



**UNIFORMLY STARLIKE AND UNIFORMLY CONVEX FUNCTIONS  
PERTAINING TO SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** The main object of this paper is to derive the sufficient conditions for the function  $z\{\psi_q(z)\}$  to be in the classes of uniformly starlike and uniformly convex functions. Similar results using integral operator are also obtained.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions of the form

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

that are analytic in the open unit disk  $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

Also let  $S$  denote the subclass of  $A$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  of the form

$$(1.2) \quad f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad a_n \geq 0.$$

A function  $f \in A$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , if and only if  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ . Also  $f$  of the form (1.1) is uniformly starlike, whenever  $\left( \frac{f(z)-f(\xi)}{(z-\xi)f'(z)} \right) \geq 0$ ,  $(z, \xi) \in$

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$\Delta \times \Delta$ . This class of all uniformly starlike functions is denoted by  $UST$  [4] (see also [5], [10] and [14]).

The function  $f$  of the form (1.1) is uniformly convex in  $\Delta$  whenever  $\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + (z - \xi) \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \geq 0$ ,  $(z, \xi) \in \Delta \times \Delta$ . This class of all uniformly convex functions is denoted by  $UCV$  [3] (also refer [2], [6], [9] and [13]). Further it is said to be in the class  $UCV(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  if  $\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \geq \alpha \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|$ .

A function  $f$  of the form (1.2) is said to be in the class  $USTN(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , if  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{f(z) - f(\xi)}{(z - \xi)f'(z)} \right) \geq \alpha$ ,  $(z, \xi) \in \Delta \times \Delta$ .

In the present paper, we shall use analogues of the lemmas in [8] and [7] respectively in the following form.

**Lemma 1.1.** *A function  $f$  of the form (1.1) is in the class  $UST(\alpha)$ , if*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(3 - \alpha)n - 2] |a_n| \leq (1 - \alpha)M_1,$$

where  $M_1 > 0$  is a suitable constant. In particular,  $f \in UST$  whenever

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (3n - 2) |a_n| \leq M_1.$$

**Lemma 1.2.** *A sufficient condition for a function  $f$  of the form (1.1) to be in the class  $UCV(\alpha)$  is that  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[(\alpha + 1)n - \alpha] a_n \leq M_2$ , where  $M_2 > 0$  is a suitable constant. In particular,  $f \in UCV$  whenever  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 a_n \leq M_2$ .*

The Fox-Wright function [12, p. 50, equation 1.5] appearing in the present paper is defined by

$$(1.3) \quad {}_p\psi_q(z) = {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & z \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & z \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n) z^n}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n) n!},$$

where  $\alpha_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, p$ ) and  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, q$ ) are real and positive and  $1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *If*

$$\sum_{j=1}^q |b_j| > \sum_{j=1}^p |a_j| + 1, \quad a_j > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j,$$

then a sufficient condition for the function  $z \{{}_p\psi_q(z)\}$  to be in the class  $UST(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is

$$(2.1) \quad \left( \frac{3 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (|a_j + \alpha_j|, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (|b_j + \beta_j|, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (|a_j|, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (|b_j|, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \leq M_1 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.$$

*Proof.* Since

$$z \{{}_p\psi_q(z)\} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n-1)] z^n}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n-1)] (n-1)!}$$

so by virtue of Lemma 1.1, we need only to show that

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(3 - \alpha)n - 2] \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n-1)]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n-1)] (n-1)!} \right| \leq (1 - \alpha)M_1.$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(3-\alpha)n - 2] \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n-1)]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n-1)](n-1)!} \right| \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(3-\alpha)(n+2) - 2] \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n+1)]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n+1)](n+1)!} \right| \\
&= (3-\alpha) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j + \alpha_j) + n\alpha_j]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j + \beta_j) + n\beta_j]n!} \right| \\
&\quad + (1-\alpha) \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)} \right| \frac{1}{n!} - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} \right] \\
&= (3-\alpha) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (|a_j + \alpha_j|, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (|b_j + \beta_j|, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] \\
&\quad + (1-\alpha) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (|a_j|, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (|b_j|, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] - (1-\alpha) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} \\
&\leq (1-\alpha) M_1
\end{aligned}$$

which in view of Lemma 1.1 gives the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** If

$$\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{j=1}^p a_j + 1, \quad a_j > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j,$$

then a sufficient condition for the function  $z\{{}_p\psi_q(z)\}$  to be in the class  $USTN(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is:

$$\left( \frac{3-\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] + {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] \leq M_1 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.$$

*Proof.* The proof of Theorem 2.2 is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** If

$$\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{j=1}^p a_j + 2, \quad a_j > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j,$$

then a sufficient condition for the function  $z\{{}_p\psi_q(z)\}$  to be in the class  $UCV(\alpha)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad & (1+\alpha) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + 2\alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + 2\beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] \\
& + (2\alpha + 3) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & \end{matrix} \right] + {}_p\psi_q(1) \leq M_2 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By virtue of Lemma 1.2, it suffices to prove that

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[(\alpha+1)n - \alpha] \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n-1)]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n-1)](n-1)!} \leq M_2.$$

Now, we have

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[(\alpha+1)n - \alpha] \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[a_j + \alpha_j(n-1)]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[b_j + \beta_j(n-1)](n-1)!} \\ = (1+\alpha) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)^2 \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j + \beta_j n)n!]} - \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)n!}.$$

Using  $(n+1)^2 = n(n+1) + (n+1)$ , (2.5) may be expressed as

$$(2.6) \quad (1+\alpha) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)(n-1)!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)n!} \\ = (1+\alpha) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)(n-2)!} + (2\alpha+3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j + \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j + \beta_j) + \beta_j n]n!} \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n)n!} \\ = (1+\alpha) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + 2\alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + 2\beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + (2\alpha+3) {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ + {}_p\psi_q(1) - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j},$$

which is bounded above by  $M_2$  if and only if (2.3) holds. Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

### 3. AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

In this section we obtain sufficient conditions for the function

$${}_p\phi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & z \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & z \end{matrix} \right] = \int_0^z {}_p\psi_q(x)dx$$

to be in the classes  $UST$  and  $UCV$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *If*

$$\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{j=1}^p a_j, \quad a_j > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j,$$

*then a sufficient condition for the function  ${}_p\phi_q(z) = \int_0^z {}_p\psi_q(x)dx$  to be in the class  $UST$  is*

$$(3.1) \quad 3 {}_p\psi_q(1) - 2 {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j - \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j - \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + 2 \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j)} \leq M_1 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.$$

*Proof.* Since

$$(3.2) \quad {}_p\phi_q(z) = \int_0^z {}_p\psi_q(x)dx = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j - \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j - \beta_j) + \beta_j n]} \frac{z^n}{n!},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (3n-2) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j - \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j - \beta_j) + \beta_j n] n!} \\
 & = 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n) n!} - 2 \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j - \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j - \beta_j) + \beta_j n] n!} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j)} - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} \right] \\
 & = 3 {}_p\psi_q(1) - 2 {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j - \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j - \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + 2 \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j)} - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 1.1, (3.3) leads to the result (3.1).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** If

$$\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{j=1}^p a_j, a_j > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j > \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j,$$

then a sufficient condition for the function  ${}_p\phi_q(z) = \int_0^z {}_p\psi_q(x) dx$  to be in the class UCV is

$$(3.4) \quad {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + {}_p\psi_q(1) \leq M_2 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j}.$$

*Proof.* Since  ${}_p\phi_q(z)$  has the form (3.2), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j - \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j - \beta_j) + \beta_j n] n!} \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n) n!} \\
 & = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma[(a_j + \alpha_j) + \alpha_j n]}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma[(b_j + \beta_j) + \beta_j n] n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + \alpha_j n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + \beta_j n) n!} - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j} \\
 & = {}_p\psi_q \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_j + \alpha_j, \alpha_j)_{1,p}; & 1 \\ (b_j + \beta_j, \beta_j)_{1,q}; & 1 \end{matrix} \right] + {}_p\psi_q(1) - \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j},
 \end{aligned}$$

which in view of Lemma 1.2 gives the desired result (3.4).  $\square$

#### 4. PARTICULAR CASES

**4.1.** By setting  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_p = 1; \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_q = 1$  and

$$M_1 = M_2 = M_3 = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma a_j}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma b_j},$$

Theorems 2.1, 2.3, 3.1 and 3.2 reduce to the results recently obtained by Shanmugam, Ramachandran, Sivasubramanian and Gangadharan [11].

**4.2.** By specifying the parameters suitably, the results of this paper readily yield the results due to Dixit and Verma [1].

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