

**STARLIKENESS OF LIBERA OPERATOR ON CERTAIN CONCAVE UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $C_0(\alpha)$  denote the class of concave univalent functions defined in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ . Each function  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$  maps the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  onto the complement of an unbounded convex set. In this paper, we shall prove that the Libera operator  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t)dt$  is starlike by finding certain conditions on  $Re 2f'$ .

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the class of functions analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $A$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{n=\infty} a_n z^n \quad (z \in \mathbb{D})$$

We say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  is subordinate to a function  $F \in \mathcal{H}$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ , and write  $f(z) \prec F(z)$  (or simply  $f \prec F$ ), if and only if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $(|\omega(z)| \leq |z|, z \in \mathbb{D})$  such that  $f(z) = F(\omega(z))$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

In particular, if  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ , we have the following equivalence

$$f(z) \prec F(z) \iff f(0) = F(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{D}) \subset F(\mathbb{D}).$$

Denote by  $S^*$  and  $C$ , the class of starlike functions and convex functions respectively, which are analytically defined as follows:

$$S^* := \left\{ f : f \in A \text{ and } \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+z}{1-z}, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\} = \left\{ f : f \in A \text{ and } Re \left[ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] > 0, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}$$

$$C := \left\{ f : f \in A \text{ and } \frac{zf''(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{2z}{1-z}, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\} = \left\{ f : f \in A \text{ and } Re \left[ \frac{zf''(z)}{f(z)} \right] > -1, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{D}_\alpha, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$  denote the class

$$\mathfrak{D}_\alpha := \left\{ q \in \mathcal{H} : q(0) = 1, q \prec \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 - z}, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\} \tag{1}$$

$$= \{q \in \mathcal{H} : q(0) = 1, Re q(z) > 1 - \alpha \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}\}$$

For functions  $f, g$  of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \text{ and } g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$$

by  $f * g$  we denote the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f$  and  $g$ , defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

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To establish our results we need the following theorems and lemma.

**Theorem 1** ([8]). *Let  $F, G \in \mathcal{H}$  be any convex univalent functions in  $\mathbb{D}$ . If  $f \prec F$  and  $g \prec G$ , then*

$$f * g \prec F * G \text{ in } \mathbb{D}.$$

**Theorem 2** ([1]). *If  $f \in C$  and  $g \in C$ , then  $f * g \in C$ .*

The problems on subordination and convolution were studied by Ruscheweyh in [6, 7].

**Definition 1** ([2]). *The Libera operator is defined by  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$ .*

A function  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to belong to the family  $C_0(\alpha)$  if  $f$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $f$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with the standard normalization  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . In addition it satisfies  $f(1) = \infty$ .
- (2)  $f$  maps  $\mathbb{D}$  conformally onto a set whose complement with respect to  $\mathbb{C}$  is convex.
- (3) the opening angle of  $f(\mathbb{D})$  at  $\infty$  is less than or equal to  $\pi\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ .

This class has been extensively studied in the recent years and for a detailed discussion about concave functions, we refer to [3].

**Theorem 3** ([4]). *Let  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ . A function  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$  if and only if there exist a starlike function  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}^*$  such that  $f(z) = \Lambda_\phi(z)$ , where*

$$\Lambda_\phi(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{(1-t)^{\alpha+1}} \left( \frac{t}{\phi(t)} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2}} dt.$$

where the series expansion of  $\Lambda_\phi(z)$  is  $f(z) = z + \frac{c_1}{2} z^2 + \dots$ , where  $c_1 = (\alpha+1) - \frac{\alpha-1}{2} \varphi_2, \dots$

**Lemma 1** ([2]). *Suppose that the function  $\Psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the condition  $Re[\Psi(ix, y; z)] \leq \delta$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \leq -\frac{1+x^2}{2}$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + p_3 z^3 + \dots$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and*

$$Re[\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z)] > \delta, \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (2)$$

then  $Re[p(z)] > 0$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

The main aim of this work is to prove that the Libera operator  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$  is starlike by finding certain conditions on  $Re 2f'$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

To prove the main results we follow similar method of [5]. Our first result is the following:

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f' \in \mathfrak{D}_\alpha$  and  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$ , then*

$$|F'(z)| \leq 1 + 2\alpha(-z - \log(1-z))/z \quad (3)$$

*This result is sharp.*

*Proof.* It is sufficies to prove that

$$F'(z) \prec 1 + 2\alpha \left\{ \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{z^3}{4} + \dots \right\}. \quad (4)$$

If  $f' \in \mathfrak{D}_\alpha$ , then

$$f'(z) \prec \mathfrak{d}_\alpha(z) = (1 - 2\alpha) + 2\alpha \frac{1}{1-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}) \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathfrak{D}_\alpha$  is the convex univalent function. Define the function by

$$k_1(z) = z + \frac{2}{3}z^2 + \frac{2}{4}z^2 + \dots = \frac{\log(1-z)^{-2}}{z} - 2. \quad (6)$$

We note that  $k_1$  is convex univalent and normalized function. Thus,  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$  and we observe that

$$(f * k_1)(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt.$$

Also the function

$$k_2(z) = \frac{\log(1-z)^{-2}}{z} - 1 \quad (7)$$

is convex univalent function in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Thus  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + p_3z^3 + \dots$ , we observe

$$(p * k_2)(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z p(t) dt - 1.$$

Hence from (5),  $k_2 \prec k_2$ , and by applying Theorem 1, we obtain

$$(f' * k_2)(z) \prec (p_\alpha * k_2)(z). \quad (8)$$

According to Theorem 2, we deduce the right side of (8) is the convex univalent function. Hence (8) gives

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z p_\alpha(t) dt. \quad (9)$$

So we obtain (4) or  $|F'(z)| \leq 1 + 2\alpha(-z - \log(1-z))/z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f' \in \mathfrak{D}_\alpha$  and  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$ , then

$$\frac{F(z)}{z} \prec \mathcal{G}(z) \quad (z \in D) \quad (10)$$

where

$$\mathcal{G}(z) = 1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{Li_2(z) - z}{z} \right) \quad (11)$$

is the convex univalent function and

$$1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} - 1 \right) \leq Re \frac{F(z)}{z} \leq 1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right). \quad (12)$$

The subordination and inequalities are sharp.

*Proof.* If we let  $k_2(z)$  is the same function in (7). Since  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$ , by Lemma 2, we have  $F'(z) \prec 1 + 2\alpha \left\{ \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{z^3}{4} + \dots \right\}$  and  $k_2 \prec k_2$ . We next employ Theorem 1 to obtain sharp result

$$\frac{F(z)}{z} \prec \mathcal{G}(z) \quad (z \in D)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}(z)$  is the convex univalent function from Theorem 2 and given by

$$\mathcal{G}(z) = 1 + 2\alpha \left\{ \frac{z}{2^2} + \frac{z^2}{3^2} + \frac{z^3}{4^2} + \dots \right\} = 1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{Li_2(z) - z}{z} \right).$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(z)$  is convex we also have

$$\mathcal{G}(-1) \leq Re \frac{F(z)}{z} \leq \mathcal{G}(1) \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}(1) = 1 + 2\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} = 1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right)$  and  $\mathcal{G}(-1) = 1 + 2\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)^2} = 1 + 2\alpha \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} - 1 \right)$  So by (13) we obtain (12).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f \in C_0(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f' \in \mathfrak{D}_\alpha$  and  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t)dt$ , where

$$\alpha \leq \frac{30}{36 - \pi^2} \simeq 1.1476 \quad (14)$$

then  $F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t)dt$ , is the starlike function.

*Proof.* Let  $p(z) = \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)}$ ,  $P(z) = \frac{F(z)}{z}$ , then  $p(z)$  and  $P(z)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $p(0) = P(0) = 1$ . If

$$\Psi[p(z), zp'(z); z] = P(z)[p^2(z) + zp'(z) + p(z)]$$

then  $\Psi[p(z), zp'(z); z] = P(z)[p^2(z) + zp'(z) + p(z)] = 2F'(z) + zF''(z) = 2f'(z)$  and from (5) we deduce that

$$ReP(z)[p^2(z) + zp'(z)] \geq 2(1 - \alpha). \quad (15)$$

However,  $Re[\Psi(i\rho, \sigma; z)] = Re[P(z)(\sigma - \rho^2 + i\rho)]$  and for  $\rho, \sigma \in R$ ,  $\sigma \leq -\frac{1+\rho^2}{2}$ . We want to show that

$$Re[\Psi(i\rho, \sigma; z)] \leq 2(1 - \alpha). \quad (16)$$

By using these conditions on  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  and by using (12) we deduce that

$$Re[\Psi(i\rho, \sigma; z)] = (\sigma - \rho^2)ReP(z) \leq (\sigma - \rho^2)\mathcal{G}(-1).$$

Then simplifies

$$(\sigma - \rho^2)\mathcal{G}(-1) \leq 2(1 - \alpha).$$

We deduce that (14). Then conditions (15) and (16) hold, so Lemma 1 can be applied to obtain  $Re p(z) > 0$  and  $F(z)$  is a starlike function.  $\square$

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