backslash\{0\} .
$$

where $\mathcal{U}$ is an open unit disk. A function $f(z)$ in $\Sigma_{p}$ is said to be meromorphically $p$-valent starlike of order $\delta$ if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{R}\left\{-\frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}\right\}>\delta \quad\left(z \in \mathcal{U}^{*}\right), \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some $\delta(0 \leq \delta<p)$. We denote by $\Sigma_{p}^{*}(\delta)$ the class of all meromorphically $p$-valent starlike of order $\delta$. Further, a function $f(z)$ in $\Sigma_{p}$ is said to be meromorphically $p$-valent convex of order $\delta$ if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{R}\left\{-1-\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right\}>\delta \quad\left(z \in \mathcal{U}^{*}\right) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]for some $\delta(0 \leq \delta<p)$. We denote by $\Sigma_{p}^{k}(\delta)$ the class of all meromorphically $p$-valent convex of order $\delta$. A function $f(z)$ belonging to $\Sigma_{p}$ is said to be meromorphically $p$-valent close-to-convex of order $\delta$ if it satisfies
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{R}\left(-\frac{f^{\prime}(z)}{z^{-p-1}}\right)>\delta \quad\left(z \in U^{*}\right) \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

for some $\delta(0 \leq \delta<p)$. We denote by $\Sigma_{p}^{c}(\delta)$ the subclass of $\Sigma_{p}$ consisting of functions which are meromorphically $p$-valent close-to-convex of order $\delta$ in $\mathcal{U}^{*}$.

Note that $\Sigma_{1}^{*}(\delta)=\Sigma^{*}(\delta), \Sigma_{1}^{k}(\delta)=\Sigma^{k}(\delta)$ and $\Sigma_{1}^{c}(\delta)=\Sigma^{c}(\delta)$, where $\Sigma^{*}(\delta)$, $\Sigma^{k}(\delta)$ and $\Sigma^{c}(\delta)$ are subclasses of $\Sigma_{1}$ consisting meromorphic univalent functions which are respectively, starlike, convex and close-to-convex of order $\delta(0 \leq \delta<1)$.

Some subclasses of $\Sigma_{p}=\Sigma$ when $p=1$ were considered by (for example) Miller [12], Pommerenke [16], Clunie [7], Frasin and Darus [8] and Royster [17]. Furthermore, several subclasses of $\Sigma_{p}$ were studied by (amongst others) Mogra et
al. [14], Goyal and Prajapat [11], Owa et al. [15], Srivastava et al. [18], Wang and Zhang [21],Uralegaddi and Ganigi [19], Cho et al. [6], Aouf [1-4], and Uralegaddi Somantha [20].

The object in the present paper is to obtain some sufficient conditions for meromorphic $p$-valent functions.

In the proofs of our main results, we need the following Jack's Lemma [9]:

Lemma 1.1. Let the (non constant) function $w(z)$ be analytic in $\mathcal{U}$ with $w(0)=0$. If $|w(z)|$ attains its maximum value on the circle $|z|=r<1$ at a point $z_{0} \in \mathcal{U}$, then

$$
z_{0} w^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)=m w\left(z_{0}\right)
$$

where $m$ is a real number and $m \geq n$ where $n \geq 1$.

## 2. Main Results

With the aid of Lemma 1.1, we derive the next two theorems.
Theorem 2.1. Let the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$, satisfies the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\mathfrak{R}\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)\right]>\frac{[2(\alpha+\beta) p+n]+\lambda[2(\alpha+\beta) p-n]}{2(1+\lambda)} . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)^{\beta}\right]>\frac{1+\lambda}{2} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $(\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N})$.

Proof: Let the function $w$ be defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)^{\beta}=\frac{1+\lambda w(z)}{1+w(z)} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, clearly, $w$ is analytic in $\mathcal{U}$ with $w(0)=0$. We also find from (2.3) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)\right]=p(\alpha+\beta)-\frac{\lambda z w^{\prime}(z)}{1+\lambda w(z)}+\frac{z w^{\prime}(z)}{1+w(z)},(z \in \mathcal{U}) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Suppose there exists a point $z_{0} \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $\left|w\left(z_{0}\right)\right|=1$ and $|w(z)|<1$, when $|z|<\left|z_{0}\right|$. Then by applying Lemma 1.1, there exists $m \geq n$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{0} w^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)=m w\left(z_{0}\right), \quad\left(m \geq n \geq 1 ; w\left(z_{0}\right)=e^{i \theta} ; \theta \in \mathbb{R}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then by using (2.4) and (2.5), it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\Re\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}{f\left(z_{0}\right)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}{f^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}\right)\right] \\
= & p(\alpha+\beta)-\Re\left(\frac{\lambda m e^{i \theta}}{1+\lambda e^{i \theta}}\right)+\Re\left(\frac{m e^{i \theta}}{1+e^{i \theta}}\right) \\
= & p(\alpha+\beta)-\frac{\lambda m(\lambda+\cos \theta)}{1+\lambda^{2}+2 \lambda \cos \theta}+\frac{m}{2} \\
= & p(\alpha+\beta)-\frac{m\left(\lambda^{2}-1\right)}{2\left(1+\lambda^{2}+2 \lambda \cos \theta\right)} \\
\leq & p(\alpha+\beta)-\frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{\lambda-1}{1+\lambda}\right) \\
\leq & \frac{[2(\alpha+\beta) p+n]+\lambda[2(\alpha+\beta) p-n]}{2(1+\lambda)}
\end{aligned}
$$

which contradicts the given hypothesis. Hence $|w(z)|<1$, which implies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{1-\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)^{\beta}}{\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)^{\beta}-\lambda}\right|<1 \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

or equivalently

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)^{\beta}\right]>\frac{1+\lambda}{2} .
$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Theorem 2.2. Let the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$, satisfies the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\Re\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)\right]<\frac{\{(\alpha+\beta) p+n\} \lambda+\{2 p(\alpha+\beta)+n\}}{\lambda+2} . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1}}{p} f^{\prime}(z)\right)^{\beta}\right]>\frac{1}{2+\lambda} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $(\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N})$.
Proof: Let the function $w$ be defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1}}{p} f^{\prime}(z)\right)^{\beta}=\frac{1}{(1+\lambda) w(z)+1} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then clearly $w$ is analytic in $\mathcal{U}$ with $w(0)=0$
Using logarithmic differentiation (3.3) yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)\right]=p(\alpha+\beta)+\frac{(1+\lambda) z w^{\prime}(z)}{1+(1+\lambda) w(z)},(z \in \mathcal{U}) \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Suppose there exists a point $z_{0} \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $\left|w\left(z_{0}\right)\right|=1$ and $|w(z)|<1$, when $|z|<\left|z_{0}\right|$. Then by applying Lemma 1.1, there exists $m \geq n$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{0} w^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)=m w\left(z_{0}\right), \quad\left(m \geq n \geq 1 ; w\left(z_{0}\right)=e^{i \theta} ; \theta \in \mathbb{R}\right) \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then by using (3.4) and (3.5), it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
-\mathfrak{R}\left[\alpha \frac{z f^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}{f\left(z_{0}\right)}+\beta\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}{f^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}\right)\right] & =(\alpha+\beta) p+\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{(1+\lambda) z_{0} w^{\prime}\left(z_{0}\right)}{(1+\lambda) w\left(z_{0}\right)+1}\right) \\
& =(\alpha+\beta) p+\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{(1+\lambda) m e^{i \theta}}{(1+\lambda) e^{i \theta}+1}\right) \\
= & (\alpha+\beta) p+\left(\frac{m(1+\lambda)(1+\lambda+\cos \theta)}{1+(1+\lambda)^{2}+2(1+\lambda) \cos \theta}\right) \\
& \geq \frac{\{(\alpha+\beta) p+n\} \lambda+\{2 p(\alpha+\beta)+n\}}{\lambda+2}
\end{aligned}
$$

which contradicts the hypothesis (3.1). It follows that $|w(z)|<1$, that is

$$
\left|\frac{1}{\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)^{\alpha}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1}}{p} f^{\prime}(z)\right)^{\beta}}-1\right|<1+\lambda
$$

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

## 3. Corollaries and Consequences

In this concluding section, we consider some Corollaries and Consequences of our main results (Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2).

Upon setting $\alpha=0$ and $\beta=1$ in Theorem 2.1, we get
Corollary 3.1. If the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$ satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)>\frac{(2 p+n)+\lambda(2 p-n)}{2(1+\lambda)} \quad(\lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N})
$$

then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{-z^{p+1} f^{\prime}(z)}{p}\right)>\frac{1+\lambda}{2} .
$$

Setting $p=n=1$ in Corollary 3.1, the result reduces to
Corollary 3.2. If the function $f \in \Sigma$ satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)>\frac{3+\lambda}{2(1+\lambda)} \quad(\lambda \geq 1)
$$

then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[-z^{2} f^{\prime}(z)\right]>\frac{1+\lambda}{2},
$$

or equivalently,

$$
f \in \Sigma^{c}\left(\frac{1+\lambda}{2}\right)
$$

Setting $\alpha=0$ and $\beta=1$, Theorem 2.1 gives
Corollary 3.3. Let the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$, satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}\right)>\frac{(2 p+n)+\lambda(2 p-n)}{2(1+\lambda)} \quad(\lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N}) .
$$

Then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)>\frac{1+\lambda}{2}
$$

Setting $p=n=1$ in Corollary 3.3, the result reduces to
Corollary 3.4. Let the function $f \in \Sigma$, satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}\right)>\frac{3+\lambda}{2(1+\lambda)} \quad(\lambda \geq 1)
$$

Then

$$
\mathfrak{R}(z f(z))>\frac{1+\lambda}{2} .
$$

Setting $\alpha=1-\gamma$ and $\beta=\gamma ; \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ in Theorem 2.2, we obtain the following special case:

Corollary 3.5. Let the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$, satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left[(1-\gamma) \frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}+\gamma\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)\right]>p+\frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right) \quad(\lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N}) .
$$

Then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)\left(\frac{-z f^{\prime}(z)}{p f(z)}\right)^{\gamma}\right]>\frac{1+\lambda}{2} .
$$

Setting $\alpha=0$ and $\beta=1$ in Theorem 2.2, we get
Corollary 3.6. If the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$ satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left[1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right]<\frac{(p+n) \lambda+(2 p+n)}{\lambda+2} \quad(\lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N})
$$

then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(\frac{-z^{p+1}}{p} f^{\prime}(z)\right)\right]>\frac{1}{2+\lambda} .
$$

Setting $p=n=1$ in Corollary 3.6, the result reduces to

Corollary 3.7. If the function $f \in \Sigma$ satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(1+\frac{z f^{\prime \prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right)<\frac{2 \lambda+3}{\lambda+2} \quad(\lambda \geq 1)
$$

then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(-z^{2} f^{\prime}(z)\right)\right]>\frac{1}{2+\lambda},
$$

or equivalently,

$$
f \in \Sigma^{c}\left(\frac{1}{2+\lambda}\right)
$$

Setting $\alpha=0$ and $\beta=1$, Theorem 2.2, it gives
Corollary 3.8. Let the function $f \in \Sigma_{p}$, satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}\right)<\frac{(p+n) \lambda+(2 p+n)}{\lambda+2} \quad(\lambda \geq 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N})
$$

Then

$$
\mathfrak{R}\left[\left(z^{p} f(z)\right)\right]>\frac{1}{2+\lambda}
$$

Setting $p=n=1$ in Corollary 3.8, the result reduces to
Corollary 3.9. Let the function $f \in \Sigma$, satisfies the inequality

$$
-\mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{z f^{\prime}(z)}{f(z)}\right)<\frac{3+2 \lambda}{2+\lambda} \quad(\lambda \geq 1)
$$

Then

$$
\mathfrak{R}[(z f(z))]>\frac{1}{2+\lambda}
$$

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