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# Radius of $p$ -valent Strong Starlikeness for Certain Class of Analytic Functions

### Research Article

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**Abstract:** This paper deals with  $p$ -valent strongly starlikeness of the class  $SP(\alpha, A, B)$  satisfying the subordination

$$e^{i\alpha} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \cos z \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + i \sin \alpha,$$

$f \in A$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . We are concerned with computing the radius results for the above mentioned class and the results that we obtained are generalizations of earlier results obtained previously by different authors.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  denote the class of all functions  $f(z)$  analytic functions  $f(z)$  defined on the open unit disk  $\Delta = \{z; |z| < 1\}$  normalized by  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ .

Let  $S$  denote the subclass of  $A$  consisting of univalent functions in  $\Delta$ . Let  $A_p$  be the class of functions  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=k+p}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the unit disk  $\Delta$ . Also let  $SP(\alpha, A, B)$  denote the class of functions in  $A$  satisfying the subordination condition

$$e^{i\alpha} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \cos z \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + i \sin \alpha, \quad (1)$$

$z \in \Delta$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ .

Gangadharan et al. [1] obtained radius of strongly starlikeness of functions in  $SP(\alpha, A, B)$ ,  $ST[A, B]$  and some more classes of functions.

Motivated by earlier works, we compute the radii of strongly starlikeness of order  $\gamma$  for some other class of functions.

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## 2. Radius of $p$ -valent Strongly Starlikeness

To prove our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** ([1]). *If  $Ra \leq (\operatorname{Re} a)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - (\operatorname{Im} a)\cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} a > 0$ , the disc  $|w - a| \leq Ra$  is contained in the sector  $|\arg w| \leq \frac{\pi\gamma}{2}$ ,  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** ([1]). *For  $|z| \leq r < 1$ ,  $|z_k| = R > r$ ,  $\left| \frac{z}{z-z_k} + \frac{r^2}{R^2-r^2} \right| \leq \frac{Rr}{R^2-r^2}$*

**Lemma 2.3** ([1]). *Suppose  $g \in SP(\alpha, A, B)$ , then,*

$$\left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \left[ \frac{1 - B[(A - B)e^{i\alpha}\cos\alpha + B]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} \right] \right| \leq \frac{(A - B)r\cos\alpha}{1 - B^2r^2}, \quad \text{for } |z| = r < 1.$$

**Lemma 2.4** (MacGregor [2]). *If  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$  and  $p(z) = 1 + c_n z^n + \dots$  then  $\left| \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2nr^n}{1-r^{2n}}$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** (Ratti [3]). *If  $\phi(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $|\phi(z)| \leq 1$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$   $\left| \frac{z\phi'(z)+\phi(z)}{1+z\phi(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-r}$ .*

**Theorem 2.6.** *Suppose  $F(z) = f(z)[Q(z)]^{\beta/n}$  where  $\beta$  is real and  $Q(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n > 0$  with no zeros in  $|z| < R$ ,  $R \geq 1$  and if  $f \in A_p$  satisfies  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{1/\delta} > 0$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,  $z \in \Delta$  for some  $g \in SP(\alpha, A, B)$ , then  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike in  $|z| < R_1$  where  $R_1$  is the smallest root of the equation*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & r^6 \{ -B[(A - B)\cos^2\alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - B(A - B)\sin\alpha\cos\alpha\cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad - \beta B^2\sin\frac{\pi\gamma}{2} \} \\ & + r^5 \{ -2\delta B^2 - |\beta|R B^2 - (A - B)\cos\alpha \} \\ & + r^4 \{ B[(A - B)\cos^2\alpha + B]\sin\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}(1 + R^2) + \beta(1 + B^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad + B(A - B)\sin\alpha\cos\alpha\cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)(1 + R^2) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ & + r^3 \{ 2\delta(1 + B^2R^2) + |\beta|R(1 + B^2) + (A - B)(1 + R^2)\cos\alpha \} \\ & + r^2 \{ -B[(A - B)\cos^2\alpha + B]R^2\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad - B(A - B)\sin\alpha\cos\alpha\cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)R^2 - (1 + R^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ & + r \{ -2\delta R^2 - |\beta|R - (A - B)R^2\cos\alpha \} + R^2\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} = 0$$

*Proof.* Let  $p(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \in P$  then by the conditions given in the theorem,

$$F(z) = p(z)^\delta g(z)[Q(z)]^{\beta/n} \tag{2}$$

Suppose  $Q(z) = a_0 \prod_{k=1}^n (z - z_k)$  where  $z_k$ 's are the roots of  $Q(z)$  such that  $|z_k| \geq R$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  then,

$$z \frac{Q'(z)}{Q(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{z}{z - z_k} \tag{3}$$

Taking the logarithmic differentiation  $F(z)$  yields

$$z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = \delta z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} + z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{\beta}{n} z \frac{Q'(z)}{Q(z)} \tag{4}$$

Using (3) in (4), we get

$$z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = \delta z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} + z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{\beta}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{z}{z - z_k}$$

Using Lemmas 2.4, 2.3 and 2.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} - \left[ \frac{1 - B[(A-B)e^{i\alpha} \cos \alpha + B]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} + \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{2\delta r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{(A-B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} + \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1, the above disk will be contained in the sector  $|\arg w| \leq \frac{\pi\gamma}{2}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \frac{\delta r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{(A-B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} + \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} \\ \leq \left[ \frac{1 - B[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right] \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ - \frac{B[(A-B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied. This reduces to  $\chi_1(r) \geq 0$  where

$$\chi_1(r) = \begin{cases} r^6 \{ -B[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - B(A-B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad - \beta B^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r^5 \{ -2\delta B^2 - |\beta|R B^2 - (A-B) \cos \alpha \} \\ + r^4 \{ B[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)(1+R^2) + \beta(1+B^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad + B(A-B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)(1+R^2) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r^3 \{ 2\delta(1+B^2R^2) + |\beta|R(1+B^2) + (A-B)(1+R^2) \cos \alpha \} \\ + r^2 \{ -B[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad - B(A-B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) R^2 - (1+R^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r \{ -2\delta R^2 - |\beta|R - (A-B)R^2 \cos \alpha \} + R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

It can be seen that  $\chi_1(0) > 0$  and  $\chi_1(1) = 2\delta(1-B^2)(1-R^2) < 0$  (since  $R > 1$ ). Therefore there exists a real root of  $\chi_1(r) = 0$  in the interval  $(0, 1)$ . If  $R_1$  is the smallest positive root of  $\chi_1(r) = 0$  in  $(0, 1)$  then  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike in  $|z| < R_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Suppose  $F(z)$  is as in Theorem 2.6 and  $f \in A_p$  satisfies  $\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} - 1 \right| < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{g(z)}{h(z)} \right) > 0$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ , for some  $g \in A_p$  and  $h \in SP(\alpha, A, B)$ , the  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike for  $|z| < R_2$ , when  $R_2$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\begin{cases} r^6 \{ -B[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta B^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad + B(A-B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r^5 \{ -2B^2 - (A-B) \cos \alpha + |\beta|R B^2 - \beta B^2 \} \\ + r^4 \{ \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) + B(1+R^2)[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) + \beta(1+B^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad - B(A-B)(1+R^2) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r^3 \{ 2(1+B^2R^2) + (A-B)(1+R^2) \cos \alpha - |\beta|R(1+B^2) + \beta(1+B^2R^2) \} \\ + r^2 \{ -\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)(1+R^2) - BR^2[(A-B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ \quad + B(A-B)R^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ + r \{ -2R^2 - R^2(A-B) \cos \alpha + |\beta|R - \beta R^2 \} + R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{cases} = 0$$

*Proof.* Choosing that branch of  $\left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$  so that it is analytic in  $\Delta$  and its value at  $z = 0$  is 1, it is seen that  $F(z) = g(z)(1+w(z))^\delta$  where  $w(z)$  is a Schartz function, therefore  $F(z) = p(z)h(z)(1+z\phi(z))^\delta Q(z)^{\beta/n}$ , where  $Q(z)$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  and satisfies  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in \Delta$ . By a simple computation,

$$z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} + z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} + \delta \left[ \frac{z\phi'(z) + \phi(z)}{1 + z\phi(z)} \right] + \frac{\beta}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{z}{z - z_k}$$

Proceeding as in Theorem 2.6, by applying Lemmas 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} - \frac{1 - B[(A - B)e^{i\alpha} \cos \alpha + B]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{2r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{(A - B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} + \frac{Br}{1 - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Application of Lemma 2.1 gives that the above disk will be contained in the sector  $|\arg w| \leq \frac{\pi\gamma}{2}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{2r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{(A - B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} + \frac{\beta r}{1 - r^2} \right) \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{[1 - B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]r^2]}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right\} \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{r^2 B(A - B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied. This reduces to  $\chi_2(r) \geq 0$ , where

$$\chi_2(r) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r^6 \left\{ -B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta B^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + B(A - B) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right\} \\ + r^5 \left\{ -2B^2 - (A - B) \cos \alpha + |\beta|R B^2 - \beta B^2 \right\} \\ + r^4 \left\{ \sin\frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + B(1 + R^2)[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) + \beta(1 + B^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ \quad \left. - B(A - B)(1 + R^2) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right\} \\ + r^3 \left\{ 2(1 + B^2 R^2) + (A - B)(1 + R^2) \cos \alpha - |\beta|R(1 + B^2) + \beta(1 + B^2 R^2) \right\} \\ + r^2 \left\{ -\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)(1 + R^2) - B R^2 [(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + B(A - B)R^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right\} \\ + r \left\{ -2R^2 - R^2(A - B) \cos \alpha + |\beta|R - \beta R^2 \right\} + R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{array} \right.$$

As  $\chi_2(0) = R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right)$  is positive and  $\chi_2(1) = (1 - B^2)(2 + \beta)(1 - R^2)$  is negative (since  $R > 1$ ) there exists a real root of  $\chi_2(r) = 0$  in the interval  $(0, 1)$ . If  $R_2$  is the smallest positive root of  $\chi_2(r) = 0$  in  $(0, 1)$  then  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike in  $|z| < R_2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** Suppose  $F(z)$  is as in Theorem 2.6 and if  $f \in A_p$  satisfies  $\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} - 1 \right| < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$  for some  $g \in SP(\alpha, A, B)$ , then  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike in  $|z| < R_3$  where  $R_3$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & r^6 \left\{ -B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta B^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + B(A - B) \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \right\} \\ & + r^5 \left\{ -(A - B) \cos \alpha - |\beta|B^2 R - B^2 \beta \right\} \\ & + r^4 \left\{ \sin\frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B](1 + R^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) + \beta(1 + B^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - B(A - B)(1 + R^2)\cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \right\} \\ & + r^3 \left\{ (A - B)(1 + R^2) \cos \alpha + |\beta|(1 + B^2)R + \beta(1 + B^2 R^2) \right\} \\ & + r^2 \left\{ -(1 + R^2)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + B(A - B)R^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \right\} \\ & + r \left\{ -(A - B)R^2 \cos \alpha - |\beta|R - \beta R^2 \right\} + R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} = 0$$

*Proof.* Choose the same branch of  $\left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$  as in the earlier theorem. Since  $f \in A_p$  satisfies

$$\left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} - 1 \right| < 1$$

for some  $g(z) \in SP(\alpha, A, B)$ ,  $F(z) = g(z)[1 + z\phi(z)]^\delta [Q(z)]^{\beta/n}$  where  $\phi(z)$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  and satisfies  $|\phi(z)| \leq 1$  for  $z \in \Delta$ .

A simple computation gives

$$z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \delta \left[ \frac{[z\phi'(z) + \phi(z)]}{1 + z\phi(z)} \right] + \frac{\beta}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{z}{z - z_k}$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, 2.3 and 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} - \frac{1 - B[(A - B)e^{i\alpha} \cos \alpha + B]r^2}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(A - B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} + \frac{\beta r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

By applying Lemma 2.1, the above disk will be contained in the sector  $|\arg w| \leq \frac{\pi\gamma}{2}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(A - B)r \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} + \frac{|\beta|Rr}{R^2 - r^2} + \frac{\beta r}{1 - r^2} \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{[1 - B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]r^2]}{1 - B^2r^2} - \frac{\beta r^2}{R^2 - r^2} \right\} \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{B(A - B)r^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{1 - B^2r^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

which reduces to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & r^6 \{ -B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B] \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta B^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad + B(A - B) \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \} \\ & + r^5 \{ -(A - B) \cos \alpha - |\beta|B^2 R - B^2 \beta \} \\ & + r^4 \{ \sin\frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B](1 + R^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) + \beta(1 + B^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad - B(A - B)(1 + R^2) \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \} \\ & + r^3 \{ (A - B)(1 + R^2) \cos \alpha + |\beta|(1 + B^2)R + \beta(1 + B^2 R^2) \} \\ & + r^2 \{ -(1 + R^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - B[(A - B)\cos^2 \alpha + B]R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) - \beta \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \\ & \quad + B(A - B)R^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \cos\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \} \\ & + r \{ -(A - B)R^2 \cos \alpha - |\beta|R - \beta R^2 \} + R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} \geq 0$$

On taking the left hand side of this inequality as  $\chi_3(r)$ , it is seen that  $\chi_3(0) = R^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi\gamma}{2}\right) > 0$  and  $\chi_3(1) = \beta(1 - B^2)(1 - R^2) < 0$  (since  $R > 1$ ) and hence there exists a positive real root of  $\chi_3(r) = 0$  in  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $R_3$  be the least such root. Then  $F(z)$  is  $p$ -valent strongly starlike in  $|z| < R_3$ .  $\square$

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