



Univalence of quotient of analytic functions



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ABSTRACT

Let \mathcal{A} denote the family of all analytic functions f in the unit disk \mathbb{D} with the normalization $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1$. In this note, we mainly consider the radius of univalence of F defined by $F(z) = z^2/f(z)$, where f belongs to some subclasses of \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{S} , the class of univalent functions from \mathcal{A} . The results of the present article sharpen the earlier known results.

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1. Introduction and main results

Let \mathcal{A} denote the family of all analytic functions f in the unit disk $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ with the normalization $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1$, and $\mathcal{S} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : f \text{ is univalent in } \mathbb{D}\}$. Determination of the radius of univalence of many geometric subclasses has been a classical problem in geometric function theory which still has many issues to be resolved (see for example [5]). In [11] the authors considered problem of finding the radius of univalence of $A(z)$ defined by the quotient

$$A(z) = \frac{zf(z)}{g(z)}, \quad (1)$$

where f and g are chosen appropriately from some subsets of \mathcal{A} such as \mathcal{S} . More precisely, the radius $r \in (0, 1)$ was found so that the function $G(z)$ defined by $G(z) = r^{-1}A(rz)$ is in the class \mathcal{U} . Here

$$\mathcal{U} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : |U_f(z)| < 1 \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}\},$$

where

$$U_f(z) = f'(z) \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^2 - 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (2)$$

See [1] and also [4,8,9,17]. Several generalizations of the class \mathcal{U} were investigated (see eg. [14]). If we choose $f(z) = z$ in (1), then the function $A(z)$ defined above reduces to the simple form

$$A(z) = \frac{z^2}{g(z)} \quad (3)$$

and from the recent paper [11] one can get a number of results for $A(z)$ given by (3). But in certain special situation such as form (3), a direct approach does provide sharp results. The aim of this paper is to deal with such cases, especially when the

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function $A(z)$ is given by (3) with appropriate restriction on g . We remark that a general form of $A(z)$ is discussed in [7] but for a different purpose. We begin with some notations and definitions as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(1/2) &= \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re}(f(z)/z) > 1/2 \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}\}, \\ \mathcal{C}(-1/2) &= \left\{f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > -\frac{1}{2}, \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}\right\} \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{G} &= \left\{f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) < \frac{3}{2}, \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{D}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that if $\mathcal{U}_2 = \{f \in \mathcal{U} : f''(0) = 0\}$, then each function in \mathcal{U}_2 is known to be included in the class $\mathcal{P}(1/2)$. We also have $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{P}(1/2)$, where \mathcal{K} denotes the class of all functions $f \in \mathcal{S}$ that are convex, i.e. $f(\mathbb{D})$ is a convex domain. The classes $\mathcal{C}(-1/2)$ and \mathcal{G} have been studied recently, for example in [12,15]. Functions in $\mathcal{C}(-1/2)$ are known to be close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} . Moreover, Ozaki [16] introduced the class \mathcal{G} and proved that functions in \mathcal{G} are univalent in \mathbb{D} . Later in [19], Umezawa discussed a general version of this class. However, functions in \mathcal{G} are proved to be starlike in \mathbb{D} , see for eg. [6, Theorem 1] and [13 Example 1, Eq. (16)] (see also [15]).

From now onwards, for obvious reason, it is convenient to work with a change of notation, namely, with the transformation $f \mapsto F_f$ defined by

$$F(z) := F_f(z) = \frac{z^2}{\bar{f}(z)}, \tag{4}$$

where f is appropriately chosen from \mathcal{A} .

Theorem 1. *Let F be defined by (4). Then we have the following:*

- (a) $f \in \mathcal{P}(1/2)$ implies that $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$. As for the univalence the result is sharp.
- (b) $f \in \mathcal{S}$ implies that $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_2 = \frac{1}{3}$, and the result is best possible (as for the univalence).
- (c) $f \in \mathcal{C}(-1/2)$ implies that $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_3$, where $r_3 = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 0.381966$. The result is also sharp.
- (d) $f \in \mathcal{G}$ implies that $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_4$, where $r_4 \approx 0.923898$ is the root of the equation

$$3r + (2 - r) \log(1 - r) = 0,$$

that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$.

Proof. Consider the function F defined by (4), where we may let for convenience $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$. The condition on f in each case implies that $f(z)/z \neq 0$ and hence, $F \in \mathcal{A}$ and $z/F(z) \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} . By the definitions of $U_F(z)$ (see (2)) and F , it follows that

$$U_F(z) = -z^2 \left(\frac{1}{F(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right)' = -z \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)' + \frac{f(z)}{z} - 1 = -\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) a_n z^{n-1}$$

and therefore,

$$|U_F(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) |a_n| |z|^{n-1}. \tag{5}$$

- (a) Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ belong to $\mathcal{P}(1/2)$. Then it is well-known that $|a_n| \leq 1$ for $n = 2, 3, \dots$ and, by (5), we deduce that

$$|U_F(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) |z|^{n-1} = \frac{r^2}{(1-r)^2} \text{ for } |z| = r.$$

We thus have, $|U_F(z)| < 1$ if $r^2 < (1-r)^2$, i.e. if $0 \leq r < r_1 = 1/2$. This means that $F \in \mathcal{U}$ for $|z| < 1/2$ and so, F is univalent for $|z| < 1/2$. For the function $f(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} \in \mathcal{P}(1/2)$, we see that $F(z) = z - z^2$ and so, $F'(z)$ vanishes at $z = 1/2$ showing that F cannot be univalent in the disk $|z| < r$ if $r > 1/2$. This proves that the radius $1/2$ is best possible.

- (b) Let $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ belong to the class \mathcal{S} . Then the de Branges theorem [2] gives that $|a_n| \leq n$ for $n = 2, 3, \dots$. Using this coefficient inequality, the corresponding condition (5) reduces to

$$|U_F(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2)n |z|^{n-1} = \frac{3r^2 - r^3}{(1-r)^3} \text{ for } |z| = r,$$

which is less than 1 if $0 \leq r < r_2 = 1/3$. Thus, $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < 1/3$. For the Koebe function $f(z) = z/(1-z)^2$, we obtain that $F(z) = z(1-z)^2 = z - 2z^2 + z^3$ and thus, $F'(z) = 1 - 4z + 3z^2$ which vanishes at $z = 1/3$. It means that the radius $1/3$ is best possible.

(c) Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{C}(-1/2)$. Then $|a_n| \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$ holds for $n = 2, 3, \dots$ and in view of this estimate, (5) reduces to

$$|U_F(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) \frac{n+1}{2} |z|^{n-1} = \frac{2r^2 - r^3}{(1-r)^3} \text{ for } |z| = r,$$

which is less than 1 if $0 \leq r < r_3 = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$. Thus, $F \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_3$. In order to prove the sharpness part, we consider the function $f(z) = \frac{z(1-\frac{1}{2}z)}{(1-z)^2}$. Then it is easy to see that $f \in \mathcal{C}(-1/2)$ and for this function, we have

$$F(z) = \frac{z(1-z)^2}{1-\frac{z}{2}},$$

so that

$$F'(z) = \frac{(1-z)(1-3z+z^2)}{(1-\frac{z}{2})^2}.$$

We see that $F'(r_3) = 0$ and the desired result follows.

(d) In this case, we let $f \in \mathcal{G}$. Then from a recent result from [12], we have

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)n} \text{ for } n = 2, 3, \dots$$

and thus, by (5), we obtain that for $|z| = r$

$$|U_F(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) \frac{1}{(n-1)n} |z|^{n-1} = -2 - \frac{2-r}{r} \log(1-r) < 1,$$

if $0 \leq r < r_4$, where $r_4 \approx 0.923898$ is the root of the equation

$$3r + (2-r) \log(1-r) = 0,$$

that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2. Define

$$F_1(z) = \frac{2z^2}{f(z) + g(z)}, \tag{6}$$

where $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$. If both f, g are in any one of $\mathcal{P}(1/2), \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}(-1/2)$, and \mathcal{G} , then the conclusions in each case of Theorem 1 continues to hold for the function F_1 defined by (6).

Proof. First we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |U_{F_1}(z)| &= \left| -z^2 \left(\frac{1}{F_1(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right)' \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left| -z^2 \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z} \right)' - z^2 \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z} \right)' \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |U_{F_f}(z) + U_{F_g}(z)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (|U_{F_f}(z)| + |U_{F_g}(z)|) \end{aligned}$$

and the desired conclusions follow if we apply the proof of Theorem 1. \square

Theorem 3. Let $f \mapsto G_f$ be the transformation defined by the quotient

$$G(z) = G_f(z) = \frac{z^2}{\int_0^z \frac{t}{f(t)} dt}. \tag{7}$$

Then we have the following:

- (a) $f \in \mathcal{U}$ implies that $G \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < 1$. In particular, G is univalent in \mathbb{D} .
- (b) $f \in \mathcal{S}$ implies that $G \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_5$, where $r_5 \approx 0.969845$ is the root of the equation

$$\log(1-r^2) - 2 \int_0^{r^2} \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt = 0,$$

that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$.

Proof.

(a) Let $f \in \mathcal{U}$. Then f can be written as

$$\frac{z}{f(z)} = 1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots \quad (8)$$

and therefore, we have

$$\left| \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^2 f'(z) - 1 \right| = \left| -z \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)' + \frac{z}{f(z)} - 1 \right| = \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) b_n z^n \right| \leq 1.$$

Therefore, as in [10], we let $z = re^{i\theta}$ for $r \in (0, 1)$ and apply the Parseval formula to obtain

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) b_n z^n \right|^2 d\theta = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)^2 |b_n|^2 r^{2n} \leq 1.$$

Allowing $r \rightarrow 1^-$, we obtain the inequality $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)^2 |b_n|^2 \leq 1$. Next, we let $g(z) = \int_0^z \frac{t}{f(t)} dt$. Then we have

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{b_{n-1}}{n} z^n,$$

so that

$$\frac{z}{G(z)} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n+1} z^n.$$

Using the method in the proof of Theorem 1 and the inequality (5), it follows easily that

$$|U_G(z)| \leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) \frac{|b_{n-1}|}{n} |z|^{n-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{|b_n|}{n+1} |z|^n$$

and, since

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} < \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2},$$

we deduce by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality that

$$|U_G(z)| \leq \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)^2 |b_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < 1,$$

which means that $G \in \mathcal{U}$.

(b) Consider the case $f \in \mathcal{S}$. Again, f can be written in the form (8), and therefore, from the well-known Area Theorem [5, Theorem 11, p. 193, vol. 2], we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) |b_n|^2 \leq 1.$$

Thus, as in Case (a), Cauchy-Schwarz inequality yields that

$$\begin{aligned} |U_G(z)| &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{|b_n|}{n+1} |z|^n \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) |b_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{(n+1)^2} |z|^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{(n+1)^2} |z|^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} x^n = - \int_0^x \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt,$$

it is a simple exercise to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{(n+1)^2} |z|^{2n} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |z|^{2n} - 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} |z|^{2n} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{|z|^2} \left(\log(1-|z|^2) - 2 \int_0^{|z|^2} \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, from the previous inequality, we find that $|U_G(z)| < 1$ if

$$\log(1-|z|^2) - 2 \int_0^{|z|^2} \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt = \log(1-|z|^2) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} |z|^{2n} > 0.$$

This gives the condition $|z| < r_5$, where $r_5 \approx 0.969845$ is the root of the equation

$$\log(1-r^2) - 2 \int_0^{r^2} \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt = 0,$$

that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$ \square .

Our next result is related to a transform h_f of $f \in \mathcal{S}$ introduced by Danikas and Ruscheweyh [3]:

$$h_f(z) := \int_0^z \frac{t f'(t)}{f(t)} dt = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} c_n(f) z^{n+1},$$

where $c_n(f)$ ($n \geq 1$) denote the logarithmic coefficients of f . It was conjectured that the transform $h_f \in \mathcal{S}$ for each $f \in \mathcal{S}$. This conjecture remains open.

Theorem 4. Let $f \in \mathcal{S}$, $a_2 = f''(0)/2!$, and let H be defined by the quotient

$$H(z) = \frac{z^2}{\int_0^z \frac{t f'(t)}{f(t)} dt}. \tag{9}$$

Then $H \in \mathcal{U}$ in the disk $|z| < r_6(b)$, where $r_6(b) \geq r_6(0) \approx 0.557666$ is the root of the equation

$$(4(a+1) - b^2)r^6 + (4(a-3) - b^2)r^4 + 4(3r^2 - 1) = 0, \tag{10}$$

in $0 \leq b \leq 2$ that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$ and where $a = \frac{2\pi^2-12}{3}$.

For a ready reference, the roots of Eq. (10) for various values of b in the unit interval $[0, 2]$ are displayed in Table 1.

Proof of Theorem 4. Consider the function $h_f(z)$ defined as above. Then, we see that

$$h_f(z) = \int_0^z \left(1 + t \left(\log \frac{f(t)}{t} \right)' \right) dt = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n} c_{n-1}(f) z^n,$$

where $c_n(f)$ ($n \geq 1$) denote the logarithmic coefficients of $f \in \mathcal{S}$ defined by

Table 1
Values of $r_6(b)$ when $b \in [0, 2]$.

Values of b	Roots of Eq. (10)
0	0.557666
1/4	0.558138
1/2	0.55957
3/4	0.562015
1	0.565569
5/4	0.570383
3/2	0.57669
7/4	0.584845
2	0.595415

$$\log \frac{f(z)}{z} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(f) z^n.$$

Note that

$$\frac{z}{H(z)} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} c_n(f) z^n$$

and $c_1(f) = a_2 = f''(0)/2$. Further, for the function $f \in \mathcal{S}$ the following sharp inequality is known from [18]:

$$\sum_1^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^2 |c_n(f)|^2 \leq \frac{2\pi^2 - 12}{3} = a \approx 2.57974.$$

Again, as before, it follows easily that

$$\begin{aligned} |U_H(z)| &\leq \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2) \frac{n-1}{n} |c_{n-1}(f)| |z|^{n-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{n}{n+1} |c_n(f)| |z|^n \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^2 |c_n(f)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)^2 |z|^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(a - \frac{1}{4} |c_1(f)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{|z|^4 (1 + |z|^2)}{(1 - |z|^2)^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is less than 1 whenever,

$$\left(a - \frac{1}{4} |c_1(f)|^2 \right) |z|^4 (1 + |z|^2) < (1 - |z|^2)^3.$$

Simplifying this inequality gives

$$B(|a_2|, r) := 4(a+1)r^6 + 4(a-3)r^4 + 4(3r^2 - 1) - (|a_2|^2 r^2 + |a_2|^2) r^4 < 0,$$

where $r = |z|$. Note that if $r_6(b)$ ($0 \leq b = |a_2| \leq 2$) is the root of the Eq. (10), i.e. $B(b, r_6(b)) = 0$, then clearly $r_6(b) \geq r_6(0)$, where $r_6(0) = r_6 \approx 0.557666$ is the root of the equation

$$(a+1)r^6 + (a-3)r^4 + 3r^2 - 1 = 0,$$

that lies in the interval $(0, 1)$. The result follows. \square

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