

# Some Starlike and Convexity Properties of Sakaguchi Classes for Hypergeometric Functions

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## Abstract

*The objective of this paper is to give some characterizations for a (Gaussian) hypergeometric function to be in a subclass of Sakaguchi type functions. Two subclasses  $S(\alpha, t)$  and  $T(\alpha, t)$  of Sakaguchi type functions in the open unit disc  $U$  are also discussed.*

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $A$  be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and univalent in the open unit disk  $U = \{z \in C : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be in the class  $S(\alpha, t)$  if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1-t)zf'(z)}{f(z) - f(tz)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad |t| \leq 1, \quad t \neq 1 \quad (1.2)$$

for some  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$  and for all  $z \in U$ . The class  $S(0, -1)$  was introduced by Sakaguchi [9]. Therefore, a function  $f(z) \in S(\alpha, -1)$  is called Sakaguchi function of order  $\alpha$ . We also denote by  $T(\alpha, t)$  the subclass of  $A$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  such that  $zf'(z) \in S(\alpha, t)$

We note that  $S(\alpha, 0) = S^*(\alpha)$ , the class of starlike functions of order  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$  and  $T(\alpha, 0) = T^*(\alpha)$ , the class of convex functions of order  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$  (see Silverman [10]).

However, for this paper, we consider a subclass  $T$  of  $A$  where  $T$  denotes the class consisting of the functions  $f$  of the form

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_n \geq 0) \quad (1.3)$$

clearly  $T \subset A$ . Let  $F(a, b; c; z)$  be the (Gaussian) hypergeometric function defined by

$$F(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} z^n \quad (1.4)$$

where  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , and  $(\theta)_n = \theta(\theta + 1)\dots(\theta + n - 1)$ ,  $n \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $(\theta)_0 = 1$

We note that  $F(a, b; c; z)$  converges for  $\operatorname{Re}(c - a - b) > 0$  and is related to the gamma function [7]

$$F(a, b; c; 1) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c - a - b)}{\Gamma(c - a)\Gamma(c - b)} \quad (1.5)$$

Silverman [11] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for  $zF(a, b; c; z)$  to be in  $S^*(\alpha)$  and  $T^*(\alpha)$ . For other interesting developments on  $zF(a, b; c; z)$  in connections with various subclasses of univalent and  $p$ -valent functions, the reader can refer to the works of Carlson and Shaffer [1], Cho et al. [2], Goyal et al. [3], Merkes and Scott [4], Mostafa [5], Owa et al. [6], Ruscheweyh and Singh [8] etc .

## 2 MAIN RESULTS

To establish our main results, we need the following lemma[6]

**Lemma 2.1**

(i) A function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.3) is in the class  $S(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha) |u_n|) a_n \leq 1 - \alpha \tag{2.1}$$

(where  $u_n = 1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^{n-1}$ )

for some  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$

(ii) A function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.3) is in the class  $T(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha) |u_n|) a_n \leq 1 - \alpha \tag{2.2}$$

for some  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$

**Theorem 1**

(i) If  $a, b > -1, c > 0$  and  $ab < 0$ , then  $zF(a, b; c; z)$  is in  $S(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\frac{c - a - b - 1}{ab} \leq \frac{\alpha(c - a - b - 1)(1 + |t|)}{ab(1 - t)} \tag{2.3}$$

(ii) If  $a, b > 0, c > a + b + 1$ , then  $F_1(a, b; c; z) = z[2 - F(a, b; c; z)]$  is in  $S(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c - a - b)}{\Gamma(c - a)\Gamma(c - b)} \left[ \frac{ab}{(c - a - b)(1 - \alpha)} + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} - \frac{\alpha(1 + |t|)}{(1 - t)} \right] \leq 2 \tag{2.4}$$

Proof.(i) Since

$$\begin{aligned} zF(a, b; c; z) &= z + \frac{ab}{c} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a + 1)_{n-2}(b + 1)_{n-2}}{(c + 1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-1}} z^n \\ &= z - \left| \frac{ab}{c} \right| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a + 1)_{n-2}(b + 1)_{n-2}}{(c + 1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-1}} z^n \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

according to (i) of Lemma 2.1, we must show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha) |u_n|) \frac{(a + 1)_{n-2}(b + 1)_{n-2}}{(c + 1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-1}} \leq \left| \frac{c}{ab} \right| (1 - \alpha) \tag{2.6}$$

Note that left side of (2.6) diverges if  $c < a + b + 1$ . Now using the result

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha) |u_n|) a_n \geq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n - |u_n| + |u_n| - \alpha |u_n|) a_n$$

in (2.6), we find that left- hand side of (2.6)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} \\
&\quad - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} |u_n| \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} + \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} - 1 \right] \\
&\quad - \alpha \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} |u_{n+1}| - u_1 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (2.6) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} + \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \right] - \alpha \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} |u_{n+1}| \right] \\
&\leq (1-\alpha) \left[ \left| \frac{c}{ab} \right| + \frac{c}{ab} \right] = 0 \tag{2.7}
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$|u_{n+1}| = |1 + t + \dots + t^n| = \left| \frac{1-t^{n+1}}{1-t} \right| \leq \frac{(1+|t|^{n+1})}{1-t} \leq \frac{(1+|t|)}{1-t}$$

as ( $|t|^n \leq 1$ )

Therefore (2.7) is valid if

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} + \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \right] \\
&- \alpha \frac{c}{ab(1-t)} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} + (1+|t|) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \right] \leq 0
\end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\Gamma(c+1)\Gamma(c-a-b-1)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} + \frac{c}{ab} \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} \\
&- \alpha \frac{c}{ab} \frac{(1+|t|)}{(1-t)} \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} \leq 0
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$1 + \frac{c-a-b-1}{ab} \leq \frac{\alpha(c-a-b-1)(1+|t|)}{ab(1-t)}$$

which is the required inequality (2.3).

(ii) Since

$$F_1(a, b; c; z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} z^n \quad (2.8)$$

by (i) of Lemma 2.1, we need only to show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha)|u_n|) \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \leq (1 - \alpha) \quad (2.9)$$

Now left side of (2.9)

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-2}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} |u_n|$$

Noting that  $(\theta)_n = \theta(\theta + 1)_{n-1}$  then left side of (2.9)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{ab}{c} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2}(b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-2}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n(1)_n} - \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n(1)_n} |u_{n+1}| \\ &= \frac{ab}{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n(b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n(1)_n} + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n(1)_n} - 1 \right] - \alpha \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n(1)_n} |u_{n+1}| - |u_1| \right] \end{aligned}$$

But this last expression is bounded above by  $1 - \alpha$  if and only if (2.4) holds.

**Theorem 2**

(i) If  $a, b > -1, ab < 0$  and  $c > a + b + 2$ , then  $zF(a, b; c; z)$  is in  $T(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\begin{aligned} &ab(a+1)(b+1) + 3ab(c-a-b-2) + (c-a-b-2)_2 \\ &- \alpha \frac{(1+|t|^2)}{(1-t)} (c-a-b-2)ab - \frac{\alpha(1+|t|)}{(1-t)} (c-a-b-2)_2 \geq 0 \quad (2.10) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $a, b > 0, c > a + b + 2$ , then  $F_1(a, b; c; z) = z[2 - F(a, b; c; z)]$  is in  $T(\alpha, t)$  if

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} \left[ 1 + \frac{(a)(b)(a+1)(b+1)}{(c-a-b-2)_2} + \frac{3ab}{c-a-b-1} \right. \\ &\left. - \alpha \frac{(1+|t|^2)ab}{(1-t)(c-a-b-1)} - \frac{\alpha(1+|t|)}{(1-t)} \right] \leq 2(1-\alpha) \quad (2.11) \end{aligned}$$

Proof.(i) Since  $zF(a, b; c; z)$  has the form (2.5), we see from (ii) of Lemma 2.1, that our conclusion is equivalent to

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha)|u_n|) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2}(b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-1}} \leq \left| \frac{c}{ab} \right| (1 - \alpha) \quad (2.12)$$

Note that for  $c > a + b + 2$ , the left side of (2.12) converges.  
Now left side of (2.12)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n^2 - \alpha n |u_n|) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n-1)^2 + 1 + 2(n-1)] \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} \\
&- \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} |u_n| - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} |u_n| \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-2}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} \\
&+ 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-2}} - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} |u_n| \\
&\quad - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_{n-2} (b+1)_{n-2}}{(c+1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} |u_n| \\
&= \frac{(a+1)(b+1)}{(c+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+2)_n (b+2)_n}{(c+2)_n (1)_n} + \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} - 1 \right] \\
&+ 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} - \alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} \left| \frac{1-t^{n+2}}{1-t} \right| \\
&\quad - \alpha \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \left| \frac{1-t^{n+1}}{1-t} \right| - |u_1| \right] \\
&= \frac{(a+1)(b+1)}{(c+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+2)_n (b+2)_n}{(c+2)_n (1)_n} + \frac{c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} - 1 \right] \\
&+ 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} - \frac{\alpha}{1-t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} (1 + |t|^{n+2}) \\
&\quad - \frac{\alpha c}{ab} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \frac{(1 + |t|^{n+1})}{(1-t)} - |u_1| \right]
\end{aligned}$$

This last expression is bounded above by  $\left| \frac{c}{ab} \right| (1 - \alpha)$  if and only if (2.10) holds.

(ii) In view of (ii) of **Lemma 2.1** we need to show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|n - u_n| + (1 - \alpha) |u_n|) \frac{(a)_{n-1} (b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1} (1)_{n-1}} \leq (1 - \alpha) \quad (2.13)$$

Now left side of (2.13)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n^2 - \alpha n |u_n|) \frac{(a)_{n-1} (b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1} (1)_{n-1}} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)^2 \frac{(a)_{n+1} (b)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1} (1)_{n+1}} - \alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2) \frac{(a)_{n+1} (b)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1} (1)_{n+1}} |u_{n+2}| \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+1} (b)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1} (1)_{n-1}} + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n+1} (b)_{n+1}}{(c)_{n+1} (1)_n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} \\
&\quad - \alpha \frac{ab}{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_n (b+1)_n}{(c+1)_n (1)_n} |u_{n+2}| - \alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} |u_{n+1}|
\end{aligned}$$

Now by the same techniques used in the proof of **Theorem 2** (i) above expression is bounded above by  $(1 - \alpha)$  if and only if (2.11) holds.

### 3 REMARK

Putting  $t = 0$  in the above results, we obtain the results of Silverman [11].

### 4 OPEN PROBLEM

We define an integral operator  $G(a, b; c; z)$  (or similar to it) acting on  $F(a, b; c; z)$  as follows:

$$G(a, b; c; z) = \int_0^z F(a, b; c; x) dx \quad (2.14)$$

What are conditions to be imposed on the parameters  $a, b, c$ , so that the operator  $G(a, b; c; z)$  defined by (2.14) is in  $S(\alpha, t)$  and  $T(\alpha, t)$ ?

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