

**CERTAIN SUBCLASS OF MEROMORPHICALLY  $P$ -VALENT  
FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY LINEAR OPERATOR WITH  
POSITIVE AND FIXED SECOND COEFFICIENTS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we consider the subclass  $\Gamma_\lambda^\zeta(n, \alpha, \beta)$  consisting of  $p$ -valent meromorphic functions analytic in  $\mathbb{U}^* = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\}$  and with fixed second coefficient. We obtain coefficient estimates, distortion theorems and closure theorems. Finally, we obtain radius of  $p$ -valent convexity for functions in this class.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Sigma_p$  be the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_k \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}), \quad (1)$$

which are meromorphic and  $p$ -valent in the punctured unit disc  $\mathbb{U}^* = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\} = \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}$ . For  $f \in \Sigma_p$ , Saif and Kilicman [19] defined the linear operator  $D_\lambda^n$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} D_\lambda^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ D_\lambda^1 f(z) &= D_\lambda f(z), \\ &= (1 + p\lambda)f(z) + \lambda z f'(z) \quad (\lambda \geq 0) \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(p+k)] a_k z^k, \\ D_\lambda^2 f(z) &= D_\lambda(D_\lambda f(z)), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and in general

$$\begin{aligned} D_\lambda^n f(z) &= D_\lambda(D_\lambda^{n-1} f(z)) \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(p+k)]^n a_k z^k \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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A function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be in the class of meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\eta$  ( $\Sigma_p^*(\eta)$ ), if it satisfies (see [6, 13])

$$- \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}^*; \quad 0 \leq \eta < p). \quad (4)$$

Similarily  $f \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be in the class of meromorphically  $p$ -valent convex of order  $\eta$  ( $\Sigma_p^c(\eta)$ ), if it satisfies (see [16])

$$- \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}^*; \quad 0 \leq \eta < p). \quad (5)$$

For fixed  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and by using the operator  $D_\lambda^n$  Saif and Kilicman [19] defined the class  $\Gamma_\lambda(n, \alpha, \beta)$  as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ - \left( \frac{z(D_\lambda^n f(z))'}{p(D_\lambda^n f(z))} + \beta \right) \right\} \geq \alpha \left| \frac{z(D_\lambda^n f(z))'}{p(D_\lambda^n f(z))} + 1 \right| \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_0; \lambda > 0). \quad (6)$$

Meromorphic multivalent functions have been extensively studied by Aouf [1, 2, 3], Joshi and Srivastava [12], Mogra [14, 15], Owa et al. [17], Srivastava et al. [21], Joshi and Aouf [11], Aouf and Darwish [4, 5], Aouf and Srivastava [10], Raina and Srivastava [18], Uralegaddi and Ganigi [22] and Yang [23].

We begin by recalling the following lemma due to Saif and Kilicman [19].

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$ . Then  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] [\lambda(k + p) + 1]^n a_k \leq p(1 - \beta) \quad (7)$$

$$(\alpha \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1, \quad p \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \lambda > 0).$$

The result is sharp.

In view of Lemma 1, we can see that  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda(n, \alpha, \beta)$  satisfies the coefficient inequality

$$a_{p+1} \leq \frac{p(1-\beta)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n}. \quad (8)$$

For  $0 < c < 1$ , we take

$$a_{p+1} = \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n}. \quad (9)$$

Let  $\Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$  denote the subclass of  $\Gamma_\lambda(n, \alpha, \beta)$  consisting of functions of form

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_k \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < c < 1). \quad (10)$$

In this paper the techniques used are similar to those of Aouf and Darwish [4], Aouf and Joshi [8], Aouf et al. [7, 9], Owa et al. [17] and Silverman and Silvia [20].

Unless indicated, we assume that  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $0 < c < 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $f(z)$  defined by (10) and  $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ .

2. COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES

In this section, we obtain coefficient estimates for functions in the class  $\Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 1.** A function  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] [(k + p)\lambda + 1]^n a_k \leq p(1 - \beta)(1 - c). \quad (11)$$

*Proof.* Substituting (9) in (7) and simplifying we get the result. □

**Corollary 1.** Let  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then

$$a_k \leq \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} \quad (k \geq p + 2). \quad (12)$$

The result is sharp for

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} z^k \quad (k \geq p+2). \quad (13)$$

3. DISTORTION THEOREMS

In this section, we obtain distortion theorems for functions in the class  $\Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{-p} - \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} - \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+2} \\ \leq & |f(z)| \leq \\ & r^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+2}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The result is sharp for

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+2}. \quad (15)$$

*Proof.* Since  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then Theorem 1 yields

$$\sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_k \leq \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n}. \quad (16)$$

Thus, for  $|z| = r < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| & \leq |z|^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} |z|^{p+1} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_k |z|^k \\ & \leq r^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} + r^{p+2} \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_k \\ & \leq r^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| & \geq |z|^{-p} - \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} |z|^{p+1} - \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_k |z|^k \\ & \geq r^{-p} - \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} - \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+2}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f(z) \in \Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & pr^{-(p+1)} - \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^p - \frac{p(p+2)(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1} \\ \leq & \left| f'(z) \right| \leq \\ & pr^{-(p+1)} + \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^p + \frac{p(p+2)(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The result is sharp for  $f(z)$  given by (15).

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 1, it follows that

$$\sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} ka_k \leq \frac{p(p+2)(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n}. \quad (18)$$

Thus, for  $|z| = r < 1$ , and making use of (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f'(z) \right| & \leq p|z|^{-(p+1)} + \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} |z|^p + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} ka_k |z|^{k-1} \\ & \leq pr^{-(p+1)} + \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^p + r^{p+1} \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} ka_k \\ & \leq pr^{-(p+1)} + \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^p + \frac{p(p+2)(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f'(z) \right| & \geq p|z|^{-(p+1)} - \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} |z|^p - \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} ka_k |z|^{k-1} \\ & \geq pr^{-(p+1)} - \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^p - \frac{p(p+2)(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+2)(1+\alpha)][(2p+2)\lambda+1]^n} r^{p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. CLOSURE THEOREMS

In this section, we obtain closure theorems for functions in the class  $\Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

Let  $f_v(z)$  be defined, for  $v = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , by

$$f_v(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} a_{k,v} z^k \quad (a_{k,v} \geq 0). \quad (19)$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f_v(z) \in \Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$  for  $v = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then

$$g(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (b_k \geq 0), \quad (20)$$

is also in the same class, where

$$b_k = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{v=1}^m a_{k,v}. \quad (21)$$

*Proof.* Since  $f_v(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$  for  $v = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , it follows from Theorem 1 that

$$\sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] [(k + p)\lambda + 1]^n a_{k,v} \leq p(1 - \beta)(1 - c). \quad (22)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] [(k + p)\lambda + 1]^n b_k \\ &= \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] ((k + p)\lambda + 1)^n \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{v=1}^m a_{k,v} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{v=1}^m \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} [p(\alpha + \beta) + k(1 + \alpha)] [(k + p)\lambda + 1]^n a_{k,v} \\ &\leq p(1 - \beta)(1 - c), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let

$$f_{p+1}(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} \quad (24)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(z) &= z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} z^k \\ &\quad (k \geq p + 2). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Then  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$  if and only if it can be expressed in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z), \quad (26)$$

where  $\mu_k \geq 0$  ( $k \geq p + 1$ ) and  $\sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \mu_k = 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z) \\ &= z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} \mu_k z^k. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \frac{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n}{p(1-\beta)(1-c)} \cdot \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} \mu_k \\ &= \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \mu_k = (1 - \mu_{p+1}) \leq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

So, by Theorem 1,  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f(z) \in \Gamma_\lambda^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then

$$a_k \leq \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} \quad (k \geq p + 2). \quad (29)$$

Putting

$$\mu_k = \frac{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n}{p(1-\beta)(1-c)} a_k \quad (k \geq p+2), \quad (30)$$

and

$$\mu_{p+1} = 1 - \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \mu_k, \quad (31)$$

we see that  $f(z)$  can be expressed in the form (26). This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 5. RADIUS OF $p$ -VALENT CONVEXITY

In this section, we obtain radius of  $p$ -valent convexity for functions in the class  $\Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f(z) \in \Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $f(z)$  is  $p$ -valent meromorphically convex in  $|z| < r = r(n, p, \alpha, \beta, c)$ , where  $r(n, p, \alpha, \beta, c)$  is the largest value for which

$$\frac{p(p+1)(3p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{2p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)k(k+2p)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} r^{k+p} = p^2. \quad (32)$$

The result is sharp for

$$f_k(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} z^{p+1} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} z^k \quad \text{for some } k. \quad (33)$$

*Proof.* We must show that

$$\left| \frac{\left( z f'(z) \right)' + p f'(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq p \quad \text{for } |z| < r = r(n, p, \alpha, \beta, c).$$

Note that

$$\left| \frac{\left( z f'(z) \right)' + p f'(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\frac{p(p+1)(2p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{2p} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} k(k+p)a_k r^{k+p}}{p - \frac{p(p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{2p} - \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} k a_k r^{k+p}} \leq p, \quad (34)$$

for  $|z| < r$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p(p+1)(3p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{2p} + \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} k(k+2p)a_k r^{k+p} \\ & \leq p^2. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Since  $f(z) \in \Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ , then from (11) we may take

$$a_k = \frac{p(1-\beta)\mu_k}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n}, \quad \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \mu_k \leq 1. \quad (36)$$

For each fixed  $r$ , we choose the positive integer  $k_0 = k_0(r)$  for which

$\frac{k(k+2p)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k(1+\alpha)][(k+p)\lambda+1]^n} r^{k+p}$  is maximal. Then it follows that

$$\sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} k(k+2p)a_k r^{k+p} \leq \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)k_0(k_0+2p)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k_0(1+\alpha)][(k_0+p)\lambda+1]^n} r^{k_0+p}. \quad (37)$$

Hence  $f(z)$  is  $p$ -valent meromorphically convex in  $|z| < r(n, p, \alpha, \beta, c)$  provided that

$$\frac{p(p+1)(3p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r^{2p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)k_0(k_0+2p)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k_0(1+\alpha)][(k_0+p)\lambda+1]^n} r^{k_0+p} \leq p^2. \quad (38)$$

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

$$\frac{p(p+1)(3p+1)(1-\beta)c}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+(p+1)(1+\alpha)][(2p+1)\lambda+1]^n} r_0^{2p} + \frac{p(1-\beta)(1-c)k_0(k_0+2p)}{[p(\alpha+\beta)+k_0(1+\alpha)][(k_0+p)\lambda+1]^n} r_0^{k_0+p} = p^2. \quad (39)$$

Then this value  $r_0$  is the radius of  $p$ -valent meromorphically convexity for  $f(z) \in \Gamma_{\lambda}^c(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .  $\square$

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