



Subordination Properties of Certain Subclasses of Multivalent Functions Defined By Srivastava-Wright Operator

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Abstract

Some subordination properties are investigated for functions belonging to each of the subclasses $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$ and $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$ of analytic p -valent functions involving the Srivastava-Wright operator in the open unit disk, \mathbb{U} with suitable restrictions on the parameters λ, A and B . The authors also derive certain subordination results involving the Hadamard product (or convolution) of the associated functions. Relevant connections of the main results to various known results are established.

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1. Introduction

Let $\mathcal{A}_k(p)$ be the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (p < k; p, k \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and p -valent in the unit disc, $\mathbb{U} := \mathbb{U}(1)$, where $\mathbb{U}(r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < r\}$. Also, let $\mathcal{A}(p) = \mathcal{A}_{p+1}(p)$ and $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(1)$. For the functions $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$ of the form (1.1) and $g \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$ given by $g(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} b_n z^n$, the *Hadamard product (or convolution) of f and g* is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) := z^p + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

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If f and g are two analytic functions in \mathbb{U} , we say that f is subordinate to g , written symbolically as $f(z) < g(z)$, if there exists a Schwarz function w , which (by definition) is analytic in \mathbb{U} , with $w(0) = 0$, and $|w(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$, such that $f(z) = g(w(z))$, $z \in \mathbb{U}$.

If the function g is univalent in \mathbb{U} , then we have the following equivalence, (c.f (Miller & Mocanu, 1981, 2000)):

$$f(z) < g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}).$$

Let $\alpha_1, A_1, \dots, \alpha_q, A_q$ and $\beta_1, B_1, \dots, \beta_s, B_s$ ($q, s \in \mathbb{N}$) be positive and real parameters such that

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^s B_i - \sum_{i=1}^q A_i > 0.$$

The Wright generalized hypergeometric function

$${}_q\Psi_s[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^q \Gamma(\alpha_i + nA_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^s \Gamma(\beta_i + nB_i)} \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

If $A_i = 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, q$) and $B_i = 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, s$), we have the following relationship:

$$\Omega_q \Psi_s[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z] = {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z),$$

where ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$ is the generalized hypergeometric function and

$$\Omega = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^q \Gamma(\beta_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^s \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \quad (1.2)$$

Now we define a function $\mathcal{WH}_p[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z]$ by

$$\mathcal{WH}_p[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z] = \Omega z^p {}_q\Psi_s[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z]$$

and also consider the following linear operator

$$\theta_p^{q,s}[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z] : \mathcal{A}_k(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_k(p)$$

defined using the convolution

$$\theta_p^{q,s}[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}]f(z) = \mathcal{WH}_p[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}; z] * f(z).$$

We note that, for a function f of the form (1.1), we have

$$\theta_p^{q,s}[(\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, B_i)_{1,s}]f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \Omega \sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1) a_n z^n, \quad (1.3)$$

where Ω is given by (1.2) and $\sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1)$ is defined by

$$\sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + A_1(n-p)) \dots \Gamma(\alpha_q + A_q(n-p))}{\Gamma(\beta_1 + B_1(n-p)) \dots \Gamma(\beta_s + B_s(n-p))(n-p)!}. \quad (1.4)$$

If for convenience, we write

$$\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) = \theta_p^{q,s}[(\alpha_1, A_1) \dots (\alpha_q, A_q); (\beta_1, B_1) \dots (\beta_s, B_s)]f(z)$$

then we can easily verify from (1.3) that

$$zA_1(\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))' = \alpha_1\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z) - (\alpha_1 - pA_1)\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) \quad (A_1 > 0). \quad (1.5)$$

For $A_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, q)$ and $B_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, s)$, we obtain $\theta_p^{q,s}[\alpha_1]f(z) = H_{p,q,s}f(z)$, which is known as the Dziok-Srivastava operator; it was introduced and studied by Dziok and Srivastava (Dziok & Srivastava, 1999, 2003). Also, for $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$, the linear operator $\theta_1^{q,s}[\alpha_1]f(z) = \theta[\alpha_1]$ is popularly known in the current literature as the Srivastava-Wright operator; it was systematically and firmly investigated by Srivastava (Srivastava, 2007). (see also (Kiryakova, 2011; Dziok & Raina, 2004) and (Aouf et al., 2010)).

Remark. For $f \in \mathcal{A}(p)$, $A_i = 1 (i = 1, 2, \dots, q)$, $B_i = 1 (i = 1, 2, \dots, s)$, $q = 2$ and $s = 1$ by specializing the parameters α_1, α_2 and β_1 the operator $\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)$ gets reduced to the following familiar operators:

- (i) $\theta_p^{2,1}[a, 1; c]f(z) = L_p(a, c)f(z)$ [see Saitoh (Saitoh, 1996)];
- (ii) $\theta_p^{2,1}[\mu + p, 1; 1]f(z) = D^{\mu+p-1}f(z)$ ($\mu > -p$), where $D^{\mu+p-1}$ is the $\mu + p - 1$ - the order Ruscheweyh derivative of a function $f \in \mathcal{A}(p)$. [see Kumar and Shukla (Kumar & Shukla, 1984a,b)]
- (iii) $\theta_p^{2,1}[1 + p, 1; 1 + p - \mu]f(z)$, where the operator $\Omega_z^{\mu,p}$ is defined by [see Srivastava and Aouf (Srivastava & Aouf, 1992)];

$$\Omega_z^{\mu,p}f(z) = \frac{\Gamma(1 + p - \mu)}{\Gamma(1 + p)} z^\mu D_z^\mu f(z) \quad (0 \leq \mu < 1; p \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where D_z^μ is the fractional derivative operator.

- (iv) $\theta_p^{2,1}[\nu + p, 1; \nu + p + 1]f(z) = J_{\nu,p}(f)(z)$, where $J_{\nu,p}$ is the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston-integral operator (see (Bernardi, 1996; Libera, 1969; Livingston, 1966));
- (v) $\theta_p^{2,1}[\lambda + p, a; c]f(z) = I_p^\lambda(a, c)f(z)$ ($a, c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-; \lambda > -p$), where $I_p^\lambda(a, c)$ is the Cho-Kwon-Srivastava operator (Cho et al., 2004);

Definition 1.1. For the fixed parameters A and B , with $0 \leq B < 1, -1 \leq A < B$ and $0 \leq \lambda < p, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and for a analytic p -valent function of the form (1.1) we define the following subclasses:

$$\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p) : \frac{1}{p - \lambda} \left(\frac{z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'}{\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)} - \lambda \right) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right\} \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p) : \frac{1}{p-\lambda} \left(1 + \frac{z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]''}{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'} - \lambda \right) < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right\}. \quad (1.7)$$

The subclass $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$ was discussed by Aouf et al., (Aouf et al., 2010) for multivalent analytic functions with negative coefficients, also coefficients estimates, distortion theorem, the radii of p -valent starlikeness and p -valent convexity and modified Hadamard products were investigated. In (Murugusundaramoorthy & Aouf, 2013) Murugusundaramoorthy and Aouf obtained similar results for the meromorphic equivalent of the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$. Sarkar et al., (Sarkar et al., 2013) presented certain inclusion and convolution results involving the operator $\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)$ for functions belonging to certain favoured classes of analytic p -valent functions. Motivated by the aforementioned works, in the present study we obtain certain strict subordination relationship involving the subclasses $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$ and $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$. Some subordination properties involving the linear operator defined in (1.3) are also considered. An argument estimate result is also obtained.

2. Preliminaries

Let \mathcal{P}_m denote the class of function of the form

$$f(z) = 1 + a_m z^m + a_{m+1} z^{m+1} + \dots \quad (2.1)$$

that are analytic in the unit disc, \mathbb{U} . In proving our main results, we need each of the following definitions and lemmas.

Definition 2.1. (Wilf, 1961)

A sequence $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of complex numbers is said to be a *subordination factor sequence* if for each function $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, $z \in \mathbb{U}$, from the class of convex (univalent) functions in \mathbb{U} , denoted by S^c , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n a_n z^n < f(z) \quad (\text{where } a_1 = 1).$$

Lemma 2.1. (Wilf, 1961) A sequence $\{b_n\}$ is a subordinating factor sequence if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n \right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}. \quad (2.2)$$

Lemma 2.2. (Miller & Mocanu, 1981, 2000) Let the function h be analytic and convex (univalent) in \mathbb{U} with $h(0) = 1$. Suppose also that the function ϕ given by (2.1). If

$$\phi(z) + \frac{z\phi'(z)}{\gamma} < h(z) \quad (\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*), \quad (2.3)$$

then

$$\phi(z) < \psi(z) = \frac{\gamma}{m} z^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{\gamma}{m}-1} h(t) dt < h(z)$$

and ψ is the best dominant.

Lemma 2.3. (Nunokawa, 1993)

Let the function p be analytic in \mathbb{U} , such that $p(0) = 1$ and $p(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$. If there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2}, \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0|$$

and

$$|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \quad (\delta > 0),$$

then we have

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = ik\delta,$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(c + \frac{1}{c} \right), \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi\delta}{2}$$

and

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left(c + \frac{1}{c} \right), \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi\delta}{2},$$

where

$$p(z_0)^{1/\delta} = \pm ic, \quad \text{and } c > 0.$$

Lemma 2.4. (Whittaker & Watson, 1927)

For the complex numbers a, b and c , with $c \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$, the following identities hold:

$$\int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-tz)^{-a} dt = \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)}{\Gamma(c)} {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z), \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\text{for } \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0, \quad (2.5)$$

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(a, c-b; c; \frac{z}{z-1}\right), \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$(b+1) {}_2F_1(1, b; b+1; z) = (b+1) + bz {}_2F_1(1, b+1; b+2; z), \quad z \in \mathbb{U}. \quad (2.7)$$

3. Coefficient estimates and subordination results for the function classes $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$ and $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$

Unless otherwise mentioned, we shall assume throughout the sequel that $0 \leq \lambda < p, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq B < 1$. First, we will give sufficient conditions for a function to be in the classes $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$.

Lemma 3.1. *A sufficient condition for an analytic p -valent function f of the form (1.1), to be in the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$ is*

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \gamma_{n,p} |a_n| \leq p(B - A)(p - \lambda) \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$\gamma_{n,p} = \Omega \sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1) n[(n - p)(1 + B) - (A - B)(p - \lambda)], \quad (n \geq k). \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. An analytic p -valent function f of the form (1.1) belongs to the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$, if and only if there exists a Schwarz function w , such that

$$\frac{1}{p - \lambda} \left(1 + \frac{z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]''}{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'} - \lambda \right) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Since $|w(z)| \leq |z|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$, the above relation is equivalent to

$$\left| \frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'}{([\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]')B - (p - \lambda)(A - B)[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'} \right| < 1.$$

Thus it is sufficient to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| [\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' \right| \\ & - \left| ([\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]')B - (p - \lambda)(A - B)[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' \right| < 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, letting $|z| = r$ ($0 < r < 1$) and using (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| [\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' \right| - \\ & \left| ([\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' + z[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'' - p[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]')B - (p - \lambda)(A - B)[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]' \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n - p)\Omega \sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1)|a_n|r^n - (B - A)p(p - \lambda)r^{p-1} \\ & + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n[(n - p)B - (A - B)(p - \lambda)]\Omega \sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1)|a_n|r^n = r^{p-1} \left(\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \gamma_{n,p}|a_n|r^{n-p+1} - (B - A)p(p - \lambda) \right) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f \in \mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$. □

Similarly, we have the following Lemma which gives sufficient condition for a function to be in the class $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$.

Lemma 3.2. *A sufficient condition for an analytic p -valent function f of the form (1.1), to be in the class $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$ is*

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \delta_{n,p}^* |a_n| \leq (B - A)(p - \lambda) \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\delta_{n,p}^* = \Omega \sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1) [(n - p)(1 + B) - (A - B)(p - \lambda)], \quad (n \geq k). \quad (3.4)$$

Our next result provides a sharp subordination result involving the functions of the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$.

Theorem 3.1. *Let the sequence $\{\gamma_{n,p}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined in (3.2) be a nondecreasing sequence. If a function f of the form (1.1) belong to the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$. and $g \in \mathcal{S}^c$, then*

$$(\epsilon(z^{1-p}) * g)(z) < g(z), \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}(z^{1-p} f(z)) > -\frac{1}{2\epsilon}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\text{whenever } \epsilon = \frac{\gamma_{k,p}}{2[(B - A)p(p - \lambda)] + \gamma_{k,p}}.$$

Moreover, if $(k - p)$ is even, then the number ϵ cannot be replaced by a larger number.

Proof. Supposing that the function $g \in \mathcal{S}^c$ is of the form

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad (\text{where } b_1 = 1),$$

then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n b_n z^n = (\epsilon(z^{1-p} f) * g)(z) < g(z),$$

where

$$d_n = \begin{cases} \epsilon, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } 2 \leq n \leq k - p, \\ \epsilon a_{n+p-1}, & \text{if } n > k - p. \end{cases}$$

Now, using the Definition 2.1, the subordination result in (3.5) holds if $\{d_n\}$ is a subordinating factor sequence. Since $\{\gamma_{n,p}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a nondecreasing sequence we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n \right) &= \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma_{k,p}}{p(p-\lambda)(B-A) + \gamma_{k,p}} z + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_{k,p}}{p(p-\lambda)(B-A) + \gamma_{k,p}} a_n z^{n-p} \right) \geq \\ &\quad 1 - \frac{\gamma_{k,p}}{p(p-\lambda)(B-A) + \gamma_{k,p}} r - \\ &\quad \frac{r}{p(p-\lambda)(B-A) + \gamma_{k,p}} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \delta_{n,p} |a_n|, \quad |z| = r < 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Thus, by using Lemma 3.1 in (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right) &\geq 1 - \frac{\gamma_{k,p}}{p(B-A)(p-\lambda) + \gamma_{k,p}} r - \\ &\quad \frac{r}{p(B-A)(p-\lambda) + \gamma_{k,p}} (B-A)p(p-\lambda) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the inequality (2.2), hence also the subordination result asserted by (3.5). The inequality (3.6) asserted by Theorem 3.1 would follow from (3.5) upon setting

$$g(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

We also observe that whenever the functions of the form

$$f_{n,p}(z) = z^p + \frac{(B-A)p(p-\lambda)}{\gamma_{n,p}} z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad (n \geq k),$$

belongs the class $\mathcal{W}(\lambda, A, B)$ and if $(k-p)$ is a even number, then

$$z^{1-p} f_{k,p}(z) \Big|_{z=-1} = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon},$$

and the constant ϵ is the best estimate. □

Using the same techniques as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

Theorem 3.2. *Let the sequence $\{\delta_{n,p}^*\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by (3.4) be a nondecreasing sequence. If the function g of the form (1.1) belongs to the class $\mathcal{V}(\lambda, A, B)$ and $h \in \mathcal{S}^c$, then*

$$\left(\mu \left(z^{1-p} f \right) * h \right) (z) < h(z), \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(z^{1-p}f(z)\right) > -\frac{1}{2\mu}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \quad (3.9)$$

where

$$\mu = \frac{\delta_{k,p}^*}{2[(B-A)(p-\lambda)] + \delta_{k,p}^*}.$$

Moreover, if $(k-p)$ is even, then the number μ cannot be replaced by a larger number.

4. Subordination Properties of the operator $\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)$

In this section we obtain certain subordination properties involving the operator $\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)$.

Theorem 4.1. For $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$ let the operator Q be defined by

$$Qf(z) := \left[1 - \tau - \tau \frac{(\alpha_1 - pA_1)}{A_1} \theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)\right] + \frac{\tau\alpha_1}{A_1} \left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)\right], \quad (4.1)$$

for $A_1 \neq 0$ and $\tau > 0$.

(i) If

$$\frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)(p-j)!}{z^{p-j}p!} < (1 - \tau + \tau p) \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (0 \leq j \leq p), \quad (4.2)$$

, then

$$\frac{\left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)(p-j)!\right]^{(j)}}{z^{p-j}p!} < \widetilde{g}(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad (4.3)$$

where for m positive, \widetilde{g} is given by

$$\widetilde{g}(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right)(1 + Bz)^{-1} {}_2F_1\left(1, 1; \frac{1 - \tau + \tau p}{\tau m} + 1; \frac{Bz}{1 + Bz}\right), & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ 1 + \frac{Az(1 - \tau + \tau p)}{1 - \tau + \tau(m + p)}, & \text{if } B = 0, \end{cases}$$

and \widetilde{g} is the best dominant of (4.3).

(ii)

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}}\right) > \frac{p!}{(p-j)!}\sigma, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right)(1 - B)^{-1} {}_2F_1\left(1, 1; \frac{1 - \tau + \tau p}{\tau m} + 1; \frac{B}{B-1}\right), & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ 1 - \frac{A(1 - \tau + \tau p)}{1 - \tau + \tau(p + m)}, & \text{if } B = 0. \end{cases}$$

The inequality (4.4) is the best possible.

Proof. From (1.5) and (4.1) we easily obtain

$$Q^{(j)}f(z) = (1 - \tau + \tau j) \left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) \right]^{(j)} + \tau z \left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) \right]^{(j+1)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}. \quad (4.5)$$

Letting

$$g(z) := \frac{\left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) \right]^{(j)} (p-j)!}{z^{p-j}p!}.$$

with $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$, then g is analytic in \mathbb{U} and has the form (2.1). Also, note that

$$(1 - \tau + \tau p) \left[g(z) + \frac{\tau}{1 - \tau + \tau p} z g'(z) \right] = \frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)(p-j)!}{z^{p-j}p!}. \quad (4.6)$$

Then, by (4.2) we have

$$g(z) + \frac{\tau}{1 - \tau + \tau p} z g'(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Now, by using Lemma 2.2 for $\gamma = \frac{1 - \tau + \tau p}{\tau}$ and whenever $\gamma > 0$, by a changing of variables followed by the use of the identities (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\left[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) \right]^{(j)} (p-j)!}{z^{p-j}p!} &< \widetilde{g}(z) = \frac{(1 - \tau + \tau p)}{\tau m} z^{-\frac{(1-\tau+\tau p)}{\tau m}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{(1-\tau+\tau p)}{\tau m}-1} \frac{1 + At}{1 + Bt} dt \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right)(1 + Bz)^{-1} {}_2F_1\left(1, 1; \frac{1 - \tau + \tau p}{\tau m} + 1; \frac{Bz}{1 + Bz}\right), & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ 1 + \frac{A(1 - \tau + \tau p)}{1 - \tau + \tau(p+m)}z, & \text{if } B = 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

which proves the assertion (4.3) of our Theorem.

Next, in order to prove the assertion (4.4), it suffices to show that

$$\inf \{\operatorname{Re} \widetilde{g}(z) : z \in \mathbb{U}\} = \widetilde{g}(-1). \quad (4.7)$$

Indeed, for $|z| \leq r < 1$ we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \geq \frac{1 - Ar}{1 - Br},$$

and setting

$$\chi(s, z) = \frac{1 + Asz}{1 + Bs z} \quad \text{and} \quad d\mu(s) = \frac{1 - \tau + \tau p}{\tau m} s^{\frac{1-\tau+\tau p}{\tau m}-1} ds \quad (0 \leq s \leq 1)$$

which is a positive measure on the closed interval $[0, 1]$ whenever $\tau > 0$, we get

$$\widetilde{g}(z) = \int_0^1 \chi(s, z) d\mu(s),$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \widetilde{g}(z) \geq \int_0^1 \frac{1 - Asr}{1 - Bsr} d\mu(s) = \widetilde{g}(-r), \quad |z| \leq r < 1.$$

Letting $r \rightarrow 1^-$ in the above inequality we obtain the assertion (4.7) of our Theorem. The estimate in (4.4) is the best possible since the function \widetilde{g} is the best dominant of (4.3). \square

Taking $q = 2$ and $s = 1$, for $A_i = B_i = 1, \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = \beta_1$ and $A = 1 - \frac{2\alpha(p-j)!}{(1-\tau+\tau p)p!}$ and $B = -1$ in Theorem 4.1 we get the following result:

Corollary 4.1. Let $Qf(z) = (1-\tau)f(z) + \tau zf'(z)$, where $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$. For $\tau > 0$

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)(p-j)!}{z^{p-j}p!} > \alpha, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad \left(0 \leq \alpha < \frac{(1-\tau+\tau p)p!}{(p-j)!}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq p\right),$$

implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{z^{p-j}} > \frac{\alpha}{1-\tau+\tau p} + \left[\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \frac{\alpha}{1-\tau+\tau p} \right] \left[{}_2F_1 \left(1, 1; \frac{1-\tau+\tau p}{\tau m} + 1; \frac{1}{2} \right) - 1 \right], \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

The above inequality is the best possible.

Theorem 4.2. For $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$ let the operator Q be given by (4.1), and let $\tau > 0$.

(i) If

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)}}{z^{p-j}} > \rho, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad \left(\rho < \frac{p!}{(p-j)!}\right),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}} > \rho(1-\tau+\tau p), \quad |z| < R,$$

where

$$R = \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\tau m}{1-\tau+\tau p} \right)^2} - \frac{\tau m}{1-\tau+\tau p} \right]^{\frac{1}{m}}. \quad (4.8)$$

(ii) If

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)}}{(-1)^j z^{-p-j}} < \rho, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad \left(\rho > \frac{p!}{(p-j)!}\right),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}} < \rho(1-\tau+\tau p), \quad |z| < R.$$

The bound R is the best possible.

Proof. (i) Defining the function Φ by

$$\frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)}}{z^{p-j}} =: \rho + \left[\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \rho \right] \Phi(z), \quad (4.9)$$

then Φ is an analytic function of the form (2.1) with positive real part in \mathbb{U} . Differentiating (4.9) with respect to z and using (4.5) we have

$$\frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}} - \rho(1 - \tau + \tau p) = \left[\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \rho \right] [(1 - \tau + \tau p)\Phi(z) + \tau z\Phi'(z)]. \quad (4.10)$$

Now, by applying in (4.10) the following well-known estimate (MacGregor, 1963)

$$\frac{|z\Phi'(z)|}{\operatorname{Re} \Phi(z)} \leq \frac{2mr^m}{1 - r^{2m}}, \quad |z| = r < 1, \quad (4.11)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}} - \rho(1 - \tau + \tau p) \right] \geq \\ & \operatorname{Re} \Phi(z) \left[\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \rho \right] \left[(1 - \tau + \tau p) - \frac{2\tau mr^m}{1 - r^{2m}} \right], \quad |z| = r < 1. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Now, it is easy to see that the right hand side of (4.12) is positive whenever $r < R$, where R is given by (4.8). In order to show that the bound R is the best possible, we consider the function $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$ defined by

$$\frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)}}{z^{p-j}} = \rho + \left[\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \rho \right] \frac{1 + z^m}{1 - z^m}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Q^{(j)}f(z)}{z^{p-j}} - \rho(1 - \tau + \tau p) = \\ & \frac{\frac{p!}{(p-j)!} - \rho}{(1 - z^m)^2} \left[(1 - \tau + \tau p)(1 - z^{2m}) + 2\tau m z^m \right] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for $z = R \exp \frac{ix}{m}$, and the first part of the Theorem is proved.

Similarly, we can prove part (ii) of the Theorem. □

5. An argument estimate

In this section we obtain an argument estimate involving the operator $\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)$ and connected with the linear operator Q .

Theorem 5.1. For $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$, let the operator \mathcal{Q} be defined by (4.1), and let $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{1-p}$. If

$$\left| \arg \frac{\mathcal{Q}^{(j)} f(z)}{z^{p-j}} \right| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U} \quad (\delta > 0, \quad 0 \leq j \leq p), \quad (5.1)$$

then

$$\left| \arg \frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)}}{z^{p-j}} \right| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Proof. For $f \in \mathcal{A}_k(p)$, if we let

$$q(z) := \frac{[\theta_p^{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)]^{(j)} (p-j)!}{z^{p-j} p!},$$

then q is of the form (2.1) and it is analytic in \mathbb{U} . If there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that

$$|\arg q(z)| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2}, \quad |z| < |z_0| \quad \text{and} \quad |\arg q(z_0)| = \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \quad (\delta > 0),$$

then, according to Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = ik\delta \quad \text{and} \quad q(z_0)^{1/\delta} = \pm ic \quad (c > 0).$$

Also, from the equality (4.5) we get

$$\frac{\mathcal{Q}^{(j)} f(z_0)}{z_0^{p-j}} = \frac{p!}{(p-j)!} (1 - \tau + \tau p) q(z_0) \left[1 + \frac{\tau}{1 - \tau + \tau p} \frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} \right].$$

If $\arg q(z_0) = \frac{\pi\delta}{2}$, then

$$\arg \frac{\mathcal{Q}^{(j)} f(z_0)}{z_0^{p-j}} = \frac{\pi\delta}{2} + \arg \left(1 + \frac{\tau}{1 - \tau + \tau p} ik\delta \right) = \frac{\pi\delta}{2} + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tau}{1 - \tau + \tau p} k\delta \right) \geq \frac{\pi\delta}{2},$$

whenever $k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(c + \frac{1}{c} \right)$ and $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{1-p}$, and this last inequality contradicts the assumption (5.1).

Similarly, if $\arg q(z_0) = -\frac{\pi\delta}{2}$, then we obtain

$$\arg \frac{\mathcal{Q}^{(j)} f(z_0)}{z_0^{p-j}} \leq -\frac{\pi\delta}{2},$$

which also contradicts the assumption (5.1).

Consequently, the function q need to satisfy the inequality $|\arg q(z)| < \frac{\pi\delta}{2}$, $z \in \mathbb{U}$, i.e. the conclusion of our theorem. \square

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