



## Subordination and superordination results of $p$ -valent analytic functions involving a linear operator

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ABSTRACT: In this paper we derive some subordination and superordination results for certain  $p$ -valent analytic functions in the open unit disc, which are acted upon by a class of a linear operator. Some of our results improve and generalize previously known results.

Key Words: Analytic function, Hadamard product, differential subordination, superordination, linear operator.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $H(U)$  denotes the class of analytic functions in the open unit disc  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and let  $H[a, p]$  denotes the subclass of the functions  $f \in H(U)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = a + a_p z^p + a_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots (a \in \mathbb{C}; p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}).$$

Also, let  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  be the subclass of the functions  $f \in H(U)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.1)$$

and set  $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{A}(1)$ . For functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ , given by (1.1), and  $g(z)$  given by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.2)$$

the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z). \quad (1.3)$$

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For  $f, g \in H(U)$ , we say that the function  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w$ , i.e,  $w \in H(U)$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1, z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$  for all  $z \in U$ . This subordination is usually denoted by  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ . It is well-known that, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $U$ , then  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  is equivalent to  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$  (see [6] and [11]).

Supposing that  $h$  and  $k$  are two analytic functions in  $U$ , let

$$\phi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

If  $h$  and  $\varphi(h(z), zh'(z), z^2h''(z); z)$  are univalent functions in  $U$  and if  $h$  satisfies the second-order superordination

$$k(z) \prec \varphi(h(z), zh'(z), z^2h''(z); z), \tag{1.4}$$

then  $h$  is called to be a solution of the differential superordination (1.4). A function  $q \in H(U)$  is called a subordinant of (1.4), if  $q(z) \prec h(z)$  for all the functions  $h$  satisfying (1.4). A univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q(z) \prec \tilde{q}(z)$  for all of the subordinants  $q$  of (1.4), is said to be the best subordinant.

Recently, Miller and Mocanu [12] obtained sufficient conditions on the functions  $k, q$  and  $\varphi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$k(z) \prec \varphi(h(z), zh'(z), z^2h''(z); z) \Rightarrow q(z) \prec h(z).$$

Using these results, Bulboaca [4] considered certain classes of first-order differential superordinations, as well as superordination-preserving integral operators [5]. Ali et al. [1], using the results from [4], obtained sufficient conditions for certain normalized analytic functions to satisfy

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

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent normalized functions in  $U$ .

For complex parameters  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  ( $\beta_j \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}; j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ), we now define the generalized hypergeometric function  ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$  by (see, for example, [18, p.19])

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k} \cdot \frac{z^k}{k!} \tag{1.5}$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in U),$$

where  $(\theta)_\nu$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined, in terms of the Gamma function  $\Gamma$ , by

$$(\theta)_\nu = \frac{\Gamma(\theta + \nu)}{\Gamma(\theta)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (\nu = 0; \theta \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}), \\ \theta(\theta + 1) \dots (\theta + \nu - 1) & (\nu \in \mathbb{N}; \theta \in \mathbb{C}). \end{cases} \tag{1.6}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) &= z^p {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) \\ &= z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \Gamma_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) z^k, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Gamma_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-p} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-p}}{(\beta_1)_{k-p} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-p} (1)_{k-p}}, \tag{1.7}$$

and using the Hadamard product, El-Ashwah and Aouf [8] defined the following operator

$$I_{p,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s) : A(p) \rightarrow A(p)$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{p,\lambda}^{0,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z) &= f(z) * h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z); \\ I_{p,\lambda}^{1,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z) &= (1 - \lambda)(f(z) * h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda}{(p + \ell)z^{\ell-1}}(z^\ell f(z) * h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z))'; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$I_{p,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z) = I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{1,\ell}(I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m-1,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z)). \tag{1.8}$$

If  $f \in A(p)$ , then from (1.1) and (1.8), we can easily see that

$$I_{p,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{p + \ell + \lambda(k - p)}{p + \ell} \right]^m \Gamma_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) a_k z^k. \tag{1.9}$$

$$(p \in \mathbb{N}; m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; \ell \geq 0; \lambda \geq 0; z \in U)$$

It can be easily verified from the definition (1.9) that:

$$z(I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z))' = \alpha_1 I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z) - (\alpha_1 - p)I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z), \tag{1.10}$$

where

$$I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z) = I_{p,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f(z).$$

It should be remarked that the linear operator  $I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)$  is a generalization of many other linear operators considered earlier. In particular, we have

$$I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{0,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z) = H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z),$$

where the linear operator  $H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)$  was investigated by Dziok and Srivastava [9] (see also [13], [10] and [2]), and also we have

$$I_{p,2,1,\lambda}^{0,\ell}(a, 1; c)f(z) = L_p(a, c)f(z) (a \in \mathbb{R}; c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-),$$

where the linear operator  $L_p(a, c)$  was studied by Saitoh [16] which yields the operator  $L(a, c)f(z)$  introduced by Carlson and Shaffer [7] for  $p = 1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In order to prove our subordination and superordination results, we make use of the following known definition and results.

**Definition 2.1.** [12] Denote by  $Q$  the set of all functions  $f(z)$  that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where

$$E(f) = \left\{ \zeta : \zeta \in \partial \text{ and } \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} f(z) = \infty \right\} \quad (2.1)$$

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

**Lemma 2.2.** [11] Let the function  $q(z)$  be univalent in the unit disc  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$  with  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  and  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$ . Suppose that

(i)  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ ,

(ii)  $\Re \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right) > 0$  for  $z \in U$ .

If  $p$  is analytic with  $p(0) = q(0)$ ,  $p(U) \subseteq D$  and

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)), \quad (2.2)$$

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

**Lemma 2.3.** [6] Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in the unit disc  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$ . Suppose that

(i)  $\Re \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ ;

(ii)  $zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ .

If  $p(z) \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $p(U) \subseteq D$ , and  $\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$  is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$\theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \prec \theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)), \quad (2.4)$$

then  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best subordinant.

The following lemma gives us a necessary and sufficient condition for the univalence of a special function which will be used in some particular case.

**Lemma 2.4.** [15] The function  $q(z) = (1 - z)^{-2ab}$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) is univalent in the unit disc  $U$  if and only if  $|2ab - 1| \leq 1$  or  $|2ab + 1| \leq 1$ .

## 3. Main Results

Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume throughout this paper that  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\ell \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$  and the power understood as principal values.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  such that  $q(0) = 1$ ,  $q(z) \neq 0$  and  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike in  $U$ . Let  $f \in A(p)$  and suppose that  $f$  and  $q$  satisfy the next conditions:

$$\left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \neq 0 \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U), \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{\zeta}{\gamma} q(z) + \frac{2\delta}{\gamma} [q(z)]^2 - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U). \quad (3.2)$$

If

$$\Psi(z) \prec \chi + \zeta q(z) + \delta [q(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(z) = \chi + \zeta \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu + \delta \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^{2\mu} \\ + \gamma \mu \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)} - 1 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

then

$$\left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \prec q(z),$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant of (3.3).

**Proof:** Let

$$h(z) = \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \quad (z \in U). \quad (3.5)$$

According to (3.1) the function  $h(z)$  is analytic in  $U$ , and differentiating (3.5) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} = \mu \left[ \frac{z(I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z))'}{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)} - p \right].$$

By using the identity (1.10), we obtain

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} = \mu \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)} - 1 \right].$$

In order to prove our result we will use Lemma 2.2. In this lemma consider

$$\theta(w) = \chi + \zeta w + \delta w^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(w) = \frac{\gamma}{w},$$

then  $\theta$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . Also, if we let

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) = \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)},$$

and

$$g(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \chi + \zeta q(z) + \delta [q(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

We see that  $Q(z)$  is starlike function in  $U$ . From (3.2), we also have

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zg'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} = \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{\zeta}{\gamma} q(z) + \frac{2\delta}{\gamma} [q(z)]^2 - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U),$$

and then, by using Lemma 2.2 we deduce that the subordination (3.3) implies  $h(z) \prec q(z)$ , and the function  $q$  is the best dominant of (3.3).

Putting  $q = 2, s = p = 1, m = 0, \alpha_1 = a + 1 (a \in \mathbb{C}), \alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\beta_1 = c (c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-)$  in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Theorem 3].  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  such that  $q(0) = 1, q(z) \neq 0$  and  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike in  $U$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that*

$$\left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \neq 0 \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U), \quad (3.6)$$

and suppose that  $q$  satisfies (3.2). If

$$\Lambda(z) \prec \chi + \zeta q(z) + \delta [q(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (3.7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(z) = & \chi + \zeta \left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu + \delta \left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^{2\mu} \\ & + \gamma \mu (a+1) \left[ \frac{L(a+2, c)f(z)}{L(a+1, c)f(z)} - 1 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

then

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

and  $q$  is the best dominant of (3.7).

Putting  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Corollary 3.2, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Corollary 1].

**Corollary 3.3.** *Assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{1 - ABz^2}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)} + \frac{\zeta}{\gamma} \left[ \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right] + \frac{2\delta}{\gamma} \left[ \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right]^2 \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U)$$

*holds. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that (3.6) holds. If*

$$\Lambda(z) \prec \chi + \zeta \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + \delta \left[ \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma(A-B)z}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)}, \quad (3.9)$$

*where  $\Lambda(z)$  is given by (3.8), then*

$$\left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz},$$

*and  $\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best dominant of (3.9).*

Putting  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\vartheta$  ( $0 < \vartheta \leq 1$ ) in Corollary 3.2, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Corollary 2].

**Corollary 3.4.** *Assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{1 - 3z^2}{1 - z^2} + \frac{\zeta}{\gamma} \left[ \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right]^\vartheta + \frac{2\delta}{\gamma} \left[ \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right]^{2\vartheta} \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U)$$

*holds. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that (3.6) holds. If*

$$\Lambda(z) \prec \chi + \zeta \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\vartheta + \delta \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^{2\vartheta} + \frac{2\gamma\vartheta z}{(1-z^2)} \quad (0 < \vartheta \leq 1), \quad (3.10)$$

*where  $\Lambda(z)$  is given by (3.8), then*

$$\left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\vartheta,$$

*and  $\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\vartheta$  is the best dominant of (3.10).*

Putting  $q(z) = e^{\mu Az}$  ( $|\mu A| < \pi$ ) in Corollary 3.2, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Corollary 3].

**Corollary 3.5.** *Assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{\zeta}{\gamma} e^{\mu Az} q(z) + \frac{2\delta}{\gamma} e^{2\mu Az} \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*; z \in U)$$

*holds. Let  $f \in A$  such that (3.6) holds. If*

$$\Lambda(z) \prec \chi + \zeta e^{\mu Az} + \delta e^{2\mu Az} + \gamma A \mu z \quad (|\mu A| < \pi), \quad (3.11)$$

*where  $\Lambda(z)$  is given by (3.8), then*

$$\left[ \frac{L(a+1, c) f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \prec e^{\mu Az},$$

*and  $e^{\mu Az}$  is the best dominant of (3.11).*

Putting  $q = s + 1, \alpha_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, s + 1), \beta_j = 1 (j = 1, \dots, s), m = \zeta = \delta = 0, \chi = p = 1, \gamma = \frac{1}{ab} (a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*), \mu = a$ , and  $q(z) = (1 - z)^{-2ab}$  in Theorem 3.1, then combining this together with Lemma 2.4 we obtain the next result due to Obradovic et al. [14, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 3.6.** [14] *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$  such that  $|2ab - 1| \leq 1$  or  $|2ab + 1| \leq 1$ . Let  $f \in A$  and suppose that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ . If*

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

*then*

$$\left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^a \prec (1 - z)^{-2ab} \quad (3.12)$$

*and  $(1 - z)^{-2ab}$  is the best dominant of (3.12).*

**Remark 3.7.** *For  $a = 1$ , Corollary 3.6 reduces to the recent result of Srivastava and Lashin [19].*

Putting  $q = s + 1, \alpha_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, s + 1), \beta_j = 1 (j = 1, \dots, s), m = \zeta = \delta = 0, \chi = p = \gamma = 1$ , and  $q(z) = (1 + Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}$  in Theorem 3.10, and using Lemma 2.3 we obtain the next result.

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $-1 \leq A < B \leq 1$  with  $B \neq 0$ , and suppose that  $\left| \frac{\mu(A-B)}{B} - 1 \right| \leq 1$  or  $\left| \frac{\mu(A-B)}{B} + 1 \right| \leq 1$ . Let  $f \in A$  such that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ , and let  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . If*

$$1 + \mu \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + [B + \mu(A - B)]z}{1 + Bz},$$

*then*

$$\left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\mu \prec (1 + Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}, \quad (3.13)$$

*and  $(1 + Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}$  is the best dominant of (3.13).*



Putting  $q = s + 1, \alpha_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, s + 1), \beta_j = 1 (j = 1, \dots, s), m = \zeta = \delta = 0, \chi = p = 1, \gamma = \frac{e^{i\tau}}{ab \cos \tau} (a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*; |\tau| < \frac{\pi}{2}), \mu = a$ , and  $q(z) = (1 - z)^{-2ab \cos \tau e^{-i\tau}}$  in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result due to Aouf et al. [3, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 3.9.** [3] *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, |\tau| < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and let  $|2ab \cos \tau e^{-i\tau} - 1| \leq 1$  or  $|2ab \cos \tau e^{-i\tau} + 1| \leq 1$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and suppose that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ . If*

$$1 + \frac{e^{i\tau}}{b \cos \tau} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^a \prec (1-z)^{-2ab \cos \tau e^{-i\tau}} \quad (3.14)$$

and  $(1-z)^{-2ab \cos \tau e^{-i\tau}}$  is the best dominant of (3.14).

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  such that  $q(0) = 1$  and  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike in  $U$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ (\zeta + 2\delta q(z)) \frac{q(z)q'(z)}{\gamma} \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*). \quad (3.15)$$

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  such that

$$0 \neq \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q. \quad (3.16)$$

If  $\Psi(z)$  given by (3.4) is univalent in  $U$  and satisfies the following superordination condition

$$\chi + \zeta q(z) + \delta [q(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \Psi(z), \quad (3.17)$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu,$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinator of (3.17).

Putting  $q = 2, s = p = 1, m = 0, \alpha_1 = a + 1 (a \in \mathbb{C}), \alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\beta_1 = c (c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-)$  in Theorem 3.10, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Theorem 4].

**Corollary 3.11.** *Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  such that  $q(0) = 1$  and  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike in  $U$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ (\zeta + 2\delta q(z)) \frac{q(z)q'(z)}{\gamma} \right\} > 0 \quad (\zeta, \delta \in \mathbb{C}; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*). \quad (3.18)$$

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$0 \neq \left[ \frac{L(a+1, c) f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q. \quad (3.19)$$

If  $\Lambda(z)$  given by (3.8) is univalent in  $U$  and satisfies the following superordination condition

$$\chi + \zeta q(z) + \delta [q(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \Lambda(z), \quad (3.20)$$

then

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

and  $q$  is the best subdominant of (3.20).

Combining Theorems 3.1 and 3.10, we obtain the following two sandwich results:

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $q_i$  be two convex functions in  $U$  such that  $q_i(0) = 1$  and  $\frac{zq'_i(z)}{q_i(z)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is starlike in  $U$ . Suppose that  $q_1(z)$  satisfies (3.18) and  $q_2(z)$  satisfies (3.2). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  and suppose that  $\left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ . If  $\Psi(z)$  given by (3.4) is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$\chi + \zeta q_1(z) + \delta [q_1(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec \Psi(z) \prec \chi + \zeta q_2(z) + \delta [q_2(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)}, \quad (3.21)$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left[ \frac{I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,\ell}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z^p} \right]^\mu \prec q_2(z),$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant of (3.21).

Putting  $q = 2, s = p = 1, m = 0, \alpha_1 = a + 1$  ( $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ),  $\alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\beta_1 = c$  ( $c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ ) in Theorem 3.12, we obtain the following result which improves the corresponding work of Shammugam et al. [17, Theorem 5].

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $q_i$  be two convex functions in  $U$  such that  $q_i(0) = 1$  and  $\frac{zq'_i(z)}{q_i(z)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is starlike in  $U$ . Suppose that  $q_1(z)$  satisfies (3.18) and  $q_2(z)$  satisfies (3.2). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and suppose that  $\left[ \frac{L(a+1, c)f(z)}{z} \right]^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ . If  $\Lambda(z)$  given by (3.8) is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$\chi + \zeta q_1(z) + \delta [q_1(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec \Lambda(z) \prec \chi + \zeta q_2(z) + \delta [q_2(z)]^2 + \gamma \frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)}, \quad (3.22)$$

then

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

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant of (3.22).

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