

**CERTAIN CLASS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS WITH VARYING
ARGUMENTS DEFINED BY THE CONVOLUTION OF SĂLĂGEAN
AND RUSCHEWEYH DERIVATIVE**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we derive some results for certain new class of analytic functions with varying arguments defined by the convolution of Sălăgean and Ruscheweyh derivative and we study the properties of the image of this class through the Bernardi operator.

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1. COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES

Let \mathcal{A} denote the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad (1)$$

which are analytic and univalent in the open unit disc $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$.

Definition 1. [8]

For $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the Sălăgean differential operator \mathcal{S}^n is defined by $\mathcal{S}^n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$,

$$\mathcal{S}^0 f(z) = f(z),$$

$$\mathcal{S}^1 f(z) = z f'(z),$$

...

$$\mathcal{S}^{n+1} f(z) = z (\mathcal{S}^n f(z))', z \in U$$

Remark 1. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, then

$$\mathcal{S}^n f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k, \quad z \in U.$$

Definition 2. [7]

For $f \in \mathcal{A}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, the operator \mathcal{R}^n is defined by $\mathcal{R}^n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}^0 f(z) &= f(z), \\ \mathcal{R}^1 f(z) &= z f'(z), \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$(n+1) \mathcal{R}^{n+1} f(z) = z (\mathcal{R}^n f(z))' + n \mathcal{R}^n f(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Remark 2. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, then

$$\mathcal{R}^n f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+k-1)!}{n!(k-1)!} a_k z^k, \quad z \in U.$$

Definition 3. [1] Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Denote by $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n$ the operator given by the Hadamard product (convolution) of the Sălăgean operator \mathcal{S}^n and the Ruscheweyh operator \mathcal{R}^n , $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$,

$$\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n f(z) = (\mathcal{S}^n * \mathcal{R}^n) f(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Remark 3. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, then

$$\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n (n+k-1)!}{n!(k-1)!} a_k z^k, \quad z \in U.$$

Definition 4. [5] Let f and g be analytic functions in U . We say that the function f is subordinate to the function g , if there exists a function w , which is analytic in U and $w(0) = 0; |w(z)| < 1; z \in U$, such that $f(z) = g(w(z)); \forall z \in U$. We denote by \prec the subordination relation.

Definition 5. For $\lambda \geq 0; -1 \leq A < B \leq 1; 0 < B \leq 1; n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ let $P(n, \lambda, A, B)$ denote the subclass of \mathcal{A} which contain functions $f(z)$ of the form (1) such that

$$(1-\lambda)(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n f(z))' + \lambda(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^{n+1} f(z))' \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}. \quad (2)$$

Attiya and Aouf defined in [3] the class $\mathcal{R}(n, \lambda, A, B)$ with a condition like (2), but there instead of the operator $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n$ they used the Ruscheweyh operator.

Definition 6. [10]

A function $f(z)$ of the form (1) is said to be in the class $V(\theta_k)$ if $f \in A$ and $\arg(a_k) = \theta_k, \forall k \geq 2$. If $\exists \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $2\theta_k + (k-1)\delta \equiv \pi \pmod{2\pi}, \forall k \geq 2$ then $f(z)$ is said to be in the class $V(\theta_k, \delta)$. The union of $V(\theta_k, \delta)$ taken over all possible sequences $\{\theta_k\}$ and all possible real numbers δ is denoted by V .

Let $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ denote the subclass of V consisting of functions $f(z) \in P(n, \lambda, A, B)$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 1. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in V . Then $f(z) \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$, if and only if

$$T(f) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2 \leq B-A, \quad (3)$$

where

$$C_k = [n+1 + \lambda(k-1)(n+k+1)] \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n+1)!(k-1)!}.$$

The extremal functions are:

$$f(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{k^{n+1} C_k (1+B)}} e^{i\theta_k} z^k, (k \geq 2).$$

Proof. We work based on the technique used in [6].

Suppose that $f(z) \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$. Then

$$h(z) = (1-\lambda)(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n f(z))' + \lambda(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^{n+1} f(z))' = \frac{1+Aw(z)}{1+Bw(z)}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$w \in H = \{w \text{ analytic, } w(0) = 0 \text{ and } |w(z)| < 1, z \in U\}.$$

From this we have

$$w(z) = \frac{1-h(z)}{Bh(z)-A}.$$

Therefore $h(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 z^{k-1}$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ implies

$$\left| \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 z^{k-1}}{(B-A) + B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 z^{k-1}} \right| < 1. \quad (5)$$

Since $f(z) \in V$, $f(z)$ lies in the $V(\theta_k, \delta)$ for some $\{\theta_k\}$ sequence and a real number δ such that $2\theta_k + (k-1)\delta \equiv \pi \pmod{2\pi}, \forall k \geq 2$. Set $z = re^{i\delta}$ in (5), then

$$\left| \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1}}{(B-A) - B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1}} \right| < 1. \quad (6)$$

Since $\Re\{w(z)\} < |w(z)| < 1$ we have

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1}}{(B-A) - B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1}} \right\} < 1. \quad (7)$$

So

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2 r^{k-1} \leq B-A. \quad (8)$$

and letting $r \rightarrow 1$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2 \leq B-A.$$

Conversely, $f(z) \in V$ and satisfies (3). Since $r^{k-1} < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 z^{k-1} C_k \right| &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1} C_k \\ &\leq (B-A) - B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 r^{k-1} C_k \\ &\leq \left| (B-A) + B \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} |a_k|^2 z^{k-1} C_k \right| \end{aligned}$$

which gives (5) and hence follows that

$$(1 - \lambda)(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^n f(z))' + \lambda(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}^{n+1} f(z))' = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}$$

that is $f(z) \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$.

Corollary 1. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$. Then

$$|a_k| \leq \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{k^{n+1}C_k(1 + B)}}, (k \geq 2).$$

The result (3) is sharp for the functions

$$f(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{k^{n+1}C_k(1 + B)}} e^{i\theta_k} z^k, (k \geq 2).$$

3. DISTORTION THEOREMS

Theorem 2. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$. Then

$$|z| - \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1 + B)}} |z|^2 \leq |f(z)| \leq |z| + \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1 + B)}} |z|^2. \quad (9)$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. We work with the technique used by Silverman [10]. We know that $|a_k| \leq \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1 + B)}}$ and $2^{n+1}C_2 \leq k^{n+1}C_k, (k \geq 2)$. Then

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| \leq \sqrt{\frac{B - A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1 + B)}}. \quad (10)$$

This way we have

$$|f(z)| \leq |z| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| |z|^k \leq |z| + |z|^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k|,$$

so

$$|f(z)| \leq |z| + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} |z|^2.$$

Also, we have

$$|f(z)| \geq |z| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| |z|^k \geq |z| - |z|^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k|.$$

So

$$|f(z)| \geq |z| - \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} |z|^2.$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2,$$

at $z = \pm |z| e^{-i\theta_2}$.

Corollary 2. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$.

Then $f(z) \in U(0, r_1)$, where $r_1 = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}}$.

Theorem 3. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$.

Then

$$1 - \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}} |z| \leq |f'(z)| \leq 1 + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}} |z|. \quad (11)$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. We know that $k2^{n+1}C_2 \leq 2k^{n+1}C_k$, ($k \geq 2$). Then

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k |a_k| \leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} = \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}}.$$

This way we have

$$|f'(z)| \leq 1 + |z| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k |a_k| \leq 1 + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}} |z|.$$

So

$$|f'(z)| \geq 1 - |z| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k |a_k| \geq 1 - \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}} |z|.$$

Corollary 3. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$.

Then $f'(z) \in U(0, r_2)$, where $r_2 = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n-1}C_2(1+B)}}$.

4. EXTREME POINTS

Theorem 4. Let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$, with $\arg(a_k) = \theta_k$ where $2\theta_k + (k-1)\delta \equiv \pi \pmod{2\pi}$, $\forall k \geq 2$. Define

$$f_1(z) = z$$

and

$$f_k(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_k} z^k, (k \geq 2; z \in U).$$

Then $f(z) \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ if and only if $f(z)$ can be expressed by

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z), \text{ where } \mu_k \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k = 1.$$

Proof. Assume that $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)}} \mu_k e^{i\theta_k} z^k$, $\mu_k \geq 0$

and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k = 1$, then

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)}{B-A}} \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)}} \mu_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \mu_k = (1 - \mu_1) \leq 1.$$

Hence $f(z) \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$. Conversely, let the function $f(z)$ defined by (1) be in the class $VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$, define

$$\mu_k = \sqrt{\frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)}{B-A}} |a_k|, (k \geq 2)$$

and

$$\mu_1 = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \mu_k.$$

From Theorem 1, $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \mu_k \leq 1$ and so $\mu_1 \geq 0$. Since $\mu_k f_k(z) = \mu_k z + a_k z^k$, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k f_k(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k = f(z).$$

Theorem 5. Let

$$F(z) = I_c f(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z f(t) t^{c-1} dt, c > -1$$

If $f \in VP(n, \lambda, 2\alpha - 1, B)$ then $F \in VP(n, \lambda, 2\beta - 1, B)$, where

$$\beta = \beta(\alpha) = \frac{B+1}{2} - \frac{(c+1)^2 (B-2\alpha+1)}{2(c+2)^2} \geq \alpha.$$

The result is sharp.

Remark: The operator I_c is the well-known Bernardi operator.

Proof. Let $f \in VP(n, \lambda, 2\alpha - 1, B)$ and suppose it has the form (1). Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z \left(t + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k t^k \right) t^{c-1} dt = \\ &= z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{c+1}{c+k} a_k z^k = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f \in VP(n, \lambda, 2\alpha - 1, B)$ we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2 \leq B - (2\alpha - 1)$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2}{B - 2\alpha + 1} \leq 1. \quad (12)$$

We know from Theorem 1 that $F \in VP(n, \lambda, 2\beta - 1, B)$ if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |b_k|^2 \leq B - (2\beta - 1)$$

or

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) \left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2 |a_k|^2}{B - 2\beta + 1} \leq 1. \quad (13)$$

We note that the inequalities

$$\frac{k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) \left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2 |a_k|^2}{B - 2\beta + 1} \leq \frac{k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2}{B - 2\alpha + 1}, \forall k \geq 2 \quad (14)$$

imply (13). From (14) we have

$$\frac{(c+1)^2}{(c+k)^2(B-2\beta+1)} \leq \frac{1}{B-2\alpha+1}$$

$$(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1) \leq (c+k)^2(B-2\beta+1), \forall k \geq 2$$

$$\beta \leq \frac{B+1}{2} - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1)}{2(c+k)^2}.$$

Let us consider the function

$$E(x) = \frac{B+1}{2} - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1)}{2(c+x)^2},$$

then its derivative is :

$$E'(x) = \frac{(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1)}{(c+x)^3} > 0.$$

$E(x)$ is an increasing function. In our case we need $\beta \leq E(k)$ and for this reason

we choose $\beta = \beta(\alpha) = E(2) = \frac{B+1}{2} - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1)}{2(c+2)^2}$.

$$\beta(\alpha) > \alpha \Leftrightarrow B+1 - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-2\alpha+1)}{(c+2)^2} > 2\alpha \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (c+2)^2 > (c+1)^2.$$

The result is sharp, because if

$$f_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B - 2\alpha + 1}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2,$$

then

$$F_2 = I_c f_2$$

belongs to $VP(n, \lambda, 2\beta - 1, B)$ and its coefficients satisfy the corresponding inequality (3) with equality. Indeed,

$$F_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B - 2\alpha + 1}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)} \frac{c+1}{c+2}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2 = z + \sqrt{\frac{B - 2\beta(\alpha) + 1}{2C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2$$

and

$$T(F_2) = 2^{n+1}C_2(1+B) \frac{B - 2\beta(\alpha) + 1}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)} = B - 2\beta(\alpha) + 1.$$

Theorem 6. If $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ then $F \in VP(n, \lambda, A^*, B)$, where $A^* = B - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-A)}{(c+2)^2} > A$. The result is sharp.

Proof. Let $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ and suppose it has the form (1). Then

$$F(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{c+1}{c+k} a_k z^k = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k.$$

Since $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ we have $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2 \leq B - A$ or equivalently

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) |a_k|^2}{B - A} \leq 1.$$

We know from Theorem 1 that $F \in VP(n, \lambda, A^*, B)$ if and only if

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} C_k (1+B) \left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2 |a_k|^2}{B - A^*} \leq 1, \forall k. \quad (15)$$

We note that

$$\frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)\left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2|a_k|^2}{B-A^*} \leq \frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)|a_k|^2}{B-A} \quad (16)$$

implies (15). From (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(c+1)^2}{(c+k)^2(B-A^*)} &\leq \frac{1}{B-A} \\ (c+1)^2(B-A) &\leq (c+k)^2(B-A^*), \forall k \geq 2 \\ A^* &\leq B - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-A)}{(c+k)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the function

$$E(x) = B - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-A)}{(c+x)^2};$$

its derivative is:

$$E'(x) = \frac{2(B-A)(c+1)^2}{(c+x)^3} > 0.$$

$E(x)$ is an increasing function.

In our case we need $A^* \leq E(k), \forall k \geq 2$ and for this reason we choose

$$A^* = E(2) = B - \frac{(c+1)^2(B-A)}{(c+2)^2}.$$

We note that $A^* > A$, because

$$B-A > \frac{(c+1)^2(B-A)}{(c+2)^2} \Leftrightarrow (c+2)^2 > (c+1)^2.$$

The result is sharp, because if

$$f_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2,$$

then

$$F_2 = I_c f_2$$

belongs to $VP(n, \lambda, A^*, B)$ and its coefficients satisfy the corresponding inequality (3) with equality. Indeed,

$$F_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)} \frac{c+1}{c+2}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2 = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A^*}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2$$

and

$$T(F_2) = 2^{n+1}C_2(1+B) \frac{B-A^*}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)} = B-A^*.$$

Theorem 7. If $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ then $F \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B^*)$, where

$$B^* \geq A + \frac{(A+1)(B-A)(c+1)^2}{(1+B)(c+2)^2 - (B-A)(c+1)^2}.$$

The result is sharp.

Proof. Let $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ and suppose it has the form (1).

Since $f \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B)$ we have $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)|a_k|^2 \leq B-A$ or equivalently

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)|a_k|^2}{B-A} \leq 1.$$

We know from Theorem 1 that $F \in VP(n, \lambda, A, B^*)$ if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1}C_k(1+B^*)|a_k|^2 \leq B^* - A$$

or

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1}C_k(1+B^*) \left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2 |a_k|^2}{B^* - A} \leq 1. \quad (17)$$

We note that

$$\frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B^*) \left(\frac{c+1}{c+k}\right)^2 |a_k|^2}{B^* - A} \leq \frac{k^{n+1}C_k(1+B)|a_k|^2}{B-A}, \forall k \quad (18)$$

implies (17).

The inequalities (18) are implied by

$$\frac{(c+1)^2(1+B^*)}{(c+k)^2(B^*-A)} \leq \frac{(1+B)}{B-A}$$

$$B^* \geq A + \frac{(A+1)(B-A)(c+1)^2}{(1+B)(c+k)^2 - (B-A)(c+1)^2}, \forall k \geq 2.$$

Let

$$E(x) = A + \frac{(A+1)(B-A)(c+1)^2}{(1+B)(c+x)^2 - (B-A)(c+1)^2}$$

its derivative is

$$E'(x) = \frac{-2(A+1)(c+1)^2(B-A)(1+B)(c+x)}{\left[(1+B)(c+x)^2 - (B-A)(c+1)^2\right]^2} < 0.$$

$E(x)$ is a decreasing function. In our case we need $E(k) \leq B^*$ and for this reason we choose

$$B^* = E(2) = A + \frac{(A+1)(B-A)(c+1)^2}{(1+B)(c+2)^2 - (B-A)(c+1)^2}$$

$$B^* < B \Leftrightarrow (B-A)(c+1)(1+B) < (1+B)(c+2)(B-A) \Leftrightarrow c+1 < c+2.$$

The result is sharp, because if

$$f_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2,$$

then

$$F_2 = I_c f_2$$

belongs to $VP(n, \lambda, A, B^*)$ and its coefficients satisfy the corresponding inequality (3) with equality. Indeed,

$$F_2(z) = z + \sqrt{\frac{B-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B)} \frac{c+1}{c+2}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2 = z + \sqrt{\frac{B^*-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B^*)}} e^{i\theta_2} z^2$$

and

$$T(F_2) = 2^{n+1}C_2(1+B^*) \frac{B^*-A}{2^{n+1}C_2(1+B^*)} = B^* - A.$$

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