

Differential Subordinations and Superordinations. Applications

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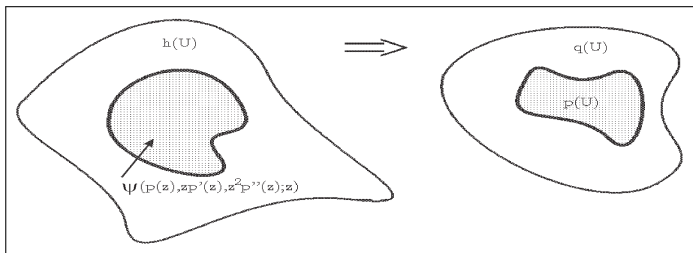
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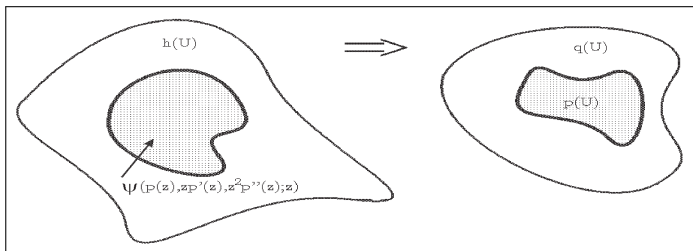
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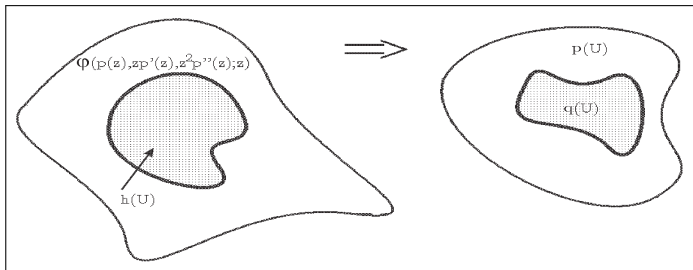
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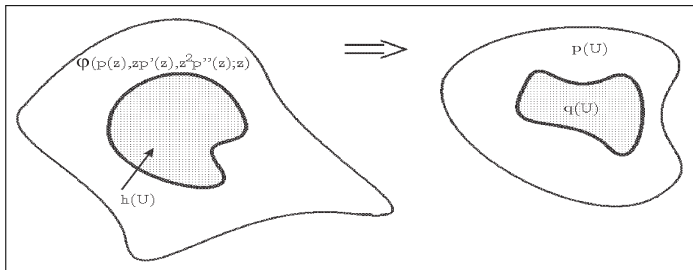
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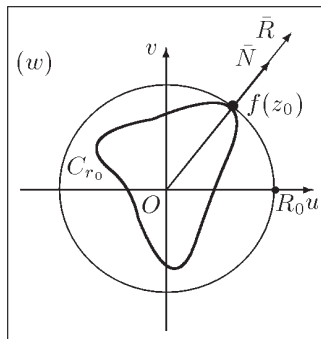
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Lemma 1.1. [Miller, Mocanu 1981, Lemma 1], [Miller, Mocanu 2000]

Let $q \in \mathcal{Q}$ with $q(0) = a$ and let the function $p \in H[a, n]$, $p(z) \neq a$ and $n \geq 1$. If $p(z) \not\prec q(z)$ then there exist the points $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0}$ and $\zeta_0 \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$ and a number $m \geq n \geq 1$ such that $p(U(0; r_0)) \subset q(U)$ and

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Let $f \in K_{\beta,0}$ with $\beta > 0$, and let g be a starlike function in \mathbb{U} of the form $g(z) = b_1z + b_2z^2 + \dots$, $z \in \mathbb{U}$.

If the operator $I = I_{\beta,0} : K_{\beta,0} \rightarrow H(\mathbb{U})$ is defined by

$$I(f)(z) = I_{\beta,0}(f)(z) = \left[\int_0^z \frac{f^\beta(t)}{t} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}},$$

then $I(g)$ is a univalent function in \mathbb{U} , and

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Let $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ and let

$$\delta = \min\{\operatorname{Re} \gamma, \delta_0\}, \quad \text{where} \quad \delta_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\beta + \gamma| - |\beta - \bar{\gamma}|}{|\beta + \gamma| + |\beta - \bar{\gamma}|} = \frac{2 \operatorname{Re} \beta \operatorname{Re} \gamma}{(|\beta + \gamma| + |\beta - \bar{\gamma}|)^2}.$$

If $f, g \in K_{\beta, \gamma}$ cu $g'(0) \neq 0$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[(\beta - 1) \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 + \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right] > -\delta, \quad z \in U,$$

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Now, let consider the integral operator $A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow H(U)$, with $\mathcal{K} \subset H(U)$, defined by

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We generalized these previous results, in the sense of giving sufficient conditions on the g_1 and g_2 functions and on the α, β, γ and δ parameters, such that the next **sandwich-type result** holds:

$$z\varphi(z) \left[\frac{g_1(z)}{z} \right]^\alpha \prec z\varphi(z) \left[\frac{f(z)}{z} \right]^\alpha \prec z\varphi(z) \left[\frac{g_2(z)}{z} \right]^\alpha$$

implies

$$z\phi(z) \left[\frac{A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi}[g_1](z)}{z} \right]^\beta \prec z\phi(z) \left[\frac{A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi}[f](z)}{z} \right]^\beta \prec z\phi(z) \left[\frac{A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi}[g_2](z)}{z} \right]^\beta.$$

Moreover, the functions $z\phi(z) \left[\frac{A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi}[g_1](z)}{z} \right]^\beta$ and $z\phi(z) \left[\frac{A_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\phi, \varphi}[g_2](z)}{z} \right]^\beta$ are respectively the best subdominant and the best dominant.

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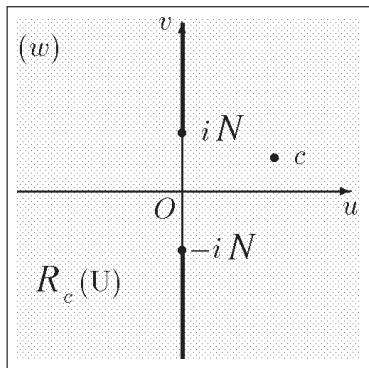
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with $\psi_k(z) = \mathcal{J}_{\lambda+1, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_k(z)$ ($k = 1, 2$), where $\tau = 0$ if $\lambda = 0$ and

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$$(2.8) \quad \mathcal{J}_{\lambda+1, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_1(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda+1, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} f(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda+1, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_2(z)$$

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$$\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_1(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} f(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_2(z).$$

Moreover, the functions $\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_1$ and $\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_2$ are, respectively the best subordinant and best dominant of (2.8).

Theorem 2.5. [Prajapat, B 2012]

Let $f, g_k \in \mathcal{A}$ ($k = 1, 2$), $\nu > 0$ and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(1 + \frac{z\vartheta_k''(z)}{\vartheta_k'(z)} \right) > -\sigma, \quad z \in \mathbb{U},$$

with $\vartheta_k(z) = \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_k(z)$ ($k = 1, 2$), where $\sigma = 0$ if $\nu = 0$ and

$$\sigma = \sigma(\nu) = \begin{cases} \nu/2, & \text{if } 0 < \nu \leq 1, \\ 1/(2\nu), & \text{if } \nu > 1. \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the function $\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} f$ is univalent in \mathbb{U} , and $\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu+1}^{s, a} f \in H[0, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$. Then, the double subordination

$$(2.9) \quad \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_1(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} f(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{s, a} g_2(z)$$

implies

$$\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu+1}^{s, a} g_1(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu+1}^{s, a} f(z) \prec \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu+1}^{s, a} g_2(z).$$

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As an interesting application, let define the linear operator $S_a^m f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ($m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $a \geq 0$) by

$$S_a^0 f(z) = f(z), \quad S_a^{m+1}(z) = \frac{1}{a+1} \left[a S_a^m(z) + z (S_a^m(z))' \right], \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}).$$

For

$$I_d(z) = \frac{z}{1-z},$$

denoting $s_{m,a}(z) \equiv S_a^m I_d(z)$, then the explicit form of the function $s_{m,a}$ is given by

$$s_{m,a}(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+a}{1+a} \right)^m z^n, \quad z \in U.$$

If we take $s = m$ ($m \in \mathbb{N}_0$) and $g(z) = z (s_{m,a}(z))'$ in the second subordination part of Theorem 2.3, we obtain the following special case:

Theorem 2.6. [Prajapat, B 2012]

Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $a \geq 0$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Suppose that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{{}_4F_3(\lambda + 1, \mu + 1, 2, 2; \nu + 1, 1, 1; z)}{{}_3F_2(\lambda + 1, \mu + 1, 2; \nu + 1, 1; z)} > -\rho, \quad z \in U,$$

where $\rho = 0$ if $a = 0$, and ρ is given by (2.6) if $a > 0$. Then the subordination condition

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{m, a} f(z) \prec z {}_2F_1(\lambda + 1, \mu + 1; \nu + 1; z)$$

implies

$$\mathcal{J}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{m+1, a} f(z) \prec z {}_3F_2(\lambda + 1, \mu + 1, a + 1; \nu + 1, a + 2; z).$$

Moreover, the function $z {}_3F_2(\lambda + 1, \mu + 1, a + 1; \nu + 1, a + 2; z)$ is the best dominant of (2.10).

Further, setting $\lambda = \nu$ and $\mu = 1$ in the above theorem, we get:

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Corollary 2.4. [Prajapat, B 2012]

Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $a \geq 0$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Suppose that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{{}_3F_2(2, 2, 2; 1, 1; z)}{{}_2F_1(2, 2; 1; z)} > -\rho, \quad z \in U,$$

where $\rho = 0$ if $a = 0$, and ρ is given by (2.6) if $a > 0$.

Then, the subordination condition

$$(2.11) \quad J_{m,a}f(z) \prec \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$$

implies

$$J_{m+1,a}f(z) \prec {}_2F_1(a+1, 2; a+2; z).$$

Moreover, the function ${}_2F_1(a+1, 2; a+2; z)$ is the best dominant of (2.11). Here, $J_{m,a} \equiv \mathcal{J}_{\lambda,1;\lambda}^{m,a}$ is the already mentioned Srivastava-Attiya integral operator.

We conclude by remarking that in view of the generalized operator defined by the (2.5) and expressed in term of convolution (2.3) involving arbitrary coefficients, the main results would lead additional new results.

In fact, by appropriately selecting the arbitrary parameters in (2.5), the results presented in this paper would find further applications which incorporate generalized form of linear operators. These considerations can fruitfully be worked out and we skip the details in this regards.

Corollary 2.4. [Prajapat, B 2012]

Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $a \geq 0$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Suppose that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{{}_3F_2(2, 2, 2; 1, 1; z)}{{}_2F_1(2, 2; 1; z)} > -\rho, \quad z \in U,$$

where $\rho = 0$ if $a = 0$, and ρ is given by (2.6) if $a > 0$.

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