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STARLIKE AND CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX ORDER  
INVOLVING GENERALIZED MULTIPLIER TRANSFORMATIONS

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*Abstract.* We investigate the starlike, convex and close-to-convex functions of complex order involving generalized multiplier transformations by means of the Hadamard product.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k,$$

which are analytic in  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be *starlike of complex order*  $b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ) if  $z^{-1}f(z) \neq 0$  and

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0,$$

and is said to be *convex of complex order*  $b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) if  $f'(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) and

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > 0.$$

We denote by  $S_0^*(b)$  and  $K_0(b)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are starlike of complex order  $b$  and the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are convex of complex order  $b$ , respectively. Furthermore, let  $S_1^*(b)$  and  $K_1(b)$  denote the classes of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < |b|, \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^*,$$

and

$$(1.5) \quad \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| < |b|, \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^*,$$

respectively.

We note that  $S_1^*(b) \subset S_0^*(b)$  and  $K_1(b) \subset K_0(b)$  (see [6]),

$$(1.6) \quad f \in K_0(b) \Leftrightarrow zf' \in S_0^*(b), \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^*$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad f \in K_1(b) \Leftrightarrow zf' \in S_1^*(b), \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^*.$$

The class  $S_0^*(b)$  was introduced and studied by Nasr and Aouf (see [7] and [8]), the class  $K_0(b)$  was introduced by Wiatrowski (see [13]) and the classes  $S_1^*(b)$  and  $K_1(b)$  were introduced by Choi (see [6]).

**Remark 1.1.** Putting  $b = 1 - \alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , we have the known class  $S_0^*(1 - \alpha) = S^*(\alpha)$  ( $K_0(1 - \alpha) = K(\alpha)$ ), where  $S^*(\alpha)$  ( $K(\alpha)$ ) denotes the usual class of starlike (convex) functions of order  $\alpha$  (see [9]).

In [6], Choi introduced the class  $C_0(b, d)$  of complex order  $b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and complex type  $d$  ( $d \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) defined as follows.

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be *in the class*  $C_0(b, d)$  ( $b, d \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) if there exists a function  $h(z) \in S_0^*(d)$  ( $d \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) satisfying the condition

$$(1.8) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

**Remark 1.2.** We note that  $C_0(b, 1) = C(b)$  is the class of close-to-convex functions of complex order  $b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) which was introduced by Al-Amiri and Fernando (see [1]),  $C_0(1 - \alpha, 1 - \beta) = C(\alpha, \beta)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1$ ) the class of close-to-convex functions of order  $\alpha$  and type  $\beta$  studied by Aouf (see [3]), and  $C_0(1, 1) = C$  the class of close-to-convex functions.

For functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  given by (1.1) and  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  given by

$$(1.9) \quad g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k,$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f$  and  $g$  by

$$(1.10) \quad (f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z).$$

Cătaş et al. (see [4]) motivated the multiplier transformation by the operator  $I^n(\lambda, l): \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ) of the infinite series

$$(1.11) \quad I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+l+\lambda(k-1)}{1+l} \right)^n a_k z^k.$$

It follows from (1.11) that  $I^0(\lambda, l)f(z) = f(z)$ ,

$$I^{n_1}(\lambda, l)(I^{n_2}(\lambda, l)f(z)) = I^{n_2}(\lambda, l)(I^{n_1}(\lambda, l)f(z))$$

for all integers  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ .

For different values of  $l$ ,  $n$  and  $\lambda$ , the operator  $I^n(\lambda, l)$  generalizes many others, see cf. [2], [5], [11] and [12].

If  $f$  is given by (1.1), then we have

$$(1.12) \quad I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) = (\varphi_{\lambda, l}^n * f)(z),$$

where

$$(1.13) \quad \varphi_{\lambda, l}^n(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+l+\lambda(k-1)}{1+l} \right)^n z^k.$$

In this paper, we investigate the starlike, convex and close-to-convex functions of complex order involving generalized multiplier transformations by means of the Hadamard product.

To prove our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** ([10]). *Let  $\phi(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\phi(0) = g(0) = 0$ ,  $\phi'(0) \neq 0$  and  $g'(0) \neq 0$ . Further, let for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ )*

$$\phi(z) * \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) g(z) \neq 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}^* = \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}.$$

*Then for each function  $F(z)$  analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfying the inequality  $\operatorname{Re}\{F(z)\} > 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , we get*

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ \frac{(\phi * Fg)(z)}{(\phi * g)(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

**Lemma 1.2** ([10]). *If  $\phi(z)$  is convex and  $g(z)$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$  then for every function  $F(z)$  analytic in the unit disc  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfying the inequality  $\operatorname{Re}\{F(z)\} > 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , we get*

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(\phi * Fg)(z)}{(\phi * g)(z)}\right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We assume in the remainder of this paper that  $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ ,  $h(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and  $f(z)$  is defined by (1.1).

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and let*

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * \left(\frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z}\right)bf(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ),

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{1}{b}\left(\frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)f(z)} - 1\right)\right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Since

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{b}\left(\frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)f(z)} - 1\right) &= 1 + \frac{1}{b}\left(\frac{I^n(\lambda, l)(zf'(z))}{I^n(\lambda, l)f(z)} - 1\right) \\ &= \frac{\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * ((b-1)f(z) + zf'(z))}{\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * bf(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

putting  $\phi(z) = \varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$ ,  $g(z) = bf(z)$  and

$$F(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{b}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right)$$

in Lemma 1.1, we see that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{1}{b}\left(\frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)f(z)} - 1\right)\right\} > 0,$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. □

Putting  $l = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and*

$$D_\lambda^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bf(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D_\lambda^n f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Putting  $l = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and*

$$D^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bf(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D^n f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Putting  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and*

$$I_l^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bf(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_l^n f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Putting  $l = \lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$  and*

$$I_n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bf(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_n f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$  be convex and let  $f(z) \in S_1^*(b)$ ,  $|b| < 1$ , where  $\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$  is given by (1.13). Then  $I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) \in S_0^*(b)$ .

*Proof.* From the hypothesis, we have

$$f(z) \in S_1^*(b) \subset S^*(0) = S^*, \quad |b| < 1,$$

where  $S^*$  denotes the class of all functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are starlike (with respect to the origin) in  $\mathbb{U}$ . By applying Lemma 1.2 and in view of Theorem 2.1, we have the desired result immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f(z) \in K_0(b)$  and

$$I^n(\lambda, l) \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bz f'(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) \in K_0(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

*Proof.* Applying (1.6) and Theorem 2.1, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in K_0(b) &\Leftrightarrow z f'(z) \in S_0^*(b) \Rightarrow I^n(\lambda, l) z f'(z) \in S_0^*(b) \Rightarrow z (I^n(\lambda, l) f(z))' \in S_0^*(b) \\ &\Leftrightarrow I^n(\lambda, l) f(z) \in K_0(b), \end{aligned}$$

which evidently proves Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

Taking  $l = 0$  in Theorem 2.2, we get

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $f(z) \in K_0(b)$  and

$$D_\lambda^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bz f'(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D_\lambda^n f(z) \in K_0(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $l = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.2, we get

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $f(z) \in K_0(b)$  and

$$D^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bz f'(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D^n f(z) \in K_0(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.2, we get

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $f(z) \in K_0(b)$  and*

$$I_l^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho \sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) b z f'(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_l^n f(z) \in K_0(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $l = \lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.2, we get

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $f(z) \in K_0(b)$  and*

$$I_n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho \sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) b z f'(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_n f(z) \in K_0(b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$  be convex and let  $f(z) \in K_1(b)$ ,  $|b| < 1$ , where  $\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$  is given by (1.13). Then  $I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) \in K_0(b)$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$  and*

$$\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * \left( \frac{1 + \varrho \sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) b h(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I^n(\lambda, l)f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.1, we have that if  $h(z) \in S_0^*(b)$ , then  $I^n(\lambda, l)h(z) \in S_0^*(b)$ . It is sufficient to show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)h(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)h(z)} - 1 \right) &= 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{I^n(\lambda, l)(zf'(z))}{I^n(\lambda, l)h(z)} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * ((b-1)h(z) + zf'(z))}{\varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z) * bh(z)}, \end{aligned}$$



putting  $\phi(z) = \varphi_{\lambda,l}^n(z)$ ,  $g(z) = bh(z)$  and

$$F(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right)$$

in Lemma 1.1, we see that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z(I^n(\lambda, l)f(z))'}{I^n(\lambda, l)h(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0,$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 2.3. □

Taking  $l = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we get

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$  and*

$$D_\lambda^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bh(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D_\lambda^n f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $l = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we get

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let  $f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$  and*

$$D^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bh(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$D^n f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we get

**Corollary 2.13.** *Let  $f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$  and*

$$I_l^n \left( \frac{1 + \varrho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bh(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_l^n f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\varrho$  ( $|\varrho| = 1$ ).

Taking  $l = \lambda = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we get

**Corollary 2.14.** *Let  $f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$  and*

$$I_n \left( \frac{1 + \rho\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} \right) bh(z) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$I_n f(z) \in C_0(b, b)$$

for every  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\rho$  ( $|\rho| = 1$ ).

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