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# STRONG DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATIONS OBTAINED BY THE MEDIUM OF AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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Dedicated to Professor Grigore Ștefan Sălăgean on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

Abstract. The concept of differential subordination was introduced in [2] by S. S. Miller and P. T. Mocanu and developed in [3], and the concept of strong differential subordination was introduced in [1] by J. A. Antonino and S. Romaquera and developed in [4], [5] by Georgia Irina Oros and Gheorghe Oros. In this paper we define the class  $S_n^m(\alpha)$ , and we study strong differential subordination.

# 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let U denote the unit disc of the complex plane :

$$U = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1 \}$$

and

$$\overline{U} = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \le 1 \}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$  denote the class of analytic functions in  $U \times \overline{U}$ . In [4], the author has defined the class

$$\mathcal{H}\zeta[a,n] = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U}) : f(z,\zeta) = a + a_n(\zeta)z^n + a_{n+1}(\zeta)z^{n+1} + \cdots, z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U} \}$$

with  $a_k(\zeta)$  holomorphic functions in  $\overline{U}, k \ge n$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}_n(U) = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}\zeta[a, n] : f(z, \zeta) \text{ univalent in } U \text{ for all } \zeta \in \overline{U} \}$$

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 $\mathcal{A}\zeta_n = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}\zeta[a,n] : f(z,\zeta) = z + a_2(\zeta)z^2 + \dots + a_n(\zeta)z^n + \dots, z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U} \}$ with  $\mathcal{A}\zeta_1 = \mathcal{A}\zeta$ ,

$$K\zeta = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{H}\zeta[a,n] : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z,\zeta)}{f'(z,\zeta)} + 1 > 0, \ z \in U, \text{ for all } \zeta \in \overline{U} \right\}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** [4] Let  $H(z,\zeta)$ ,  $f(z,\zeta)$  be analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$ . The function  $f(z,\zeta)$ is said to be strongly subordinate to  $H(z,\zeta)$ , or  $H(z,\zeta)$  is said to be strongly superordinate to  $f(z,\zeta)$ , if there exists a function  $\omega$  analytic in U,  $\omega(0) = 0$ ,  $|\omega(z)| < 1$ , such that  $f(z,\zeta) = H[\omega(z),\zeta]$ , for all  $\zeta \in \overline{U}$ . In such a case we write  $f(z,\zeta) \prec \prec H(z,\zeta)$ ,  $z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}$ .

**Remark 1.2.** (i) If  $H(z,\zeta)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and univalent in U for all  $\zeta \in \overline{U}$ , Definition (1.1) is equivalent to  $f(0,\zeta) = H[0,\zeta]$ , for all  $\zeta \in \overline{U}$  and

$$f(U \times \overline{U}) \subset H(U \times \overline{U}).$$

(ii) If  $H(z,\zeta) \equiv H(z)$  and  $f(z,\zeta) \equiv f(z)$  then the strong subordination becomes the usual notion of subordination.

**Definition 1.3.** [6] For  $f(z,\zeta) \in \mathcal{A}\zeta_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$ , we define the integral operator:  $I^n : \mathcal{A}\zeta_n \to \mathcal{A}\zeta_n$ 

$$I^{0}f(z,\zeta) = f(z,\zeta)$$

$$I^{1}f(z,\zeta) = If(z,\zeta) = \int_{0}^{z} f(t,\zeta)t^{-1}dt$$
...
$$I^{n}f(z,\zeta) = I(I^{n-1}f(z,\zeta)) \qquad (z \in U,\zeta \in \overline{U}).$$

**Property 1.4.** For  $f(z,\zeta) \in \mathcal{A}\zeta_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$ , with the integral operator  $I^n$ :  $\mathcal{A}\zeta_n \to \mathcal{A}\zeta_n$  we have:

$$z[I^{n+1}f(z,\zeta)]' = I^n f(z,\zeta) \qquad (z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}).$$

In order to prove the main results we use the following definitions and lemmas, adapted to the class defined in [4]:

**Lemma 1.5.** [2, 3] (Miller and Mocanu) Let  $h(z,\zeta)$  be a convex function, with  $h(0,\zeta) = a$  and let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be a complex number with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}\zeta[a,n]$  and

$$p(z,\zeta) + \frac{1}{\gamma} z p'(z,\zeta) \prec \prec h(z,\zeta)$$

then

$$p(z,\zeta)\prec\prec g(z,\zeta)\prec\prec h(z,\zeta),$$

where

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t,\zeta) t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt \quad (z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}).$$

The function g is convex and is the best (a,n) dominant.

**Lemma 1.6.** [2, 3] (Miller and Mocanu) Let  $h(z, \zeta)$  be a convex function in U and let

$$h(z,\zeta) = g(z,\zeta) + n\alpha z g'(z,\zeta), \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and n is a positive integer. If

$$p(z,\zeta) = g(0,\zeta) + p_n(\zeta)z^n + p_{n+1}(\zeta)z^{n+1} + \cdots$$

is holomorphic in  $U\times\overline{U}$  and

$$p(z,\zeta) + \alpha z p'(z,\zeta) \prec \prec h(z,\zeta),$$

then

$$p(z,\zeta) \prec \prec g(z,\zeta)$$

and this result is sharp.

### 2. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\alpha > 1$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote by  $S_n^m(\alpha)$  the set of functions  $f \in A\zeta_n$  that satisfy the inequality

$$Re[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' > \alpha, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.** If  $\alpha < 1$ , and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$S_n^m(\alpha) \subset S_n^{m+1}(\delta),$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\alpha, \zeta, n) = 2\alpha - \zeta + \frac{2(\zeta - \alpha)}{n}\sigma\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

and

$$\sigma(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{x-1}}{1+t} dt.$$
 (2.1)

*Proof.* Let  $f(z,\zeta) \in S_n^m(\alpha)$ . From Definition 2.1 we have

$$Re[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' > \alpha, \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.2)

Using Property 1.4, we have

$$I^m f(z,\zeta) = z[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]', \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.3)

Differentiating (2.3), with respect to z, we obtain

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' = [I^{m+1} f(z,\zeta)]' + z[I^{m+1} f(z,\zeta)]'', \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
 (2.4)

We denote by

$$p(z,\zeta) = [I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]', \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}, p(0,\zeta) = 1, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.5)

Using (2.5), the relation (2.3) becomes

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' = p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta), \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}$$
(2.6)

and replacing in (2.2), we obtain

$$Re[p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta)] > \alpha, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}$$

equivalent to

$$p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta) \prec \prec \frac{\zeta + (2\alpha - \zeta)z}{1+z} = h(z,\zeta).$$

$$(2.7)$$

Using Lemma 1.5, we obtain

$$p(z,\zeta) \prec \prec q(z,\zeta) \prec \prec h(z,\zeta)$$

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where

$$q(z,\zeta) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z \frac{\zeta + (2\alpha - \zeta)t}{1+t} t^{\frac{1}{n} - 1} dt = 2\alpha - \zeta + \frac{2(\zeta - \alpha)}{n} \sigma(x) dx + \frac{1}{n} \sigma(x) dx + \frac{1}{n}$$

where  $\sigma(x)$  is given by (2.1). The function  $q(z,\zeta)$  is convex and is the best dominant. With  $p(z,\zeta) \prec \prec q(z,\zeta)$  and  $q(z,\zeta)$  being convex, and the fact that the image of  $U \times \overline{U}$ through  $g(z,\zeta)$  is symmetric with respect to the real axis, we deduce that

$$Re \ p(z,\zeta) > g(1,\zeta) = 2\alpha - \zeta + \frac{2(\zeta - \alpha)}{n}\sigma(\frac{1}{n}) = \delta(\alpha,\zeta,n) = \delta,$$
(2.8)

equivalent to

$$Re[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]' > \delta, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.9)

Using Definition 2.1 we obtain  $f \in S_n^{m+1}(\delta)$ . Since  $f \in S_n^m(\alpha)$ , we obtain that

$$S_n^m(\alpha) \subset S_n^{m+1}(\delta).$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $h(z,\zeta)$  an analytic function from  $U \times \overline{U}$ , with  $h(0,\zeta) = 1$ ,  $h'(0,\zeta) \neq 0$ ,  $\zeta \in \overline{U}$ , that satisfies inequality

$$Re[1 + \frac{zh''(z,\zeta)}{h'(z,\zeta)}] > -\frac{1}{2}.$$

If  $f(z,\zeta) \in A\zeta_n$  and verify the strong differential subordination

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec h(z,\zeta), \tag{2.10}$$

then

$$[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec g(z,\zeta)$$

where

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t,\zeta) t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$

The function g is convex and is the best dominant.

*Proof.* A simple application of the differential subordination technique [1, 2], shows that the function  $g(z, \zeta)$  is convex. By using (2.6), the strong differential subordination (2.10) becomes

$$p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta) \prec \prec h(z,\zeta).$$
(2.11)

Using Lemma 1.5, we have

$$p(z,\zeta) \prec g(z,\zeta) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t,\zeta) t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt.$$

Using (2.5), we obtain

$$[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t,\zeta) t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $g(z,\zeta)$  be a convex function with  $g(0,\zeta) = 1$  and suppose that

$$h(z,\zeta) = g(z,\zeta) + zg'(z,\zeta), \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$

If  $f(z,\zeta) \in A\zeta_n$  and verify the strong differential subordination

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec h(z,\zeta), \tag{2.12}$$

then

$$[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec g(z,\zeta).$$

*Proof.* By using (2.6), the strong differential subordination (2.12) becomes

$$p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta) \prec \prec g(z,\zeta) + zg'(z,\zeta) \equiv h(z,\zeta).$$

Using Lemma 1.6, we have

$$p(z,\zeta) \prec \prec g(z,\zeta)$$

and using the notation (2.5), we obtain

$$[I^{m+1}f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec g(z,\zeta).$$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $g(z,\zeta)$  be a convex function with  $g(0,\zeta) = 1$  and the function  $h(z,\zeta)$ , given by

$$h(z,\zeta) = g(z,\zeta) + nzg'(z,\zeta).$$

If  $f(z,\zeta) \in A\zeta_n$  and verify the strong differential subordination

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' \prec \prec h(z,\zeta), \tag{2.13}$$

then

$$\frac{I^m f(z,\zeta)}{z} \prec \prec g(z,\zeta).$$

*Proof.* We denote with

$$p(z,\zeta) = \frac{I^m f(z,\zeta)}{z}, \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}, p(0,\zeta) = 1.$$
(2.14)

Using (2.14), we obtain

$$I^m f(z,\zeta) = zp(z,\zeta), \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.15)

Differentiating (2.15), with respect to z, we obtain

$$[I^m f(z,\zeta)]' = p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta), \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
(2.16)

Using (2.16), the strong differential subordination (2.13) becomes

$$p(z,\zeta) + zp'(z,\zeta) \prec g(z,\zeta) + nzg'(z,\zeta).$$

Using Lemma 1.6, we have

$$p(z,\zeta) \prec \prec g(z,\zeta), \quad i.e. \quad \frac{I^m f(z,\zeta)}{z} \prec \prec g(z,\zeta).$$

**Example 2.6.** Let  $g(z, \zeta)$  be the function

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{1 + (2\alpha - \zeta)z}{1 + z}, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}, g(0,\zeta) = 1, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha < 1.$$
(2.17)

We verify that  $g(z,\zeta)$  is a convex function. Differentiating (2.17), with respect to z, we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{zg''(z,\zeta)}{g'(z,\zeta)}+1\right] = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{1-z}{1+z}\right] > 0.$$
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From the Theorem (2.4), and using (2.17) we obtain that

$$h(z,\zeta) = g(z,\zeta) + zg'(z,\zeta) = \frac{1 + (2\alpha - \zeta)z(2+z)}{(1+z)^2}, \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$
 (2.18)

For  $\alpha = 0$  we obtain

$$h(z,\zeta) = \frac{1 - \zeta z(2+z)}{(1+z)^2}.$$

We consider the function

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{z - \zeta \frac{z^2}{2}}{1 + \frac{z}{2}}.$$

By Theorem (2.4) we obtain that, the strong differential subordination

$$\frac{1-\zeta z-\zeta \frac{z^2}{4}}{(1+\frac{z}{2})^2} \prec \prec \frac{1-\zeta z(2+z)}{(1+z)^2}$$

implies

$$\frac{1-\zeta\frac{z}{2}}{1+\frac{z}{2}} \prec \prec \frac{1-\zeta z}{1+z}$$

**Example 2.7.** Let  $h(z, \zeta)$  be the function

$$h(z,\zeta) = \frac{\zeta + z}{\zeta - z}, \qquad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}, h(0,\zeta) = 1.$$
(2.19)

Let  $g(z,\zeta)$  be a convex function with  $g(0,\zeta) = 1$  and

$$h(z,\zeta) = g(z,\zeta) + zg'(z,\zeta), \quad z \in U, \zeta \in \overline{U}.$$

That implies

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t,\zeta) dt = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{\zeta+t}{\zeta-t} dt$$

and

$$g(z,\zeta) = \frac{-2\zeta}{z}log(\zeta - z) + \frac{2\zeta}{z}log(\zeta) - 1.$$

By Theorem (2.4) we obtain that, the strong differential subordination

$$\frac{2\zeta+z}{2\zeta-z}\prec\prec\frac{\zeta+z}{\zeta-z}$$

implies

$$\frac{-4\zeta}{z}\log(2\zeta-z) + \frac{4\zeta}{z}\log(2\zeta) - 1 \prec \prec \frac{-2\zeta}{z}\log(\zeta-z) + \frac{2\zeta}{z}\log(\zeta) - 1.$$

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