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**ON SOME CLASSES OF  $\beta$ -STARLIKE  
AND OF QUASI- $\beta$ -STARLIKE MEROMORPHIC  $k$ -SYMMETRIC  
FUNCTIONS**

1. Let  $\mathcal{P}(\beta)$  be a family of functions  $P$  of the form

$$(1.1) \quad P(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$$

that are holomorphic in the unit disc  $K = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and satisfy

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \frac{P(z)}{P(z)} - 1 \right| < \beta,$$

where  $\beta$  is a fixed number in the interval  $(0, 1]$ .

Observe that  $\mathcal{P}(\beta) \subset \mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(1) \equiv \mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the known family of functions of Caratheodory type.

By  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote a subclass of  $k$ -symmetric functions of the class  $\mathcal{P}(\beta)$  i.e. of functions of the form

$$(1.3) \quad P(z) = 1 + p_k z^k + p_{2k} z^{2k} + \dots$$

satisfying (1.2) for  $z \in K$ .

From the definition of the family  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  we have  $\mathcal{P}(1, k) = \mathcal{P}_k$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is a subclass of  $k$ -symmetric fun-

ctions of the class  $\mathcal{P}$ . It is easy that if  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  and  $0 < \beta < 1$ , then

$$(1.4) \quad \left| P(z) - \frac{1 + \beta^2}{1 - \beta^2} \right| < \frac{2\beta}{1 - \beta^2} z, \quad z \in K.$$

Similarly as in [6], we can prove the following lemmas:

**Lemma 1.** A function  $P$  is in  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  if and only if there exists a holomorphic function  $\omega$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad P(z) = \frac{1 + \beta \omega(z)}{1 - \beta \omega(z)}, \quad z \in K,$$

where  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| \leq |z|^k$ .

**Lemma 2.** A function  $P$  belongs to  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  if and only if there exists a function  $p \in \mathcal{P}_k$  such that

$$(1.6) \quad P(z) = \frac{(1 + \beta) p(z) + 1 - \beta}{(1 - \beta) p(z) + 1 + \beta}, \quad z \in K.$$

Let  $z_0$  be any fixed point of  $K$ .

We define the functional

$$(1.7) \quad H : \mathcal{P}(\beta, k) \ni P \longrightarrow H(P) = P(z_0).$$

**Lemma 3.** The set of values of the functional (1.7) is the closed disc with centre  $c$  and radius  $\varrho$ , where

$$(1.8) \quad c = \frac{1 + \beta^2 r^{2k}}{1 - \beta^2 r^{2k}}, \quad \varrho = \frac{2\beta r^k}{1 - \beta^2 r^{2k}}, \quad r = |z_0|.$$

Let us denote then by  $\mathcal{P}_2(\beta, k)$  a subclass of a family  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  consisting of those functions  $P$  of the form (1.6) for which the function  $p \in \mathcal{P}_k$  is defined

$$(1.9) \quad p(z) = \frac{1 + \lambda}{2} p_1(z) + \frac{1 - \lambda}{2} p_2(z),$$

where

$$(1.10) \quad p_m(z) = \frac{1 + \epsilon_m z^k}{1 - \epsilon_m z^k}, \quad m = 1, 2, \quad |\epsilon_m| = 1,$$

$-1 \leq \lambda \leq 1.$

Lemma 4. If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_2(\beta, k)$ , then for  $z = re^{i\varphi}$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi$  we have

$$(1.11) \quad P(z) = c + \tilde{k}\gamma,$$

where  $|\gamma| = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \tilde{k} \leq \varphi$ ,  $c$ ,  $\varphi$  are defined by (1.8).

Lemma 5. If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_2(\beta, k)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$  we have

$$(1.12) \quad z P'(z) = k \frac{P^2(z) - 1}{2} - k \frac{\varphi^*}{2\varphi} \left[ \varphi^2 - |P(z) - c|^2 \right] \eta^*,$$

where  $c$ ,  $\varphi$  are defined by (1.8) and

$$(1.13) \quad \varphi^* = \frac{2r^k}{1 - r^{2k}}, \quad |\eta^*| = 1.$$

2. Let  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  be a family of functions  $F$  of the form

$$(2.1) \quad F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{nk-1} z^{nk-1}, \quad a_{-1} = 1$$

meromorphic in the unit disc such that

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{-z F'(z)}{F(z)} = P(z), \quad P \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k).$$

Observe that  $\sum^*(1, 1) \equiv \sum^*$ , where  $\sum^*$  is the known class of starlike meromorphic functions which map the ring

$K_0 = \{ z : 0 < |z| < 1 \}$  onto regions whose complement to the closed plane is a starlike region with respect to the origin.

Theorem 1. If  $F \in \sum^* (\beta, k)$  is defined by (2.1) then the coefficients of  $F$  satisfy

$$(2.3) \quad |a_{nk-1}| \leq \frac{2}{nk}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots.$$

The estimate (2.3) is sharp and the equality in (2.3) is realized by the function

$$(2.4) \quad F^*(z) = \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 - \varepsilon \beta z^{nk} \right)^{\frac{2}{nk}}, \quad |\varepsilon| = 1.$$

Proof. Let  $F \in \sum^* (\beta, k)$ . Making use of the definitions of the families  $\sum^* (\beta, k)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  and of Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\frac{-z F'(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{1 + \beta \omega(z)}{1 - \beta \omega(z)}, \quad z \in K.$$

Hence by (2.1) we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^k a_{mk-1} z^{mk} = \left( -2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (mk - 2) a_{mk-1} z^{mk} \right) \beta \omega(z).$$

Applying Clunie's method (c.f. [2]) we get

$$(2.5) \quad |nk a_{nk-1}|^2 \leq 4\beta^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} [(mk - 2)^2 \beta^2 - (mk)^2] |a_m|^2.$$

Since  $(mk - 2)^2 \beta^2 - (mk)^2 < 0$  for  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ , from (2.5) we obtain our result (2.3).

It is easy to verify that for the function defined by formula (2.4) we get

$$|a_{nk-1}| = \frac{2\beta}{nk}.$$

This ends the proof of Theorem 1.

For  $k = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 0$  we get the result obtained in [9] and for  $k = 1$ ,  $\beta = 1$  we obtain the result given in [8].

Theorem 2. If  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ , then for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , we have

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{(1 - \beta r^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{r} \leq |F(z)| \leq \frac{(1 + \beta r^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{r}.$$

The estimates are sharp. The equalities are attained at a point  $z = re^{i\varphi}$  respectively by the functions

$$(2.7) \quad F^*(z) = \frac{(1 - \beta e^{-ik\varphi} z^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{z}, \quad F^{**}(z) = \frac{(1 + \beta e^{-ik\varphi} z^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{z}.$$

Proof. Let  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ . From the definition of the family  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  we have

$$\frac{1}{z} + \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{1 - P(z)}{z}.$$

Hence

$$(2.8) \quad |F(z)| = \frac{1}{|z|} \exp \int_0^1 re \frac{1 - P(zt)}{t} dt, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Using Lemma 3 we get

$$\frac{1 - \beta(tr)^k}{1 + \beta(tr)^k} \leq \operatorname{re} P(zt) \leq \frac{1 + \beta(tr)^k}{1 - \beta(tr)^k}.$$

Considering the inequalities above and (2.8) we obtain the inequalities (2.6). It is not difficult to see that the equa-

lities in (2.6) are attained by the functions (2.7). This completes the proof of the theorem. If  $\beta = 1$  then we get the known result given in [4].

We consider the functional

$$(2.9) \quad - \operatorname{re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right]$$

defined on  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$ .

For this functional we can prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 3:** If  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ , then for each fixed  $z$ ,  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$  the following sharp estimates hold

$$(2.10) \quad - \operatorname{re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] \geq \begin{cases} m_1(r, \beta) & \text{for } k = 1, r \in (0, 1) \\ m_2(r, \beta) & \text{for } k \geq 2, r \in (0, r^*) \\ m_3(r, \beta) & \text{for } k \geq 2, r \in (r^*, 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $r^* \in (0, 1)$  is the only root of the equation  $A(r, \beta) = 0$ , and

$$(2.11) \quad A(r, \beta) = (k-1)(1+\beta r^k)^2(1-r^{2k}) - 2kr^k(1+\beta)(1-\beta r^{2k}),$$

$$(2.12) \quad m_1(r, \beta) = \frac{1 - r^2 - 2\beta r^2}{1 - r^2},$$

$$(2.13) \quad m_2(r, \beta) = \frac{1 + 2(1-k)\beta r^k + \beta^2 r^{2k}}{1 - \beta^2 r^{2k}},$$

$$(2.14) \quad m_3(r, \beta) = \sqrt{k(1+r)(2-k+r)} - \frac{k(1+\beta^2 r^{2k})}{\beta(1-r^{2k})},$$

while  $R = \frac{\beta^*}{\beta}$  and  $\beta^*$ ,  $\beta^*$  are defined by (1.5) and (1.13).

The equalities in (2.10) are realized by functions of the form

$$(2.15) \quad F_1(z) = F_1(z; \beta) = \frac{1}{z} \exp \int_0^z \frac{2\beta e^{-i\varphi} (r - e^{-i\varphi} z)}{1 - (1-\beta)re^{-i\varphi} z - \beta e^{-2i\varphi} z^2} dz$$

$$(2.16) \quad F_2(z) = F_2(z; \beta) = \frac{1}{z} (1 - \beta e^{-ik\varphi} z^k)^{\frac{2}{k}},$$

$$(2.17) \quad F_3(z) = F_3(z; \beta) = \frac{1}{z} \exp \int_0^z \frac{2\beta e^{-ik\varphi} (d - e^{-ik\varphi} z^k) z^{k-1}}{1 - (1-\beta)de^{-ik\varphi} z^k - \beta e^{-2ik\varphi} z^{2k}} dz$$

where

$$(2.18) \quad d(r; \beta) = \frac{1}{r^k} \frac{(1+\beta r^{2k}) - (1-\beta r^{2k}) s_1}{(1+\beta) - (1-\beta) s_1},$$

$$(2.19) \quad s_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k(\varphi^* + \varphi)}{2\varphi + k(\varphi^* - \varphi)}}.$$

Proof. Let  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ . In view of the definition of the family  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  we have

$$- \left[ 1 + \frac{z \cdot F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] = F(z) - z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)}, \quad F \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k).$$

Applying the theorem of Zmorowic and lemmas (3-5) we have

$$- \left[ 1 + \frac{z \cdot F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] \geq \min_{(s,t)} G(s,t),$$

where the function

$$(2.20) \quad G(s,t) = \left[ \frac{(2-k)s^2 + k}{2s} - \frac{2ck\varphi^*}{2\varphi} \right] \cos t + \frac{k\varphi^*(s^2 + 1)}{2s\varphi}$$

is defined in the domain

$$(2.21) \quad D = \{(s, t) : c-\varrho \leq s \leq c+\varrho, -\psi(s) \leq t \leq \psi(s)\}$$

$$\psi(s) = \arccos \frac{s^2 + 1}{2cs}, \quad 0 \leq \psi(s) \leq \psi(1)$$

and  $c, \varrho, \varrho^*$  are given by (1.8), (1.12), (1.13), respectively. We verify, by direct calculations, that the function  $G(s, t)$  can attain its minimum in the domain  $D$  along the diameter  $t = 0$  only. Thus the problem of finding the minimum of the function  $G(s, t)$  in the domain  $D$  under consideration is reduced to one of finding a minimum of the function

$$G_1(s) = G(s, 0) \quad \text{in the interval } [c-\varrho, c+\varrho].$$

If  $k = 1$ , then the function  $G_1(s)$  attains its absolute minimum at the point  $s = 1$ . For  $k > 1$  the function  $G_1(s)$  attains its absolute minimum at the point  $s_1$  given by formula (2.19) when  $s_1 < c + \varrho$ . If, however,  $s_1 \geq c + \varrho$ , then  $G_1(s)$  attains its absolute minimum in the closed interval  $[c-\varrho, c+\varrho]$  at the end point  $c+\varrho$ . Thus the required result follows from the above reasoning.

It is not difficult to show that for the functions given by (2.15)-(2.17) the equality holds true in the estimate (2.10).

In the same way as above, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4. If  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ , then for  $|z| = r$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ) we have

$$(2.22) \quad -re \left[ 1 + \frac{z F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] \leq \begin{cases} m_1(r, -\beta) & \text{for } k = 1, r \in (0, 1) \\ m_2(r, -\beta) & \text{for } k \geq 2, r \in (0, r^{**}] \\ m_3(r, -\beta) & \text{for } k \geq 2, r \in (r^{**}, 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $r^{**} \in (0, 1)$  is the only root of the equation

$$(2.23) \quad A(r, -\beta) = 0$$

while  $A(r, \beta)$  is defined by (2.11).

The equalities are attained by the functions:

$$(2.24) \quad F_1^*(z) = F_1(z; -\beta)$$

$$(2.25) \quad F_2^*(z) = F_2(z; -\beta)$$

$$(2.26) \quad F_3^*(z) = F_3(z; -\beta)$$

respectively, where  $F_1(z; \beta)$ ,  $F_2(z; \beta)$  and  $F_3(z; \beta)$  are defined by (2.15) - (2.17).

We put

$$r(F) = \sup \left\{ r : -\operatorname{re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] > 0, \quad |z| < r \right\}.$$

It is known that the number

$$\operatorname{r.c.} \sum^*(\beta, k) = \inf \left\{ r(F) : F \in \sum^*(\beta, k) \right\}$$

is called the radius of convexity of the family  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$ .

From Theorem 3 taking into account the compactness of  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  we get

Theorem 5. The radius of convexity for the class  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  is given by

$$\operatorname{r.c.} \sum^*(\beta, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2\beta}} & \text{for } k = 1 \\ r_0 & \text{for } k > 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  is the only root of the equation

$$(1+\beta)(1-\beta r^{2k}) \left[ \beta(2-k)(1-r^{2k}) + k(1-\beta^2 r^{2k}) \right] = k(1+\beta^2 r^{2k}).$$

Theorem 6. If  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$ , then for  $|z| = r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$  we have

$$(2.27) \quad n(r) \leq |F'(z)| \leq N(r),$$

where

$$n(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{r^2(1-r^2)\beta} & \text{for } k = 1, r \in (0,1) \\ \frac{(1+\beta r^k)^{\frac{2-k}{k}} (1-\beta r^k)}{r^2} & \text{for } k > 1, r \in (0, r^{**}] \\ \frac{(1+\beta r^{**k})^{\frac{2-k}{k}} (1-\beta r^{**k})}{r^2} \exp \kappa(r) & \text{for } k > 1, r \in (r^{**}, 1), \end{cases}$$

while

$$R(r) = \int_{r^{**}}^r \frac{1 - m_3(r, -\beta)}{r} dr$$

and

$$N(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-r^2)^{\beta}}{r^2} & \text{for } k = 1, r \in (0,1) \\ \frac{(1-\beta r^k)^{\frac{2-k}{k}} (1+\beta r^k)}{r^2} & \text{for } k > 1, r \in (0, r^*) \\ \frac{(1-\beta r^{*k})^{\frac{2-k}{k}} (1+\beta r^{*k})}{r^2} \exp s(r) & \text{for } k > 1, r \in (r^*, 1), \end{cases}$$

for

$$s(r) = \int_{r^*}^r \frac{1 - m_3(r, \beta)}{r} dr$$

while  $r^*, r^{**} \in (0,1)$  are the only roots of the equations (2.11) and (2.23), respectively.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F$  is in  $\sum^* (\beta, k)$ . We then have

$$\log z^2 F'(z) = \log |z^2 F'(z)| + i \arg(z^2 F'(z)).$$

Putting  $z = re^{i\varphi}$  we get

$$r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \log |z^2 F'(z)| = 1 - re \left\{ - \left[ 1 + \frac{z F''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] \right\}.$$

Using Theorems 3 and 4 we obtain (2.27). The equality holds in both cases for the functions defined by (2.15) - (2.17) and (2.24) - (2.26), respectively. This completes the proof of the theorem.

3. Let  $\sum^{*M}(\beta, k)$  be a family of quasi- $\beta$ -starlike meromorphic  $k$ -symmetric functions  $f$  defined by the equation

$$(3.1) \quad F\left(\frac{1}{f}\right) = M F(z), \quad 0 < |z| < 1,$$

where  $F \in \sum^*(\beta, k)$  and  $M$  is a fixed number in the interval  $[1, \infty)$ . For  $\beta = 1$  we obtain the class  $\sum^{*M}(k)$  (c.f. [4]), but for  $\beta = 1$  and  $k = 1$  we get the class  $\sum^{*M}$  (c.f. [3]).

Let  $M = e^t$ ,  $0 \leq t < \infty$  and let  $f(z, t)$  be a quasi- $\beta$ -starlike function defined by the equation

$$(3.2) \quad F\left(\frac{1}{f}\right) = e^t F(z), \quad 0 \leq t < \infty, \quad 0 < |z| < 1, \quad F \in \sum^*(\beta, k).$$

It is easy to see that if  $F$  is a fixed function of the class  $\sum^*(\beta, k)$  and  $f(z, t)$  satisfies the equation (3.2), then we have

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t} f(z, t) = F(z).$$

It follows from the definition of the family  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$  that if  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$ , then  $\frac{1}{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$ . Making use of this remark, similarly as in [1], [4] we can prove the following result.

Theorem 7. A function  $f$  belongs to the class  $\sum^* M(\beta, k)$  if and only if  $f(z) = f(z, t)$ , where  $f(z, t)$  is a solution of the equation

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{\partial f(z, t)}{\partial t} = f(z, t) P\left(\frac{1}{f(z, t)}\right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad P \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k)$$

satisfying the initial condition  $f(z, 0) = \frac{1}{z}$ , where  $M = e^T$ . It is easy to see that the equation (3.4) is equivalent to the system of equations

$$(3.5) \quad d \log |f(z, t)| = \operatorname{re} P\left(\frac{1}{f(z, t)}\right) dt$$

$$(3.6) \quad d \arg f(z, t) = \operatorname{im} P\left(\frac{1}{f(z, t)}\right) dt.$$

Theorem 7 implies the following theorems.

Theorem 8. If  $F \in \sum^* M(\beta, k)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$  we have

$$(3.7) \quad m(r) \leq |f(z)| \leq M(r),$$

where

$$(3.8) \quad m(r) = \frac{M}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1-\beta r^k)^2 + \frac{r^k}{M^k} + \frac{1}{2} (1-\beta r^k) \sqrt{(1-\beta r^k)^2 + \frac{4\beta r^k}{M^k}} \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$(3.9) \quad M(r) = \frac{M}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1+\beta r^k)^2 - \frac{r^k}{M^k} + \frac{1}{2} (1+\beta r^k) \sqrt{(1+\beta r^k)^2 - \frac{4\beta r^k}{M^k}} \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}.$$

These inequalities are sharp.

Proof. Let  $f \in \sum^* M(\beta, k)$ . Then from the equation (3.4) we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad d \log f(z, t) = P \left( \frac{1}{f(z, t)} \right) dt, \quad P \in \mathcal{P}(\beta, k).$$

Hence, by (3.5) and Lemma 3 we have

$$(3.11) \quad \frac{|f(z, t)|^k - \beta}{|f(z, t)|^k + \beta} \leq d \log |f(z, t)| \leq \frac{|f(z, t)|^k + \beta}{|f(z, t)|^k - \beta}.$$

Integrating (3.1) in the interval from 0 to  $T = \log M$  and taking into account the initial condition we obtain

$$\frac{(|f(z, T)|^k + \beta)^2}{|f(z, T)|^k} \leq M^k \frac{(1 + \beta r^k)^2}{r^k}$$

and

$$\frac{(|f(z, T)|^k - \beta)^2}{|f(z, T)|^k} \geq M^k \frac{(1 - \beta r^k)^2}{r^k}.$$

From the above inequalities we obtain (3.7) - (3.9). It is easy to see that the function realizing the equalities in (3.7) are defined by the equations

$$\frac{(f^k - \beta)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{f} = \frac{M}{z} (1 - \beta z^k)^{\frac{2}{k}},$$

$$\frac{(f^k + \beta)^{\frac{2}{k}}}{f} = \frac{M}{z} (1 + \beta z^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}$$

respectively. This ends the proof of Theorem 8.

Remarks. When  $k=1, \beta=1$  we obtain the known result given in [3]. When  $\beta=1$  and  $k=1, 2, \dots$  we obtain the result given in [4].

Theorem 9. If  $f \in \sum^* M(\beta, k)$ , then we have

$$(3.12) |\arg zf(z)| \leq \frac{1}{k} \log \frac{|f(z)|^k - \beta}{|f(z)|^k + \beta} \cdot \frac{1 + \beta r^k}{1 - \beta r^k}, \quad 0 < |z| = r < 1$$

and the equality in (3.12) holds for the functions  $f$  defined by the equations

$$(3.13) \quad \frac{1}{f} (f^k + i\beta)^{\frac{2}{k}} = \frac{M}{z} (1 + \beta iz^k)^{\frac{2}{k}},$$

$$(3.14) \quad \frac{1}{f} (f^k - i\beta)^{\frac{2}{k}} = \frac{M}{z} (1 - \beta iz^k)^{\frac{2}{k}}.$$

**P r o o f.** Let  $f \in \sum^* M(\beta, k)$ . Then from (3.5) and (3.6) we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad d \arg f(z, t) = \frac{\operatorname{im} P\left(\frac{1}{f(z, t)}\right)}{\operatorname{re} P\left(\frac{1}{f(z, t)}\right)} \cdot d \log |f(z, t)|.$$

By using Lemmas 1 - 5 it is not difficult to see that

$$(3.16) \quad \frac{-2\beta r^k}{1 - \beta^2 r^{2k}} \leq \frac{\operatorname{im} P(z)}{\operatorname{re} P(z)} \leq \frac{2\beta r^k}{1 - \beta^2 r^{2k}}.$$

The estimates (3.16) are sharp. We have equalities respectively for the functions

$$(3.17) \quad P_1(z) = \frac{1 - \beta iz^k}{1 + \beta iz^k},$$

$$(3.18) \quad P_2(z) = \frac{1 + \beta iz^k}{1 - \beta iz^k} \quad \text{and} \quad |z| = r.$$

From (3.15) and (3.16) we obtain

$$|\operatorname{d} \arg f(z, t)| \leq \frac{2\beta |f(z, t)|^k}{|f(z, t)|^{2k} - \beta^2} \cdot \operatorname{d} \log |f(z, t)|.$$

Integrating the above inequality in the interval from 0 to  $t = \log M$  and taking into account the condition  $f(z,0) = \frac{1}{z}$  we obtain (3.12). From (3.17), (3.18) in view of the definition of the family  $\sum^{*M}(\beta, k)$  we infer that the functions realizing the equalities (3.12) are of the form (3.13) and (3.14), respectively. This ends the proof of Theorem 9. For  $\beta = 1$  we obtain the result given in [4].

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