



**SUBORDINATION RESULTS FOR THE FAMILY OF UNIFORMLY CONVEX
 p -VALENT FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. The object of the present paper is to introduce a class of p -valent uniformly functions UCV_p . We deduce a criteria for functions to lie in the class UCV_p and derive several interesting properties such as distortion inequalities and coefficients estimates. We confirm our results using the Mathematica program by drawing diagrams of extremal functions of this class.

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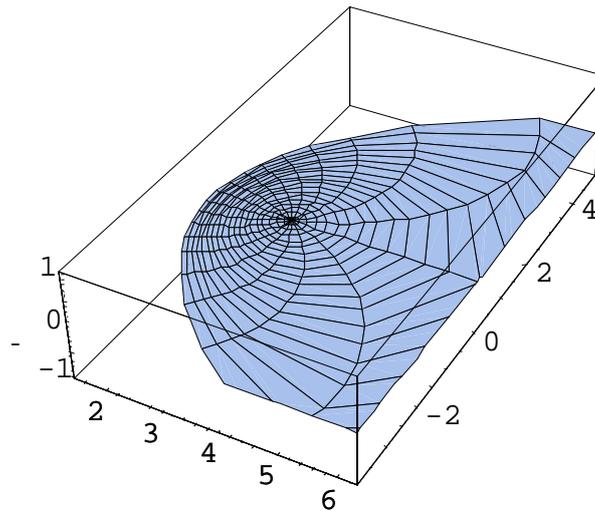
1. INTRODUCTION

Denote by $A(p, n)$ the class of normalized functions

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$$

regular in the unit disk $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$, consider also its subclasses $C(p), S^*(p)$ consisting of p -valent convex and starlike functions respectively, where $C(1) \equiv C, S^*(1) \equiv S^*$, the classes of univalent convex and starlike functions .

It is well known that for any $f \in \mathbb{C}$, not only $f(D)$ but the images of all circles centered at 0 and lying in D are convex arcs. B. Pinchuk posed a question whether this property is still valid for circles centered at other points of D . A.W. Goodman [1] gave a negative answer to this question and introduced the class UCV of univalent uniformly convex functions, $f \in C$



such that any circular arc γ lying in D , having the center $\zeta \in D$ is carried by f into a convex arc. A.W.Goodman [1] stated the criterion

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left[1 + (z - \zeta) \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right] > 0, \quad \forall z, \zeta \in D \iff f \in UCV.$$

Later F. Ronning (and independently W. Ma and D. Minda) [7] obtained a more suitable form of the criterion, namely

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left[1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right] > \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad \forall z \in D \iff f \in UCV.$$

This criterion was used to find some sharp coefficients estimates and distortion theorems for functions in the class UCV .

2. THE CLASS PAR_p

We now introduce a subfamily PAR_p of P . Let

$$(2.1) \quad \Omega = \left\{ w = \mu + i\nu : \frac{\nu^2}{p} < 2\mu - p \right\}$$

$$(2.2) \quad = \{ w : \operatorname{Re} w > |w - p| \}.$$

Note that Ω is the interior of a parabola in the right half-plane which is symmetric about the real axis and has vertex at $(p/2, 0)$. The following diagram shows Ω when $p = 3$:

Let

$$(2.3) \quad PAR_p = \{ h \in p : h(D) \subseteq \Omega \}.$$

Example 2.1. It is known that $z = -\tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2p}} \sqrt{w} \right)$ maps $\{ w = \mu + i\nu : \frac{\nu^2}{p} < p - 2\mu \}$ conformally onto D . Hence, $z = -\tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2p}} \sqrt{p-w} \right)$ maps Ω conformally onto D . Let $w = Q(z)$ be the inverse function. Then $Q(z)$ is a Riemann mapping function from D to Ω

which satisfies $Q(0) = p$; more explicitly,

$$(2.4) \quad Q(z) = p + \frac{2p}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n z^n$$

$$(2.5) \quad = p + \frac{8p}{\pi^2} z + \frac{16p}{3\pi^2} z^2 + \frac{184p}{45\pi^2} z^3 + \dots$$

Obviously, $Q(z)$ belongs to the class PAR_p . Geometrically, PAR_p consists of those holomorphic functions $h(z)$ ($h(0) = p$) defined on D which are subordinate to $Q(z)$, written $h(z) \prec Q(z)$.

The analytic characterization of the class PAR_p is shown in the following relation:

$$(2.6) \quad h(z) \in PAR_p \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{h(z)\} \geq |h(z) - p|$$

such that $h(z)$ is a p -valent analytic function on D .

Now, we can derive the following definition.

Definition 2.1. Let $f(z) \in A(p, n)$. Then $f(z) \in UCV_p$ if $f(z) \in C(p)$ and $1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \in PAR_p$.

3. CHARACTERIZATION OF UCV_p

We present the necessary and sufficient condition to belong to the class UCV_p in the following theorem:

Theorem 3.1. Let $f(z) \in A(p, n)$. Then

$$(3.1) \quad f(z) \in UCV_p \Leftrightarrow 1 + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} \geq \left| z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} - (p-1) \right|, \quad z \in D.$$

Proof. Let $f(z) \in UCV_p$ and $h(z) = 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}$. Then $h(z) \in PAR_p$, that is, $\operatorname{Re}\{h(z)\} \geq |h(z) - p|$. Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} \geq \left| z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} - (p-1) \right|.$$

□

Example 3.1. We now specify a holomorphic function $K(z)$ in D by

$$(3.2) \quad 1 + z \frac{K''(z)}{K'(z)} = Q(z),$$

where $Q(z)$ is the conformal mapping onto Ω given in Example 2.1. Then it is clear from Theorem 3.1 that $K(z)$ is in UCV_p .

Let

$$(3.3) \quad K(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^{k+p-1}.$$

From the relationship between the functions $Q(z)$ and $K(z)$, we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad (p+n-1)(n-1)A_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+p-1)A_k B_{n-k}.$$

Since all the coefficients B_n are positive, it follows that all of the coefficients A_n are also positive. In particular,

$$(3.5) \quad A_2 = \frac{8p^2}{\pi^2(p+1)},$$

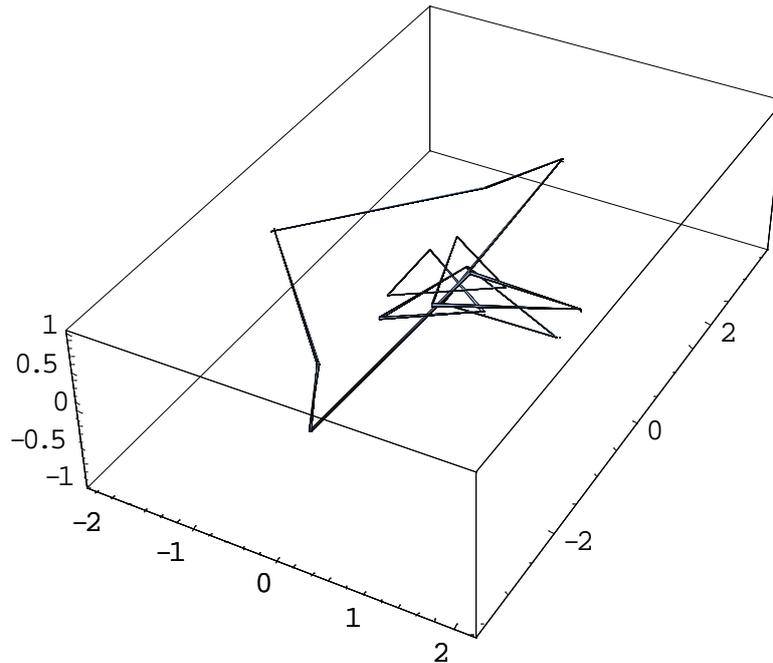
and

$$(3.6) \quad A_3 = \frac{p^2}{2(p+2)} \left(\frac{16}{3\pi^2} + \frac{64p}{\pi^4} \right).$$

Note that

$$(3.7) \quad \log \frac{k'(z)}{z^{p-1}} = \int_0^z \frac{Q(\zeta) - p}{\zeta} d\zeta.$$

By computing some coefficients of $K(z)$ when $p = 3$, we can obtain the following diagram



4. SUBORDINATION THEOREM AND CONSEQUENCES

In this section, we first derive some subordination results from Theorem 4.1; as corollaries we obtain sharp distortion, growth, covering and rotation theorems from the family UCV_p .

Theorem 4.1. Assume that $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then $1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec 1 + z \frac{K''(z)}{K'(z)}$ and $\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \prec \frac{K'(z)}{z^{p-1}}$.

Proof. Let $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then $h(z) = 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec 1 + z \frac{K''(z)}{K'(z)}$ is the same as $h(z) \prec Q(z)$. Note that $Q(z) - p$ is a convex univalent function in D . By using a result of Goluzin, we may conclude that

$$(4.1) \quad \log \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} = \int_0^z \frac{h(\zeta) - 1}{\zeta} d\zeta \prec \int_0^z \frac{Q(\zeta) - p}{\zeta} d\zeta = \log \frac{K'(z)}{z^{p-1}}.$$

Equivalently, $\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \prec \frac{K'(z)}{z^{p-1}}$. □

Corollary 4.2 (Distortion Theorem). Assume $f(z) \in UCV_p$ and $|z| = r < 1$. Then $K'(-r) \leq |f'(z)| \leq K'(r)$.

Equality holds for some $z \neq 0$ if and only if $f(z)$ is a rotation of $K(z)$.

Proof. Since $Q(z) - p$ is convex univalent in D , it follows that $\log K'(z)$ is also convex univalent in D . In fact, the power series for $\log K'(z)$ has positive coefficients, so the image

of D under this convex function is symmetric about the real axis. As $\log \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \prec \log \frac{K'(z)}{z^{p-1}}$, the subordination principle shows that

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} K'(-r) &= e^{\{\log K'(-r)\}} = e^{\left\{\min_{|z|=r} \operatorname{Re}\{\log K'(z)\}\right\}} \\ &\leq e^{\{\operatorname{Re} \log K'(z)\}} = |f'(z)| \leq e^{\left\{\max_{|z|=r} \operatorname{Re}\{\log K'(z)\}\right\}} \\ &= e^{\{\log K'(r)\}} = K'(r). \end{aligned}$$

Note that for $|z_0| = r$, either

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\log f'(z_0)\} = \min_{|z|=r} \operatorname{Re}\{\log K'(z)\}$$

or

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\log f'(z_0)\} = \max_{|z|=r} \operatorname{Re}\{\log K'(z)\}$$

for some $z_0 \neq 0$ if and only if $\log f'(z) = \log K'(e^{i\theta}z)$ for some $\theta \in R$. \square

Theorem 4.3. Let $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then

$$(4.3) \quad |f'(z)| \leq |z^{p-1}| e^{\frac{14p}{\pi^2} \zeta(3)} = |z^{p-1}| L^p$$

for $|z| < 1$. ($L \approx 5.502$, $\zeta(t)$ is the Riemann Zeta function.)

Proof. Let $\phi(z) = \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}$, where $g(z) = zf'(z)$. Then $\phi(z) \prec Q(z)$ which means that $\phi(z) \prec p + \frac{2p}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)$. Moreover,

$$\log \frac{g(z)}{z^p} = \int_0^z \left(\frac{\phi(s) - p}{s} \right) ds$$

and therefore, if $z = re^{i\theta}$ and $|z| = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left| \frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right| &= \int_0^r \Re e(\phi(te^{i\theta}) - p) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\leq \frac{2p}{\pi^2} \int_0^r \frac{1}{t} \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{t}} \right) dt \\ &\leq \frac{2p}{\pi^2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{t} \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{t}} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2p}{\pi^2} (7\zeta(3)), \end{aligned}$$

where

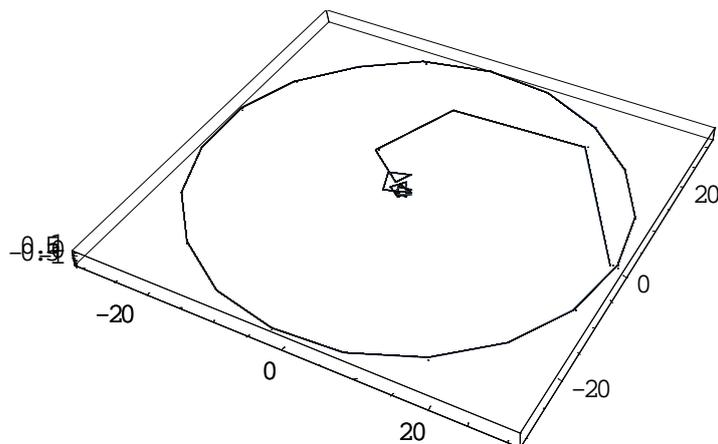
$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{t} \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{t}} \right) dt = 7\zeta(3) \quad [8].$$

Then we find that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{z^p} \right| \leq e^{\frac{2p}{\pi^2} (7\zeta(3))}.$$

\square

The following diagram shows the boundary of $K(z)$'s derivative when $p = 2$ in a circle has the radius $(5.5)^2$:



Corollary 4.4 (Growth Theorem). *Let $f(z) \in UCV_p$ and $|z| = r < 1$. Then $-K(-r) \leq |f(z)| \leq K(r)$.*

Equality holds for some $z \neq 0$ if and only if $f(z)$ is a rotation of $K(z)$.

Corollary 4.5 (Covering Theorem). *Suppose $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then either $f(z)$ is a rotation of $K(z)$ or $\{w : |w| \leq -K(-1)\} \subseteq f(D)$.*

Corollary 4.6 (Rotation Theorem). *Let $f(z) \in UCV_p$ and $|z_0| = r < 1$. Then*

$$(4.4) \quad |\text{Arg}\{f'(z_0)\}| \leq \max_{|z|=r} \text{Arg}\{K'(z)\}.$$

Equality holds for some $z \neq 0$ if and only if $f(z)$ is a rotation of $K(z)$.

Theorem 4.7. *Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$ and $f(z) \in UCV_p$, and let $A_{n+p-1} = \max_{f(z) \in UCV_p} |a_{n+p-1}|$. Then*

$$(4.5) \quad A_{p+1} = \frac{8p^2}{\pi^2(p+1)}.$$

The result is sharp. Further, we get

$$(4.6) \quad A_{n+p-1} \leq \frac{8p^2}{(n+p-1)(n-1)\pi^2} \prod_{k=3}^n \left(1 + \frac{8p}{(k-2)\pi^2}\right).$$

Proof. Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$ and $f(z) \in UCV_p$, and define

$$\phi(z) = 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_k z^{k+p-1}.$$

Then $\phi(z) \prec Q(z)$. $Q(z)$ is univalent in D and $Q(D)$ is a convex region, so Rogosinski's theorem applies.

$$Q(z) = p + \frac{8p}{\pi^2} z + \frac{16p}{3\pi^2} z^2 + \frac{184p}{45\pi^2} z^3 + \dots,$$

so we have $|c_n| \leq |B_1| = \frac{8p}{\pi^2} := B$. Now, from the relationship between functions $f(z)$ and $Q(z)$, we obtain

$$(n+p-1)(n-1)a_{n+p-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+p-1)a_{k+p-1}c_{n-k}.$$

From this we get $|a_{p+1}| = \frac{pB}{(p+1)} = \frac{8p^2}{\pi^2(p+1)}$. If we choose $f(z)$ to be that function for which $Q(z) = 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$, then $f(z) \in UCV_p$ with $a_{p+1} = \frac{8p^2}{\pi^2(p+1)}$, which shows that this result is sharp. Now, when we put $|c_1| = B$, then

$$a_{p+2} = \frac{pa_p c_2 + (p+1)a_{p+1}c_1}{2(p+2)}$$

$$|a_{p+2}| \leq \frac{pB(1+Bp)}{2(p+2)}.$$

When $n = 3$

$$a_{p+3} = \frac{pa_p c_3 + (p+1)a_{p+1}c_2 + (p+2)a_{p+2}c_1}{3(p+3)}$$

$$|a_{p+3}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{pB(1+Bp)(2+Bp)}{3(p+3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(p+3)} pB(1+Bp) \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{2}\right).$$

We now proceed by induction. Assume we have

$$|a_{p+n-1}| \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)(p+n-1)} pB(1+Bp) \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{n-2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{pB}{(n-1)(p+n-1)} \prod_{k=3}^n \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{k-2}\right).$$

Corollary 4.8. Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$ and $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then $|a_{p+n-1}| = O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$.

□

5. GENERAL PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS IN UCV_p

Theorem 5.1. Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$ and $f(z) \in UCV_p$. Then $f(z)$ is a p -valently convex function of order β in $|z| < r_1 = r_1(p, \beta)$, where $r_1(p, \beta)$ is the largest value of r for which

$$(5.1) \quad r^{k-1} \leq \frac{(p-\beta)(k-1)}{(k+p-\beta-1)B \prod_{j=3}^k \left(1 + \frac{pB}{j-2}\right)}, \quad (k \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}, 0 \leq \beta < p).$$

Proof. It is sufficient to show that for $f(z) \in UCV_p$,

$$\left|1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p\right| \leq p - \beta, \quad |z| < r_1(p, \beta), \quad 0 \leq \beta < p,$$

where $r_1(p, \beta)$ is the largest value of r for which the inequality (5.1) holds true. Observe that

$$\left|1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p\right| = \left|\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1)(k-1)a_{k+p-1}z^{k-1}}{p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1)a_{k+p-1}z^{k-1}}\right|.$$

Then we have $\left|1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p\right| \leq p - \beta$ if and only if

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1)(k-1) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}} \leq p - \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1)(k+p-1-\beta) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} \leq p^2 - p\beta.$$

Then from Theorem 4.7 since $f(z) \in UCV_p$, we have

$$|a_{k+p-1}| \leq \frac{p\beta}{(k+p-1)(k-1)} \prod_{j=3}^k \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{j-2}\right)$$

and we may set

$$|a_{k+p-1}| = \frac{p\beta}{(k+p-1)(k-1)} \prod_{j=3}^k \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{j-2}\right) c_{k+p-1}, c_{k+p-1} \geq 0,$$

$$\left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k+p-1} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Now, for each fixed r , we choose a positive integer $k_0 = k_0(r)$ for which

$$\frac{(k+p-1-\beta)r^{k-1}}{(k-1)}$$

is maximal. Then

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+p-1)(k+p-\beta-1) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} \leq \frac{(k_0+p-\beta-1)r^{k_0-1}}{(k_0-1)} \prod_{j=3}^{k_0} \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{j-2}\right).$$

Consequently, the function $f(z)$ is a p -valently convex function of order β in $|z| < r_1 = r_1(p, \beta)$ provided that

$$\frac{(k_0+p-\beta-1)r^{k_0-1}}{(k_0-1)} \prod_{j=3}^{k_0} \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{j-2}\right) \leq p(p-\beta).$$

We find the value $r_0 = r_0(p, \beta)$ and the corresponding integer $k_0(r_0)$ so that

$$\frac{(k_0+p-\beta-1)r^{k_0-1}}{(k_0-1)} \prod_{j=3}^{k_0} \left(1 + \frac{Bp}{j-2}\right) = p(p-\beta), \quad (0 \leq \beta < p).$$

Then this value r_0 is the radius of p -valent convexity of order β for functions $f(z) \in UCV_p$. \square

Theorem 5.2. $h(z) = z^p + b_{n+p-1}z^{n+p-1}$ is in UCV_p if and only if

$$r \leq \frac{p^2}{(p+n-1)(p+2n-2)},$$

where $|b_{n+p-1}| = r$ and $b_{n+p-1}z^{n-1} = re^{i\theta}$.

Proof. Let $w(z) = 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)}$. Then $h(z) \in UCV_p$ if and only if $w(z) \in PAR_p$ which means that $\operatorname{Re}\{w(z)\} \geq |w(z) - p|$. On the other side we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right\} \geq \left| 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} - p \right|,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (p-1) + \frac{p + (n+p-1)nre^{i\theta}}{p + (n+p-1)re^{i\theta}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{p^3 + p(n+p-1)(n+2p-1)r \cos \theta + (n+p-1)^3 r^2}{|p + (n+p-1)re^{i\theta}|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side is seen to have a minimum for $\theta = \pi$ and this minimal value is

$$\frac{p^3 + p(n+p-1)(n+2p-1)r + (n+p-1)^3 r^2}{|p + (n+p-1)re^{i\theta}|^2}.$$

Now, by computation we see that

$$\left| 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} - p \right| = \frac{(n+p-1)(n-1)r}{|p + (n+p-1)re^{i\theta}|}.$$

Then

$$(n+p-1)(n-1)r \leq \frac{p^3 + p(n+p-1)(n+2p-1)r + (n+p-1)^3 r^2}{p - (n+p-1)r},$$

which leads to

$$(n+p-1)(n-1)r \leq p^2 - (n+p-1)^2 r.$$

Hence,

$$r \leq \frac{p^2}{(n+p-1)(2n+p-2)}.$$

□

Theorem 5.3. Let $f(z) \in UCV$, then $(f(z))^p \in UCV_p$.

Proof. Let $w(z) = (f(z))^p$, then

$$1 + z \frac{w''(z)}{w'(z)} = 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} + (p-1)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}.$$

Then we find

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{w''(z)}{w'(z)} \right\} - \left| z \frac{w''(z)}{w'(z)} - (p-1) \right| \\ = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} + (p-1)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} \\ - \left| z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} + (p-1)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - (p-1) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(z) \in UCV$, therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} + (p-1)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} - \left| z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} + (p-1)z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - (p-1) \right| \\ \geq (p-1) \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} - \left| z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \end{aligned}$$

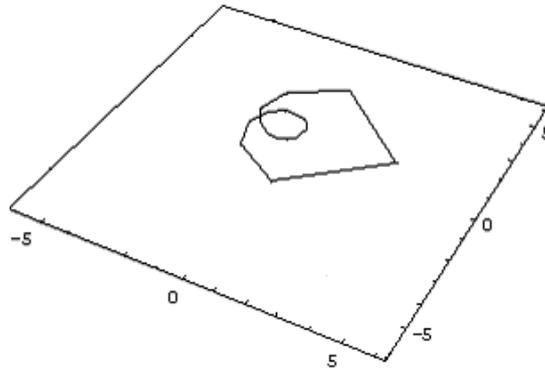
$f(z) \in UCV$, then $f(z) \in SP$ [7] which means that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} - \left| z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \geq 0.$$

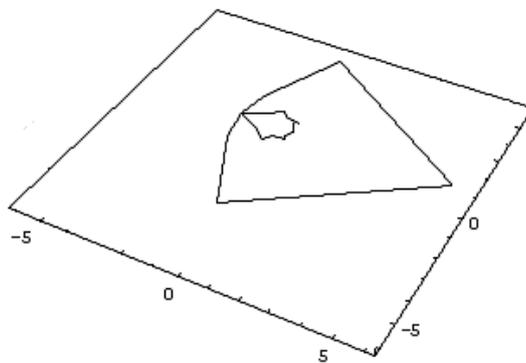
Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{w''(z)}{w'(z)} \right\} - \left| z \frac{w''(z)}{w'(z)} - (p - 1) \right| \geq 0.$$

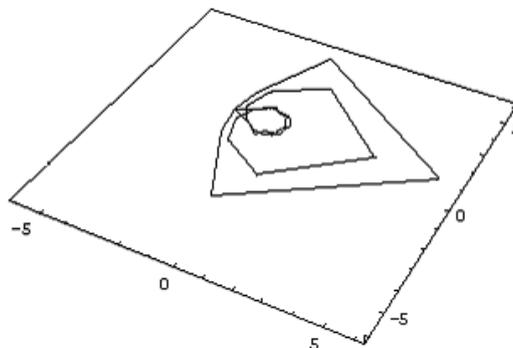
The following diagram shows the external function $k(z)$ of the class UCV when $(k(z))^p, p = 2$:



The following diagram shows the external function $K(z)$ of the class UCV_p when $p = 2$:



And the following diagram shows that $(k(z))^p \prec K(z)$:



□

5.1. **Remarks.** Taking $p = 1$ in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the corresponding Theorem 1 of [7].

Taking $p = 1$ in Theorem 4.1, we obtain the corresponding Theorem 3 of [3].

Taking $p = 1$ in inequality (4.3), we obtain Theorem 6 of [7], and in inequalities (4.5), (4.6), we obtain Theorem 5 of [7].

Taking $p = 1$ in Theorem 5.2, we obtain Theorem 2 of [4].

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