

# DIFFERENTIAL SANDWICH THEOREMS FOR SOME SUBCLASS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LINEAR OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . We give some applications of first order differential subordination and superordination to obtain sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic functions  $f$  with  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q_2(z).$$

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions analytic in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ . Let  $p, h \in \mathcal{H}$  and let  $\phi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . If  $p$  and  $\phi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z); z)$  are univalent and if  $p$  satisfies the second order superordination

$$h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z); z), \quad (1)$$

then  $p$  is a solution of the differential superordination (1). (If  $f$  is subordinate to  $F$ , then  $F$  is called a superordinate of  $f$ .) An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinated if  $q \prec p$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1). An univalent subordinated  $\bar{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \bar{q}$  for all subordinated  $q$  of (1) is said to be the best subordinated. Recently Miller and

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Mocanu [10] obtained conditions on  $h, q$  and  $\phi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \Rightarrow q(z) \prec p(z).$$

Using the results of Miller and Mocanu [10], Bulboaca [3] considered certain classes of first order differential subordinations as well as subordination-preserving operators [2]. Using the results of [3], Shanmugam et al. [12] obtained sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic function  $f(z)$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec q_2(z),$$

and

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z),$$

respectively where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $\Delta$ .

For  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ) and  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^- := \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ , ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), the *generalized hypergeometric function*  ${}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)$  is defined by the infinite series

$${}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \dots (\alpha_l)_n}{(\beta_1)_n \dots (\beta_m)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$

$$(l \leq m + 1; l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}),$$

where  $(a)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(a)_n := \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)} = \begin{cases} 1, & (n=0); \\ a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+n-1), & (n \in \mathbb{N}). \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to the function

$$h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) := z {}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z),$$

the Dziok-Srivastava operator [5] (see also [13])  $H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)$  is defined by the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z) &:= h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) * f(z) \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-1} \dots (\alpha_l)_{n-1}}{(\beta_1)_{n-1} \dots (\beta_m)_{n-1}} \frac{a_n z^n}{(n-1)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

It is well known [5] that

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha_1 H_m^l(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z) \\ &= z[H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z)]' \\ &\quad + (\alpha_1 - 1)H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To make the notation simple, we write

$$H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z) := H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z).$$

Special cases of the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator includes the Hohlov linear operator [6], the Carlson-Shaffer linear operator [4], the Ruscheweyh derivative operator [11], the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston linear integral operator (cf. [1], [7], [8]).

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In our present investigation, we shall need the following definition and results. In this paper unless otherwise mentioned  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex numbers.

**Definition 2.1:** [10, Definition 2, p. 817] *Let  $Q$  be the set of all functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\bar{\Delta} - E(f)$ , where*

$$E(f) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial\Delta : \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} f(z) = \infty \right\},$$

and are such that  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial\Delta - E(f)$ .

**Theorem 2.1 :** [9, Theorem 3.4h, p. 132] *Let  $q$  be univalent in the unit disk  $\Delta$  and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$  with  $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$  when  $\omega \in q(\Delta)$ .*

Set  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$ ,  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + \xi(z)$ . Suppose that,

1.  $\xi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  and
2.  $\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{\xi(z)} > 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ .

If  $p$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  with  $p(\Delta) \subseteq D$ , and

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)), \tag{4}$$

then  $p \prec q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Lemma 2.1 :** [12] *Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Further assuming that*

$$\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > 0.$$

If  $p$  is analytic in  $\Delta$ , with  $p(\Delta) \subseteq D$  and

$$\alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta zq'(z),$$

then  $p \prec q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2.2 :** [3] Let  $q$  be univalent in the unit disk  $\Delta$  and  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$ . Suppose that

1.  $\Re \left[ \frac{\vartheta'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right] > 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ , and
2.  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent function in  $\Delta$ .

If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $p(\Delta) \subset D$  and  $\vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\vartheta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \prec \vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)), \quad (5)$$

then  $q \prec p$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

**Lemma 2.2 :** [12] Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . Further assuming that  $\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} q'(z) \right] > 0$ .

If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , and  $\alpha p + \beta zp'$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta zq'(z) \prec \alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z),$$

then  $q \prec p$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

### 3. SUBORDINATION RESULTS FOR ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

By making use of Lemma 2.3, we prove the following results.

**Theorem 3.1 :** Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfying

$$\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > 0. \quad (6)$$

Let

$$\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) := \alpha \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda + \beta \lambda \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\}. \quad (7)$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta zq'(z), \quad (8)$$

then

$$\left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \prec q(z),$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) := \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda.$$

Then by means of simple computation we can show that

$$\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) = \alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z).$$

Now (8) becomes

$$\alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta zq'(z),$$

and Theorem 3.1 follows by an application of Lemma 2.1.

By taking  $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) we have the following Example.

**Example 3.1 :** Let  $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 3.1. Further assuming that (6) holds. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) &\prec \alpha \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) + \beta \frac{(A - B)z}{(1 + Bz)^2}, \\ &\Rightarrow \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$  is the best dominant.

Also if  $q(z) = \frac{1 + z}{1 - z}$ , then for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) &\prec \alpha \left( \frac{1 + z}{1 - z} \right) + \frac{2\beta z}{(1 - z)^2}, \\ &\Rightarrow \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \prec \frac{1 + z}{1 - z}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\frac{1 + z}{1 - z}$  is the best dominant.

#### 4. SUPERORDINATION RESULTS FOR ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

**Theorem 4.1 :** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$ , with

$$\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} q'(z) \right] > 0. \tag{9}$$

If  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z)$  as defined by (7) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , with

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta z q'(z) \prec \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z),$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda,$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* Theorem 4.1 follows by an application of Lemma 2.2.

By taking  $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 4.1, we have the following Example.

**Example 4.1 :** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$ .

Also let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$ . Further assuming that (9) holds. If  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z)$  as defined by (7) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\alpha \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) + \frac{\beta(A - B)z}{(1 + Bz)^2} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z),$$

then

$$\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \prec \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda,$$

and  $\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$  is the best subordinant.

Inparticular, we have

$$\alpha \left( \frac{1 + z}{1 - z} \right) + \frac{2\beta z}{(1 - z)^2} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z),$$

implies

$$\frac{1 + z}{1 - z} \prec \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^\lambda,$$

and  $\frac{1 + z}{1 - z}$  is the best subordinant.

## 5. SANDWICH THEOREMS

By combining the results of subordination and superordination, we get the following ‘‘Sandwich theorems’’.

**Theorem 5.1 :** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and satisfying (9) and (6) respectively.

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$  and  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z)$  as defined by (7) is univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further if

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \beta z q_1'(z) \prec \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \beta z q_2'(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec q_2(z),$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

For  $q_1(z) = \frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z}$ ,  $q_2(z) = \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z}$  ( $-1 \leq B_2 \leq B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ ), we have the following Example.

**Example 5.1 :** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$  and  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z)$  as defined by (7) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\Psi_1(A_1, B_1, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) \prec \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) \prec \Psi_2(A_2, B_2, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z),$$

then

$$\frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z} \prec \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1(A_1, B_1, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) &:= \alpha \left(\frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z}\right) + \frac{\beta(A_1 - B_1)z}{(1 + B_1 z)^2}, \\ \Psi_2(A_2, B_2, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) &:= \alpha \left(\frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z}\right) + \frac{\beta(A_2 - B_2)z}{(1 + B_2 z)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The functions  $\frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z}$  and  $\frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z}$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

## 6. APPLICATION TO DZIOK-SRIVASTAVA OPERATOR

**Theorem 6.1 :** Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z) &:= \left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1+1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \times \\ &\left[ (\alpha + \beta\lambda) \left\{ \frac{(\alpha_1 + 1) (H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z))}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)} - \alpha_1 \left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right) - 1 \right\} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z) \prec \alpha p(z) + \beta z q'(z) ,$$

then

$$\left( \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} \right)^\lambda \prec q(z) ,$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) := \left( \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} \right)^\lambda . \quad (11)$$

By taking logarithmic derivative of (11) we get

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \lambda \left[ \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z))'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)} - \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z))'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} \right] . \quad (12)$$

By using identity

$$z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z))' = \alpha_1 H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z) - (\alpha_1 - 1)H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z) ,$$

and (11) in (12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z) &= \left( \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} \right)^\lambda \times \\ &\left[ (\alpha + \beta\lambda) \left\{ \frac{(\alpha_1 + 1)H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)} - \alpha_1 \left( \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} \right] . \end{aligned}$$

Now Theorem 6.1 follows as an application of Lemma 2.1.

By taking  $l = 2$ ,  $m = 1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$  in Theorem 6.1 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 6.1 :** Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda : z) &:= \left( \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)} \right)^\lambda \times \\ &\left[ \alpha + \beta\lambda \left\{ \frac{(a+1)L(a+2, c)f(z)}{L(a+1, c)f(z)} - \frac{aL(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)} - 1 \right\} \right] . \end{aligned}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda : z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta z q'(z) ,$$

then

$$\left( \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)} \right)^\lambda \prec q(z) ,$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $a = 1$  and  $c = 1$  in corollary 6.1 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 6.2 :** Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \left[ \alpha + \beta\lambda \left\{ \frac{(a+1)D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} - \frac{aD^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - 1 \right\} \right] \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta z q'(z),$$

then

$$\left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec q(z),$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

Since the superordination results are a dual of the subordination here we state only the results pertaining to the superordination.

**Theorem 6.2 :** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$\left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , with  $\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} q'(z) \right] > 0$ . Further if  $\eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z)$  as defined by (10) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , with

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta z q'(z) \prec \eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z),$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda,$$

and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

**Theorem 6.3 :** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda : z)$  as defined by (13) is univalent in  $\Delta$ . If

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta z q'(z) \prec \phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda : z),$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \left(\frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)}\right)^\lambda,$$

and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

Taking  $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$ ,  $\frac{1 + z}{1 - z}$  in Theorem 6.1 we can get more results and we omit the details involved.

Combining the results of subordination and superordination, we state the following Sandwich Theorems.

**Theorem 6.4 :** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  satisfying (9) and (6) respectively. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1+1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1,1] \cap Q$  and  $\eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z)$  as defined by (10) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \beta z q_1'(z) \prec \eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z) \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \beta z q_2'(z) ,$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1+1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec q_2(z) ,$$

and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

For  $q_1(z) = \frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z}$ ,  $q_2(z) = \frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}$  ( $-1 \leq B_2 < B_1 < A_1 < A_2 \leq 1$ ), we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 6.3 :** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1+1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1,1] \cap Q$  and  $\eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z)$  as defined by (10) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\Phi_1(A_1, B_1, \alpha, \beta; z) \prec \eta(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, l, m; z) \prec \Phi_2(A_2, B_2, \alpha, \beta; z),$$

where

$$\Phi_1(A_1, B_1, \alpha, \beta; z) := \alpha \left(\frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z}\right) + \frac{\beta(A_1-B_1)z}{(1+B_1z)^2},$$

$$\Phi_2(A_2, B_2, \alpha, \beta; z) := \alpha \left(\frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}\right) + \frac{\beta(A_2-B_2)z}{(1+B_2z)^2},$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z} \prec \left(\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1+1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec \frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z} .$$

The functions  $\frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z}$  and  $\frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

**Theorem 6.5 :** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and satisfying (9) and (6) respectively. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1,1] \cap Q$  and  $\phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z)$  as defined by (13) is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \beta z q_1'(z) \prec \phi(a, c, \alpha, \beta, \lambda; z) \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \beta z q_2'(z) ,$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{L(a, c)f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec q_2(z) ,$$

and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

**Theorem 6.6 :** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and satisfying (9) and (6) respectively. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,

$$\left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \left[ \alpha + \beta\lambda \left\{ \frac{(a+1)D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} - \frac{aD^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - 1 \right\} \right],$$

is univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further if

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \beta z q_1'(z) \prec \left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \times$$

$$\left[ \alpha + \beta\lambda \left\{ \frac{(a+1)D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z)} - \frac{aD^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - 1 \right\} \right] \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \beta z q_2'(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)}\right)^\lambda \prec q_2(z),$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are respectively the best subordinant and best dominant.

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