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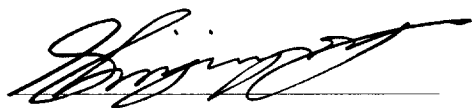
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어떤 미분연산자들에 의하여 정의된 유리형 함수들의 편각추정

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요 약

기하함수이론은 지금까지 많은 학자들에 의하여 다양하게 연구되어 왔다. 특히, Miller와 Mocanu[3]은 미분종속이론을 소개하여 해석함수들의 여러 기하학적 성질들을 조사하였다.

본 논문에서는 Uralegaddi와 Somanatha[7,8]에 의하여 소개된 유리형 함수들의 미분연산자들과 미분 종속이론을 이용하여 유리형 함수들의 새로운 부분족들을 소개하고 그들의 포함관계를 조사하였다.

또한, Nunokawa[4]의 결과를 응용하여 유리형 close-to-convex 함수들의 편각추정을 하였으며, sector상에서 적분보존성질들을 조사하였다.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-1}}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (a_{-1} \neq 0), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the punctured open unit disk  $\mathcal{D} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . We denote by  $\Sigma^*(\beta)$  the subclass of  $\Sigma$  consisting of all functions which is meromorphic starlike of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{D} \cup \{0\}$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ). Analytically, a function  $f$  of the form (1.1) belongs to the class  $\Sigma^*(\beta)$  if and only if

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \beta \quad (0 \leq \beta < 1 ; z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

For analytic functions  $g$  and  $h$  with  $g(0) = h(0)$ ,  $g$  is said to be subordinate to  $h$  if there exists an analytic function  $w$  such that  $w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ), and  $g(z) = h(w(z))$ . We denote this subordination by  $g \prec h$  or  $g(z) \prec h(z)$ .

Following Uralegaddi and Somanatha [7,8], we define

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 f(z) &= f(z), \\ D^1 f(z) &= \frac{a_{-1}}{z} + 2a_0 + 3a_1 z + 4a_2 z^2 + \cdots, \\ D^2 f(z) &= D^1(D^1 f(z)), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D^n f(z) &= D^1(D^{n-1} f(z)), \\ &= \frac{a_{-1}}{z} + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^n a_{m-2} z^{m-2} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Let

$$\Sigma[n; A, B] = \left\{ f \in \Sigma : -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $-1 < B < A \leq 1$ . In particular, we note that  $\Sigma[0; 1, -1]$  is the well known class of meromorphic starlike functions. From (1.3), we observe [5] that a function  $f$  is in  $\Sigma[n; A, B]$  if and only if

$$\left| \frac{z(D^n f(z))'(z)}{D^n f(z)} + \frac{1-AB}{1-B^2} \right| < \frac{A-B}{1-B^2} \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (1.4)$$

A function  $f \in \Sigma$  is said to be in the class  $\Sigma_c(\beta, \gamma)$  if there is a meromorphic starlike function  $g$  of order  $\beta$  such that

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1; z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Libera and Robertson [2] showed that  $\Sigma_c(0, 0)$ , the class of meromorphic close-to-convex functions, is not univalent. Also,  $\Sigma_c(\beta, \gamma)$  provides an interesting generalization of the class of meromorphic close-to-convex functions [6].

The object of the present paper is to give some argument estimates of meromorphic functions belonging to  $\Sigma$  and the integral preserving properties for meromorphic close-to-convex functions in connection with the differential operators  $D^n$  defined by (1.2).

## 2. Main results

In proving our results below, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** [1]. *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$  ( $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ). If  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$ , then*

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*implies*

$$p(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Lemma 2.2** [3]. *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\lambda$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda(z) \geq 0$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $p(0) = h(0)$ , then*

$$p(z) + \lambda(z)zp'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*implies*

$$p(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Lemma 2.3 [4].** Let  $p$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$\left| \arg p(z) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \text{ for } |z| < |z_0| \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\left| \arg p(z_0) \right| = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1). \quad (2.2)$$

Then we have

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = ik\alpha, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \text{ when } \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (2.4)$$

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \text{ when } \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$p(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \pm ia \quad (a > 0). \quad (2.6)$$

At first, with the help of Lemma 2.1, we obtain the following

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} h$  be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^{n+1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$-\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < 2$  (provided  $D^n f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)}.$$

By using the equation

$$z(D^n f(z))' = D^{n+1} f(z) - 2 D^n f(z), \quad (2.7)$$

we get

$$p(z) - 2 = -\frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n f(z)}. \quad (2.8)$$

Taking logarithmic derivatives in both sides of (2.8) and multiplying by  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{-p(z) + 2} + p(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+1} f(z))'}{D^{n+1} f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

From Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $p(z) \prec h(z)$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(-h(z) + 2) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ), which means

$$-\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < 2$ .

Taking

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathcal{U})$$

in Proposition 2.1, we have

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $1 + A \leq 2(1 + B)$  ( $-1 < B < A \leq 1$ ). Then for any non-negative integer  $n$ , we have*

$$\Sigma[n + 1; A, B] \subset \Sigma[n; A, B],$$

where  $D^n f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $h$  be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} h$  be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $F$  be the integral operator defined by*

$$F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z t^c f(t) dt \quad (c > 0). \quad (2.9)$$

If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition

$$-\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$



then

$$-\frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < c + 1$  (provided  $D^n F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Proof.* From (2.9), we have

$$z(D^n F(z))' = c D^n f(z) - (c + 1) D^n F(z). \quad (2.10)$$

Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n F(z)}.$$

Then, by using (2.10), we get

$$p(z) - (c + 1) = -c \frac{D^n f(z)}{D^n F(z)}. \quad (2.11)$$

Taking logarithmic derivatives in both sides of (2.11) and multiplying by  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{-p(z) + (c + 1)} + p(z) = -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$-\frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < c + 1$  (provided  $D^n F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

Taking

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathcal{U})$$

in Proposition 2.2, we have

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and choose a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$c \geq \frac{1 + A}{1 + B} - 1 \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

*If  $f \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ , then  $F \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ , where the integral operator  $F$  is defined by (2.9) and  $D^n F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .*

Applying Proposition 2.1, we now derive

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $1 + A \leq 2(1 + B)$  ( $-1 < B < A \leq 1$ ). If*

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^{n+1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma[n + 1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - t(A, B))}{\frac{2(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - t(A, B))} \right) \quad (2.12)$$

when

$$t(A, B) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{A - B}{2(1 - B^2) - (1 - AB)} \right). \quad (2.13)$$

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

By (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \gamma)zp'(z)D^n g(z) + (1 - \gamma)p(z)z(D^n g(z))' - 2z(D^n f(z))' \\ = -z(D^{n+1}f(z))' - \gamma z(D^n g(z))'(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Dividing (2.14) by  $D^n g(z)$  and simplifying, we get

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{-q(z) + 2} = -\frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^{n+1}g(z)} + \gamma \right), \quad (2.15)$$

where

$$q(z) = -\frac{z(D^n g(z))'}{D^n g(z)}.$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma[n+1; A, B]$ , from Corollary 2.1, we have

$$q(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

From (1.4), we have

$$-q(z) + 2 = \rho e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\phi},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \frac{2(1+B)-(1+A)}{1+B} < \rho < \frac{2(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} \\ -t(A, B) < \phi < t(A, B) \end{cases}$$

when  $t(A, B)$  is given by (2.13). Let  $h$  be a function which maps  $\mathcal{U}$  onto the angular domain  $\{w : |\arg w| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta\}$  with  $h(0) = 1$ . Applying Lemma 2.2 for this  $h$  with  $\lambda(z) = \frac{1}{-q(z)+2}$ , we see that  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and hence  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that the conditions (2.1) and (2.2) are satisfied, then (by Lemma 2.3) we obtain (2.3) under the restrictions (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6).

At first, suppose that  $p(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = ia$  ( $a > 0$ ). Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \left[ -\frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+1}f(z_0)')}{D^{n+1}g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right] &= \arg \left( p(z_0) + \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{-q(z_0) + 2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha + \arg \left( 1 + i\alpha k(\rho e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\phi})^{-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\eta k \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1-\phi)}{\rho + \alpha k \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1-\phi)} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1-t(A, B))}{\frac{2(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1-t(A, B))} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\delta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  and  $t(A, B)$  are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively. This is a contradiction to the assumption of our theorem.

Next, suppose that  $p(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = -ia$  ( $a > 0$ ). Applying the same method as the above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \arg \left[ -\frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+1}f(z_0))'}{D^{n+1}g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right] \\
& \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1-t(A,B))}{\frac{2(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1-t(A,B))} \right) \\
& = -\frac{\pi}{2}\delta,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  and  $t(A, B)$  are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively, which contradicts the assumption. Therefore we complete the proof of our theorem.

Letting  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^{n+1}g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1)$$

*for some  $g \in \Sigma$  satisfying the condition*

$$\left| \frac{z(D^{n+1}g(z))'}{D^{n+1}g(z)} + 1 \right| < 1,$$

*then*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} \right\} > \gamma.$$

Taking  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$|\arg [-z^2(D^{n+1}f(z))' - \gamma]| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1; \quad 0 < \delta \leq 1),$$

*then*

$$|\arg [-z^2(D^n f(z))' - \gamma]| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta.$$

Making  $n = 0$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Corollary 2.4, we have

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \{z^2(zf''(z) + 3f'(z))\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1),$$

*then*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \{z^2f'(z)\} > \gamma.$$

By the same techniques as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we obtain

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $1 + A \leq 2(1 + B)$  ( $-1 < B < A \leq 1$ ). If*

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+1}f(z))'}{D^{n+1}g(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (\gamma > 1; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

*for some  $g \in \Sigma[n+1; A, B]$ , then*

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{(D^n g)(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

*where  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation given by (2.12).*

Next, we prove

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and choose a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$c \geq \frac{1+A}{1+B} - 1 \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

*If*

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1, 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

*for some  $g \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ , then*

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

*where  $F$  is the integral operator given by (2.9),*

$$G(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z t^c g(t) dt \quad (c > 0) \tag{2.16}$$

and  $\alpha(0 < \alpha \leq 1)$  is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B, c))}{\frac{(c+1)(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B, c))} \right) \quad (2.17)$$

when

$$t(A, B, c) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{A - B}{(c+1)(1-B^2) - (1-AB)} \right).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n G(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ , from Corollary 2.2,  $G \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ .

Using (2.10), we have

$$(1-\gamma)p(z)D^n G(z) - (c+1)D^n F(z) = -cD^n f(z) - \gamma D^n G(z).$$

Then, by a simple calculation, we get

$$(1-\gamma)(zp'(z) + p(z)(-q(z) + c+1)) + \gamma(-q(z) + c+1) = -\frac{cz(D^n f(z))'}{D^n G(z)},$$

where

$$q(z) = -\frac{z(D^n G(z))'}{D^n G(z)}.$$

Hence we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{-q(z) + c+1} = -\frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 and so we omit it.

Letting  $n = 0$ ,  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If*

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \gamma \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma$  satisfying the condition

$$\left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 \right| < 1,$$

then

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} > \gamma,$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are the integral operators given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively.

Taking  $n = 0$ ,  $B \rightarrow A$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $c > 0$ . If*

$$|\arg (-z^2 f'(z) - \gamma)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1; 0 < \delta \leq 1),$$

then

$$|\arg (-z^2 F'(z) - \gamma)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha,$$

where  $F$  is the integral operator given by (2.9) and  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{\alpha}{c}.$$

By using the same methods as in proving Theorem 2.3, we have

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and choose a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$c \geq \frac{1+A}{1+B} - 1 \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

If

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \quad (\gamma > 1; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n G(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha,$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are the integral operators given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively, and  $\alpha(0 < \alpha \leq 1)$  is the solution of the equation given by (2.17).

Finally, we derive

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $1 + A \leq 2(1 + B)(-1 < B < A \leq 1)$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1; 0 < \delta \leq 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma[n + 1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+1} F(z))'}{D^{n+1} G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta,$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are the integral operators given by (2.9) and (2.16) with  $c = 1$ , respectively.

*Proof.* From (2.7) and (2.10) with  $c = 1$ , we have  $D^n f(z) = D^{n+1} F(z)$ . Therefore

$$\frac{z(D^n f(z))'}{D^n g(z)} = \frac{z(D^{n+1} F(z))'}{D^{n+1} G(z)}$$

and the result follows.

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