

## DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATION ASSOCIATED WITH LINEAR OPERATORS DEFINED FOR MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we give certain sufficient conditions for functions defined through the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator and the multiplier transformation.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  denote the class of all *analytic* functions  $f(z)$  of the form

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

$$(z \in \Delta := \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}; \quad p < k; \quad p, k \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

and  $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{A}_1$ . Recently several authors [8, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25] obtained sufficient conditions associated with starlikeness in terms of the expression

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)}.$$

In fact, Ravichandran [19] obtained the following more general result:

**Theorem 1.1.** [19, Theorem 3, p.44] *Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} + 2q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0.$$

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

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} \prec (1-\alpha)q(z) + \alpha q^2(z) + \alpha zq'(z),$$

*then  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.*

Also the following extension of a result of Darus and Frasin [6] was obtained:

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**Theorem 1.2.** [19, Theorem 4, p.48] *Let  $q(z)$  be analytic in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$  and  $h(z) = zq'(z)/q(z)$  be starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\frac{(zf(z))''}{f'(z)} - 2\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec h(z),$$

then

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)} \prec q(z).$$

The dominant  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

In the present paper, the authors present extension of the above two theorems for functions defined through Dziok-Srivastava linear operator and the multiplier transformation on the space of multivalent functions  $\mathcal{A}_p$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

For two analytic functions  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) and

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k,$$

their Hadamard product (or convolution) is the function  $(f * g)(z)$  defined by

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

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

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

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

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

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

Corresponding to the function

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

the Dziok-Srivastava operator [5] (see also [23])  $H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$  is defined by the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z) &:= h_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) * f(z) \\ (2.1) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-p} \dots (\alpha_l)_{n-p}}{(\beta_1)_{n-p} \dots (\beta_m)_{n-p}} \frac{a_n z^n}{(n-p)!}. \end{aligned}$$

It is well known [5] that

$$(2.2) \quad \alpha_1 H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z) = z [H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z)]' + (\alpha_1 - p) H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z).$$

The Dziok-Srivastava linear operator includes special cases the Hohlov linear operator [7], the Carlson-Shaffer linear operator [2], the Ruscheweyh derivative operator [20], the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston linear integral operator (cf. [1], [9], [10]) and the Srivastava-Owa fractional derivative operators (cf. [15], [14]).

Motivated by the multiplier transformation on  $\mathcal{A}$ , we define the operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  on  $\mathcal{A}_p$  by the following infinite series

$$(2.3) \quad I_p(n, \lambda) f(z) := z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+\lambda}{p+\lambda} \right)^n a_k z^k.$$

A straight forward calculation shows that

$$(2.4) \quad (p+\lambda) I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z) = z [I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)]' + \lambda I_p(n, \lambda) f(z).$$

The operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  is closely related to the Sălăgean derivative operators [21]. The operator  $I_\lambda^n := I_1(n, \lambda)$  was recently studied by Cho and Srivastava [3] and Cho and Kim [4]. The operator  $I_n := I_1(n, 1)$  was studied by Uralegaddi and Somanatha [24].

We shall need the following lemma due to Miller and Mocanu

**Lemma 2.1.** [11, Theorem 3.4h, p.132] *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in the unit disk  $\Delta$ . Let  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$  with  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(\Delta)$ . Set*

$$Q(z) := zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)), \\ h(z) := \vartheta(q(z)) + Q(z).$$

Suppose that either

- (1)  $h(z)$  is convex, or
- (2)  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ .

In addition, assume that

$$\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0 \text{ for } z \in \Delta.$$

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

$$(2.5) \quad \vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)) \prec \vartheta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)),$$

then

$$(2.6) \quad p(z) \prec q(z)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

The following result which is a special case of Lemma 2.1 is also useful.

**Lemma 2.2.** [11, Corollary 3.4h.1, p.135] *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and let  $\varphi(z)$  be analytic in a domain containing  $q(\Delta)$ . If  $zq'(z)/\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike, then*

$$z\psi'(z)\varphi(\psi(z)) \prec zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \quad (z \in \Delta),$$

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

By making use of Lemma 2.1, we prove the following

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  are analytic in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(z)$  is convex univalent,  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are complex and  $\gamma \neq 0$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{2\beta}{\gamma}q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0.$$

If  $p(z) = 1 + cz + \dots$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  and satisfies

$$\alpha p(z) + \beta p^2(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \beta q^2(z) + \gamma zq'(z),$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $\vartheta(w) := \alpha w + \beta w^2$  and  $\varphi(w) := \gamma$ . Then clearly  $\vartheta(w)$  and  $\varphi(w)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$ . Also let

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) = \gamma zq'(z)$$

and

$$h(z) = \vartheta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \alpha q(z) + \beta q^2(z) + \gamma zq'(z).$$

Since  $q(z)$  is convex univalent,  $zq'(z)$  is starlike univalent. Therefore  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} = \Re \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{2\beta}{\gamma}q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0$$

for  $z \in \Delta$ . Hence the result follows from Lemma 2.1. □

**Remark.** Note that the condition  $\Re \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{2\beta}{\gamma}q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0$  is satisfied by any convex function that maps  $\Delta$  onto a convex region in the right-half plane when  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ .

### 3. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS INVOLVING DZIOK-SRIVASTAVA LINEAR OPERATOR

To make the notation simple, we write

$$H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z) := H_p^{(l,m)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)f(z).$$

By making use of Lemma 2.3 we first prove the following

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent,  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{1 + \alpha_1(1 - \alpha)}{\alpha} + \frac{2(1 + \alpha_1(1 - \alpha))}{\alpha\alpha_1}q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0.$$

If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha + \alpha \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)} \right\} \\ \prec \frac{1+\alpha_1(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha_1}q(z) + \frac{\alpha\alpha_1}{1+\alpha_1}q^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha_1}zq'(z)$$

then

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $\psi(z)$  by

$$(3.3) \quad \psi(z) := \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)}.$$

By a simple computation from (3.3) we get

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = \frac{z[H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)]'}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)} - \frac{z[H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)}.$$

By making use of (2.2) in the equation (3.4), we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = (\alpha_1+1) \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)} - \alpha_1 \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} - 1.$$

Using (3.3) in (3.5), we get

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)} = \frac{1}{1+\alpha_1} \left[ \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} + \alpha_1\psi(z) + 1 \right].$$

Therefore we have from (3.6),

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha + \alpha \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1+\alpha_1(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha_1}\psi(z) + \frac{\alpha\alpha_1}{1+\alpha_1}\psi^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha_1}z\psi'(z).$$

In view of the equation (3.7), the subordination (3.1) becomes

$$[1+\alpha_1(1-\alpha)]\psi(z) + \alpha\alpha_1\psi^2(z) + \alpha z\psi'(z) \prec [1+\alpha_1(1-\alpha)]q(z) \\ + \alpha\alpha_1q^2(z) + \alpha zq'(z)$$

and the result now follows by an application of Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

By making use of Lemma 2.2, we now prove the following

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $zq'(z)/q(z)$  be starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$(3.8) \quad (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)} - \alpha\alpha_1 \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} \prec \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + 1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha\alpha_1$$

then

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{z^{p(\alpha-1)} H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)}{(H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z))^\alpha} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $\psi(z)$  by

$$(3.10) \quad \psi(z) := \frac{z^{p(\alpha-1)} H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)}{(H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z))^\alpha}.$$

By a simple computation from (3.10) we get

$$(3.11) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = \alpha - 1 + \frac{z[H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)]'}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)} - \alpha \frac{z[H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)]'}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)}.$$

By making use of (2.2) in the equation (3.11), we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 2)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)} - \alpha\alpha_1 \frac{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1 + 1)f(z)}{H_p^{l,m}(\alpha_1)f(z)} = \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} + 1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha\alpha_1.$$

In view of the equation (3.12), the subordination (3.8) becomes

$$\frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} \prec \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and the result now follows by an application of Lemma 2.2. □

#### 4. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS INVOLVING MULTIPLIER TRANSFORM

By making use of Lemma 2.3, we prove the following

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent,  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha)(p + \lambda)}{\alpha} + 2(p + \lambda)q(z) + \left( 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0.$$

If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha + \alpha \frac{I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z)} \right\} \prec (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha q^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{p + \lambda} zq'(z),$$

then

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $\psi(z)$  by

$$(4.3) \quad \psi(z) := \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}.$$

By a simple computation from (4.3) we get

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = \frac{z[I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)]'}{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)} - \frac{z[I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)]'}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}.$$

By making use of (2.4) in the equation (4.4), we obtain

$$(4.5) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = (p+\lambda) \left[ \frac{I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)} - \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} \right].$$

Using (4.3) in (4.5), we get

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)} = \frac{1}{p+\lambda} \left[ \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} + (p+\lambda)\psi(z) \right].$$

Therefore we have from (4.6),

$$(4.7) \quad \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha + \alpha \frac{I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)} \right\} = (1-\alpha)\psi(z) + \alpha\psi^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{p+\lambda}z\psi'(z).$$

In view of the equation (4.7), the subordination (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-\alpha)\psi(z) + \alpha\psi^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{p+\lambda}z\psi'(z) \\ & \prec (1-\alpha)q(z) + \alpha q^2(z) + \frac{\alpha}{p+\lambda}zq'(z) \end{aligned}$$

and the result now follows by an application of Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

By making use of Lemma 2.2, we now prove the following

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $zq'(z)/q(z)$  be starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies*

$$\frac{I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)} - \alpha \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} \prec \frac{1}{p+\lambda} \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + 1 - \alpha,$$

then

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{z^{p(\alpha-1)}I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z))^\alpha} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the function  $\psi(z)$  by

$$(4.9) \quad \psi(z) := \frac{z^{p(\alpha-1)} I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)}{(I_p(n, \lambda) f(z))^\alpha}.$$

By a simple computation from (4.9) we get

$$(4.10) \quad \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = \alpha - 1 + \frac{z[I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)]'}{I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)} - \alpha \frac{z[I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)]'}{I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)}.$$

By making use of (2.4) in the equation (4.10), we obtain

$$(4.11) \quad \frac{I_p(n+2, \lambda) f(z)}{I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)} - \alpha \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)} = \frac{1}{p+\lambda} \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} + 1 - \alpha.$$

In view of the equation (4.11), the subordination (4.2) becomes

$$\frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} \prec \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and the result now follows by an application of Lemma 2.2.  $\square$

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