

## Injectivity and Starlikeness of Sections of a Class of Univalent Functions

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  denote the class of locally univalent normalized analytic functions  $f$  in the unit disk  $|z| < 1$  satisfying the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.$$

In this paper, we show in particular that each partial sum  $s_n(z)$  of  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  is starlike in the disk  $|z| \leq 1/2$  for  $n \geq 12$ . We also prove that if  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  then  $\operatorname{Re}(s'_n(z)) > 0$  holds in  $|z| \leq 1/2$  for  $n \geq 13$ .

### 1. Introduction and Preliminary Results

For  $r > 0$ , let  $\mathbb{D}_r := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < r\}$  and  $\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{D}_1$  be the open unit disk in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the family of all functions  $f$  that are analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  with the normalization  $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the class of functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  that are univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ . A domain  $D$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is called starlike (with respect to the origin) if every line segment joining the origin to any other point in  $D$  lies completely inside  $D$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  is called starlike if  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is a starlike domain. The class of all starlike functions is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}^*$ , and functions  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$  are characterized by the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Using the Koebe distortion theorem and the Löwner theory of univalent functions, in 1928, Szegő [16] proved that  $n$ -th partial sums/sections  $s_n(z) := z + \sum_{k=2}^n a_k z^k$  of  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ , are univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{1/4}$  and the number  $1/4$  cannot be replaced by a larger one as the Koebe function  $k(z) = z/(1-z)^2$  shows. We refer to [3, §8.2, pp. 241–246] and the survey article of Iliev [5] for some related investigations. The class of convex and the class of close-to-convex mappings are some of the important well-known standard subclasses of  $\mathcal{S}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $\mathcal{K}$ , respectively. These classes are well understood and are studied extensively in the literature. We refer to the books by Duren [3] and Goodman [4].

The radius of starlikeness of  $s_n(z)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$ , was proved by Robertson [13].

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**THEOREM A.** [13] (see also [15, Theorem 2, p. 1193]) *If  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  is either starlike, or convex, or typically-real, or convex in the direction of imaginary axis, then there is an  $N$  such that, for  $n \geq N$ , the partial sum  $s_n(z)$  has the same property in  $\mathbb{D}_r$ , where  $r \geq 1 - 3(\log n)/n$ .*

Later, in [14], Ruscheweyh proved a stronger result by showing that the partial sums  $s_n(z)$  of  $f$  are indeed starlike in  $\mathbb{D}_{1/4}$  for functions  $f$  belonging not only to  $\mathcal{S}$  but also to the closed convex hull of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Robertson [13] further showed that sections of the Koebe function  $k(z)$  are univalent in the disk  $|z| < 1 - 3n^{-1} \log n$  for  $n \geq 5$ , and that the constant 3 cannot be replaced by a smaller constant. However, Bshouty and Hengartner [2, p. 408] pointed out that the Koebe function is not extremal for the radius of univalence of the partial sums of  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ . However, a well-known theorem on convolution allows us to conclude immediately that if  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*$ , or  $\mathcal{K}$ , then its  $n$ -th section is respectively convex, starlike, or close-to-convex in the disk  $|z| < 1 - 3n^{-1} \log n$ , for  $n \geq 5$ . As pointed out in [3, Section 8.2, p. 246] (see also [12, Section 6.4]), the exact (largest) radius of univalence  $r_n$  of  $s_n(z)$  ( $f \in \mathcal{S}$ ) remains an open problem.

In this paper, we shall consider the partial sums of the class of functions from  $\mathcal{G}$ . A locally univalent function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to belong to  $\mathcal{G}$  if it satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < \frac{3}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Functions in  $\mathcal{G}$  are known to be in  $\mathcal{S}$  (see also [11]). Moreover if  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ , then (see e.g. [9, Example 1, Equation (16)] and [7, Theorem 1]) one has

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec g(z) = \frac{2(1-z)}{2-z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where  $\prec$  denotes the subordination. We see that the function  $g$  above is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  and maps  $\mathbb{D}$  onto the disk  $|w - (2/3)| < 2/3$ . Thus, functions in  $\mathcal{G}$  are starlike in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Further, it is a simple exercise to see that  $g$  maps the circle  $|z| = r$  onto the circle

$$\left| w - \frac{2(2-r^2)}{4-r^2} \right| = \frac{2r}{4-r^2}$$

and so, by a computation, we see that for  $f \in \mathcal{G}$

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{r}{2-r^2} \right), \quad |z| = r < 1.$$

In particular, this gives

$$(1) \quad \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{7} \right) \quad \text{for } |z| \leq 1/2.$$

This fact will be used in the proof of Theorem 3. We now state our main results and their proofs will be given in Section 3.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $s_n(z)$  be its  $n$ -th partial sum. Then for each  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $n \geq 2$ , we have*

$$(2) \quad \left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| < |z|^n \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{nr(2-r)}}{(1-r)r^n} \right) \frac{|z|}{r-|z|} \right) \quad \text{for } |z| < r.$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $s_n(z)$  be its  $n$ -th partial sum. Then,  $\operatorname{Re} \{s'_n(z)\} > 0$  in the disk  $|z| \leq 1/2$  for  $n \geq 13$ . In particular,  $s'_n(z)$  is close-to-convex (and hence univalent) in  $|z| \leq 1/2$  for  $n \geq 13$ .*

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then for  $n \geq 12$ , every section  $s_n(z)$  of  $f$  is starlike in the disk  $|z| \leq 1/2$ .*

**2. Lemmas**

For the proofs of our theorems, we need several lemmas.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n z^n$ . Then*

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

*Equality for the second coefficient holds for  $f_0(z) = z - (1/2)z^2$ .*

**PROOF.** By assumption, we may write

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}p(z)$$

where  $p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^\infty p_n z^n$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Also, we have  $|p_n| \leq 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . In terms of the power series expansion, the last identity is equivalent to

$$\left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty na_n z^n \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^\infty p_n z^n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^2 a_n z^n,$$

where  $a_1 = 1$ . Equating the coefficients of  $z^n$  on both sides, we deduce that

$$n^2 a_n = na_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k)a_{n-k} p_k.$$

Thus, as  $|p_n| \leq 2$  for  $n \geq 1$ , we get

$$n(n-1)|a_n| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k)|a_{n-k}| = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k|a_k|.$$

For  $n = 2$ , we easily see that  $|a_2| \leq 1/2$ , and so for  $n = 3$ , we have

$$6|a_3| \leq 1 + 2|a_2| \leq 2, \quad \text{i.e., } |a_3| \leq \frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore, if we assume  $|a_k| \leq \frac{1}{k}$  for  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ , then we deduce that

$$n(n-1)|a_n| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \frac{1}{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 1 = n-1,$$

so that  $|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{n}$ . The proof of the theorem is complete by induction. We remark finally that for the function  $f_0(z) = z - z^2/2$ , we have

$$1 + \frac{zf''_0(z)}{f'_0(z)} = 1 - \frac{z}{1-z},$$

which implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''_0(z)}{f'_0(z)} \right) < \frac{3}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Thus,  $f_0 \in \mathcal{G}$  and the coefficient inequality is sharp for the second coefficient. □

REMARK 1. After this paper was completed, the present authors with K.-J. Wirths [8] obtained sharp estimate for  $|a_n|$  for each  $n \geq 2$ .

LEMMA 2. *Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then*

$$\left| \frac{1}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-r} := M(r) \quad \text{for } |z| = r.$$

PROOF. Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then, from the definition of the class  $\mathcal{G}$ , we have

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{-z}{1-z}$$

which implies that  $f'(z) \prec 1-z$  (see for example [9, Theorem 1, Eqn. (1)] or [10]). Thus, we obtain that

$$1-r \leq |f'(z)| \leq 1+r \quad \text{for } |z| = r,$$

and the conclusion follows. □

LEMMA 3. *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $s_n(z)$  is its  $n$ -th partial sum. Assume that  $|1/f'(z)| \leq M$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  for some  $M > 1$ . Then for each  $n \geq 2$*

$$\left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| \leq |z|^n \left( 1 + A_n \frac{|z|}{1-|z|} \right), \quad |z| = r < 1,$$

where  $A_n = \sqrt{n(M^2 - 1)}$ .

PROOF. For  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ , we let  $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$  so that

$$s_n(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots + a_nz^n.$$

As  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $f'(z)$  is non-vanishing in  $\mathbb{D}$  (because  $f$  is univalent) and hence  $1/f'(z)$  can be represented in the form

$$\frac{1}{f'(z)} = 1 + d_1z + d_2z^2 + \dots$$

for some complex coefficients  $d_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Note that  $2a_2 = -d_1$ , and we have the identity

$$(1 + 2a_2z + 3a_3z^2 + \dots)(1 + d_1z + d_2z^2 + \dots) \equiv 1.$$

From the last relation, we see that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (m-k)a_{m-k}d_k + ma_m = 0 \quad (m = 2, 3, \dots; a_1 = 1).$$

Using the representation for the partial sum  $s_n(z)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} &= (1 + 2a_2z + 2a_3z^2 + \dots + na_nz^{n-1})(1 + d_1z + d_2z^2 + \dots) \\ &\equiv 1 + c_nz^n + c_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_n = na_nd_1 + (n-1)a_{n-1}d_2 + \dots + a_1d_n.$$

The previous relation for  $m = n + 1$  shows that  $c_n = -(n + 1)a_{n+1}$  and, more generally,

$$c_m = na_nd_{m-n+1} + (n-1)a_{n-1}d_{m-n+2} + \dots + a_1d_m \quad \text{for } m = n + 1, n + 2, \dots$$

By Lemma 1,  $|a_n| \leq 1/n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ , and therefore, we have that for  $m \geq n+1$

$$(3) \quad |c_m| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |d_{m-n+k}|.$$

By assumption,  $|1/f'(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Hence for  $0 < r < 1$ , we have that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{1}{f'(re^{i\theta})} \right|^2 d\theta = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |d_n|^2 r^{2n} \leq M^2$$

which, by allowing  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , shows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |d_n|^2 \leq M^2 - 1.$$

In view of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the last inequality, (3) reduces to

$$|c_m| \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n 1^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |d_{m-n+k}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \sqrt{n(M^2 - 1)} = A_n$$

for  $m \geq n+1$ . This inequality, together with the fact that  $|c_n| = |(n+1)a_{n+1}| \leq 1$ , gives that for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| &= |c_n z^n + c_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots| \\ &\leq |c_n| |z|^n + |c_{n+1}| |z|^{n+1} + \dots \\ &\leq |z|^n \left( 1 + A_n \frac{|z|}{1 - |z|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 3. □

LEMMA 4. *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $s_n(z)$  is its  $n$ -th partial sum. Then for each  $n \geq 2$*

$$\left| \frac{s_n(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < |z|^n \left( \frac{1}{n+1} + R \frac{|z|}{1 - |z|} \right), \quad |z| = r < 1,$$

where  $R = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.74048$ .

PROOF. As in the proof of Lemma 3, we let  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots$  so that  $s_n(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots + a_n z^n$ . Since the functions in  $\mathcal{G}$  are univalent, each  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  can be written in the form

$$(4) \quad \frac{z}{f(z)} = 1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots$$

for some complex coefficients  $b_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). In view of this observation and the two different forms of representations for  $f$ , it follows that

$$(1 + a_2 z + a_3 z^2 + \dots)(1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots) \equiv 1.$$

Comparing the powers of  $z$  on both sides, we have

$$(5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} b_k a_{m-k} + a_m = 0 \quad (m = 2, 3, \dots; a_1 = 1).$$

Using the representation for the partial sum  $s_n(z)$  and (4), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s_n(z)}{f(z)} &= (1 + a_2z + a_3z^2 + \dots + a_nz^{n-1})(1 + b_1z + b_2z^2 + \dots) \\ &\equiv 1 + c_nz^n + c_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(6) \quad c_n = b_1a_n + b_2a_{n-1} + \dots + b_na_1.$$

By (5), we observe that the coefficients of  $z^k$  in the above expansion for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  vanish. Equation (5) for  $m = n + 1$  shows that  $c_n = -a_{n+1}$ . Also

$$(7) \quad c_m = b_{m-n+1}a_n + b_{m-n+2}a_{n-1} + \dots + b_ma_1 \quad \text{for } m = n + 1, n + 2, \dots$$

By Lemma 1,  $|a_n| \leq 1/n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ , and therefore, for  $m \geq n + 1$ , we have

$$|c_m| \leq \frac{1}{n}|b_{m-n+1}| + \frac{1}{n-1}|b_{m-n+2}| + \dots + |b_m|.$$

Using the classical Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, it follows that for  $m \geq n + 1$

$$|c_m|^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(n+1-k)^2} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |b_{m-n+k}|^2 \right) =: AB.$$

For  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  we have  $f'(z) \prec 1 - z$  and therefore,

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \prec 1 - \frac{z}{2}.$$

When  $f$  is of the form (4), it is convenient to write the last subordination relation in the form

$$\frac{z}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1}{1 - (1/2)z} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} z^k.$$

Using Rogosinski's theorem (see [3, Theorem 6.2, p. 192]), we obtain that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |b_k|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{2k}} = \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4^n} \right)$$

which implies that

$$B \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k|^2 \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

and so,  $B \leq 1/3$ . On the other hand, for the first sum  $A$ , we observe that for  $m \geq n + 1$ ,

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(n+1-k)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

Thus we have

$$|c_m| \leq \sqrt{AB} < \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} = R \quad \text{for } m \geq n + 1.$$

This inequality, together with the fact that  $|c_n| = |a_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{n+1}$ , gives that for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{s_n(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| &\leq |c_n| |z|^n + |c_{n+1}| |z|^{n+1} + \dots \\ &< \frac{1}{n+1} |z|^n + R (|z|^{n+1} + |z|^{n+2} + \dots) \\ &= |z|^n \left( \frac{1}{n+1} + R \frac{|z|}{1-|z|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . The proof is complete. □

### 3. Proofs of the Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We begin with  $f \in \mathcal{G}$  and follow the method of proof of Lemma 3. First, by Lemma 2, we have

$$(8) \quad \left| \frac{1}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-r} =: M(r) \quad \text{for } |z| = r < 1.$$

As observed at the end of the proof of Lemma 3, it follows that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |d_k|^2 r^{2k} \leq M(r)^2 - 1.$$

Following the notation of Lemma 3, (3) may be rewritten as

$$|c_m| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |d_{m-n+k}| = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{r^{m-n+k}} \right) (|d_{m-n+k}| r^{m-n+k})$$

for any arbitrary fixed  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Thus, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |c_m|^2 &\leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{r^{2(m-n+k)}} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |d_{m-n+k}|^2 r^{2(m-n+k)} \right) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{r^{2m}} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \right) (M(r)^2 - 1) = \frac{n}{r^{2m}} (M(r)^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

which is true for each  $r \in (0, 1)$  and so,

$$|c_m| \leq \frac{1}{r^m} \left( \sqrt{n(M(r)^2 - 1)} \right) \quad \text{for } m \geq n + 1.$$

As in the proof of Lemma 3, using the above estimate, we easily have

$$\left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| < |z|^n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{r^n} \left( \sqrt{n(M(r)^2 - 1)} \right) \frac{|z|/r}{1-(|z|/r)} \right) \quad \text{for } |z| < r$$

and the proof of the theorem follows if we use the expression for  $M(r) = 1/(1-r)$  given by (8). □

Let us now demonstrate the use of Theorem 1 by fixing some values for  $r$ . For example, if we put  $r = 2/3$ , then by (8) one has

$$M(r) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{M(r)^2 - 1} = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

Thus, for  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , Theorem 1 after some computation gives the estimate

$$(9) \quad \left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| < |z|^n \left( 1 + 2\sqrt{2n} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n \frac{3|z|}{2-3|z|} \right) \quad \text{for } |z| < 2/3.$$

This estimate helps us to discuss the disk of close-to-convexity (and hence univalence) of partial sums of functions from  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $f'(z) \prec 1 - z$  (see the proof of Lemma 2). Therefore, for  $|z| \leq 1/2$  (using the maximum modulus principle), we have

$$(10) \quad \max_{|z|=1/2} |\arg f'(z)| \leq \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

The inequality (9) for  $|z| = 1/2$  together with the maximum modulus principle gives that

$$(11) \quad \left| \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{2^n} \left( 1 + 6\sqrt{2n} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n \right) = K_1 \quad \text{for } |z| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

It follows that

$$\max_{|z|=1/2} \left| \arg \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1}(K_1).$$

Finally, by (10) and (11), we find that

$$|\arg s'_n(z)| \leq |\arg f'(z)| + \left| \arg \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi}{6} + \sin^{-1}(K_1) \quad \text{for } |z| < \frac{1}{2}$$

and thus,

$$|\arg s'_n(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

holds if  $\sin^{-1}(K_1) \leq \pi/3$ . However, the last inequality is easily seen to be true for all  $n \geq 13$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3.** As remarked in the Introduction, we see from (1) that for  $f \in \mathcal{G}$ :

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{7} \right) \quad \text{for } |z| \leq 1/2.$$

As in the proof of Theorem 2, we in particular have (see Lemma 4)

$$\left| \frac{s_n(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} \right) =: K_2 \quad \text{for } |z| \leq 1/2.$$

It follows that

$$\max_{|z|=1/2} \left| \arg \frac{s_n(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1}(K_2)$$

and from the proof of Theorem 2, we have

$$\max_{|z|=1/2} \left| \arg \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \sin^{-1}(K_1)$$

where  $K_1$  is defined by (11). This shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \arg \frac{zs'_n(z)}{s_n(z)} \right| &\leq \left| \arg \frac{s'_n(z)}{f'(z)} \right| + \left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| + \left| \arg \frac{f(z)}{s_n(z)} \right| \\ &< \sin^{-1}(K_1) + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{7} \right) + \sin^{-1}(K_2), \end{aligned}$$

for  $|z| \leq 1/2$ . Finally, we see that

$$\left| \arg \frac{zs'_n(z)}{s_n(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$



whenever

$$\sin^{-1}(K_1) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) + \sin^{-1}(K_2) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

However, the last inequality is easily seen to be true for  $n \geq 12$ .  $\square$

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