# On a Certain Differential Sandwich Theorem Associated with a New Generalized Derivative Operator

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#### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to derive certain subordinations and superordinations results involving a new differential operator. By means of the new introduced operator,  $I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)$ , for certain normalized analytic functions in the open unit disc, we establish differential sandwich-type theorems. These results extend corresponding previously known results.

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### **1** Introduction and definitions

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  be the class of analytic functions in the open unit disc

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

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  consisting of functions of the form

$$f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$$

Let

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}(U), \ f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \}$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_1 := \mathcal{A}$ .

With a view to recalling the principle of subordination between analytic functions, let the functions f and g be analytic in U. Then we say that the function f is subordinate to g, written symbolically as

$$f \prec g$$
 or  $f(z) \prec g(z), z \in U$ 

if there exists a Schwarz function w analytic in U such that f(z) = g(w(z)),  $z \in U$ . In particular, if the function g is univalent in U, the above subordination is equivalent to f(0) = g(0) and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

Let  $p, h \in \mathcal{H}(U)$  and let  $\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \to \mathbb{C}$ .

If p and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z)$  are univalent and if p satisfies the second order differential superordination

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

then p is a solution of the differential superordination (1). If f is subordinate to g, then g is superordinate to f.

An analytic function q is called a subordinant of the differential superordination, or more simply a subordinant if  $q \prec p$  for all p satisfying (1). A univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all subordinants q of (1) is said to be the best subordinant. The best subordinant is unique up to a rotation of U. Recently Miller and Mocanu [7] obtained conditions on h, qand  $\psi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$h(z) \prec \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \Longrightarrow q(z) \prec p(z), \quad z \in U.$$

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

**Definition 1** [7] Denote by Q, the set of all functions f that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} - E(f)$ , where

$$E(f) = \{\zeta \in \partial U: \lim_{z \to \zeta} f(z) = \infty\}$$

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

**Lemma 1** [8] Let the function q be univalent in the unit disc U and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain D containing q(U) with  $\phi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) \quad and \quad h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z).$$

Suppose that

(1) 
$$Q(z)$$
 is starlike univalent in U and  
(2) 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

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$$

then

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

and q is the best dominant.

**Lemma 2** [4] Let q be convex univalent in the unit disc U and  $\nu$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain D containing q(U). Suppose that (1) Re  $\left\{ \frac{\nu'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$  and (2)  $\psi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent in U. If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$  with  $p(U) \subseteq D$  and  $\nu(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$  is univalent in U and

$$\nu(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \prec \nu(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$$

then

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

and q is the best subordinant.

## 2 Main results

**Definition 2** Let the function f be in the class  $\mathcal{A}_n$ . For  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, ...\}, \lambda \geq 0, l \geq 0$ , we define the following differential operator

(2) 
$$I^{m}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z) := z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1+\lambda(k-1)+l}{1+l}\right]^{m} C(\beta,k)a_{k}z^{k}$$

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where

$$C(\beta,k) := \binom{k+\beta-1}{\beta} = \frac{(\beta+1)_{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

and

$$(a)_n := \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0\\ a(a+1)\dots(a+n-1), & n \in \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}_0 - \{0\} \end{cases}$$

is Pochhamer symbol.

Using simple computation one obtains the next result.

**Proposition 1** For  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0, \lambda \ge 0, l \ge 0$ 

(3) 
$$(l+1)I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z) = (1-\lambda+l)I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z) + \lambda z (I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z))'$$

and

(4) 
$$z(I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z))' = (1+\beta)I^m(\lambda,\beta+1,l)f(z) - \beta I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z).$$

**Remark 1** Special cases of this operator includes the Ruscheweyh derivative operator  $I^0(1,\beta,0)f(z) \equiv D_\beta$  defined in [9], the Sălăgean derivative operator  $I^m(1,0,0)f(z) \equiv D^m$ , studied in [10], the generalized Sălăgean operator  $I^m(\lambda,0,0) \equiv D^m_\lambda$  introduced by Al-Oboudi in [1], the generalized Ruscheweyh derivative operator  $I^1(\lambda,\beta,0)f(z) \equiv D_{\lambda,\beta}$  introduced in [6], the operator  $I^m(\lambda,\beta,0) \equiv D^m_{\lambda,\beta}$  introduced by K. Al-Shaqsi and M. Darus in [3] and finally the operator  $I^m(\lambda,0,l) \equiv I_1(m,\lambda,l)$  introduced in [5].

The main object of the present paper is to find sufficient conditions for certain normalized analytic functions f to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)} \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0, \lambda \ge 0$  and  $q_1, q_2$  are given univalent functions in U. Also, we obtain the number of known results as their special cases.

**Theorem 1** Let  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and q be convex univalent in U with q(0) = 1. Further, assume that

Let

(6) 
$$\psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z) = \frac{\delta[1-\lambda(1+\beta)+l]}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} + \frac{\delta\lambda(\beta+1)(\beta+2)}{l+1} \cdot \frac{I^m(\lambda,\beta+2,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} + \frac{\delta(1+\beta)[1-\lambda(\beta+2)+l]}{l+1} \cdot \frac{I^m(\lambda,\beta+1,l)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)} + \left[\alpha+\delta\left(1-\frac{l+1}{\lambda}\right)\right] \left(\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}\right)^2.$$
If  $f \in A$ , satisfies

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

(7) 
$$\psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z) \prec \delta z q'(z) + (\delta + \alpha)(q(z))^2$$

then

(8) 
$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

#### Proof.

Define the function p(z) by

(9) 
$$p(z) = \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}, \quad z \in U.$$

Then the function p(z) is analytic in U and p(0) = 1. Therefore, by making use of (3) and (4) we have

(10) 
$$\frac{\delta[1-\lambda(1+\beta)+l]}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} + \\ + \frac{\delta\lambda(\beta+1)(\beta+2)}{l+1} \cdot \frac{I^m(\lambda,\beta+2,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} + \\ + \frac{\delta(1+\beta)[1-\lambda(\beta+2)+l]}{l+1} \cdot \frac{I^m(\lambda,\beta+1,l)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)} + \\ + \left[\alpha + \delta\left(1-\frac{l+1}{\lambda}\right)\right] \left(\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}\right)^2 = \\ = \delta z p'(z) + (\delta + \alpha)(p(z))^2.$$

By using (10) in (7) we get

$$\delta z p'(z) + (\delta + \alpha)(p(z))^2 \prec \delta z q'(z) + (\delta + \alpha)(q(z))^2.$$

By setting  $\theta(w) = (\delta + \alpha)w^2$  and  $\phi(w) = \delta$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that  $\phi(w) \neq 0$ . Hence the result follows by an application of Lemma 1.

**Remark 2** Similar results were obtained earlier in [6] for the operator defined in [2].

Let

$$q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad -1 \le B < A \le 1$$

in Theorem 1. One obtains the following result.

**Corollary 1** Let  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Assume that (5) holds. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ , then, differential subordination

(11) 
$$\psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z) \prec \frac{\delta(A-B)z}{(1+Bz)^2} + (\delta+\alpha)\left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right)^2$$

implies

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$
  
and  $\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best dominant.

**Corollary 2** Let  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Assume that (5) holds. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ , then differential subordination

(12) 
$$\psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z) \prec \frac{2\delta z}{(1-z)^2} + (\delta+\alpha)\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^2$$

implies

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \prec \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$
  
and  $\frac{1+z}{1-z}$  is the best dominant.

**Corollary 3** Let  $m, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0, \lambda > 0, 0 < \mu \leq 1$ . Assume that (5) holds. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ , then differential subordination

 $\mu$ 

(13) 
$$\psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z) \prec \frac{2\delta\mu z}{(1-z)^2} \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu-1} + (\alpha+\delta) \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{2\mu}$$

implies

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \prec \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)$$
  
and  $\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu}$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2** Let q be convex univalent in U with q(0) = 1. Assume that

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ . If function  $\psi(m, \lambda, \beta, \delta, \alpha; z)$ , given by (6), is univalent in U and

(15) 
$$(\delta + \alpha)(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z) \prec \psi(m, \lambda, \beta, \delta, \alpha; z)$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}$$

and q is the best subordinant.

#### Proof.

Theorem 2 follows by using the same technique to prove Theorem 1 and by an application of Lemma 2.

By using Theorem 2 we obtain the following corollaries.

Corollary 4 Let  $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$ ,  $-1 \le B < A \le 1$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0),1] \cap Q.$$

Assume that (14) holds. If

(16) 
$$(\delta + \alpha) \left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right)^2 + \frac{\delta(A-B)z}{(1+Bz)^2} \prec \psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z)$$

then

$$\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}$$

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

**Corollary 5** Let  $q(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0),1] \cap Q.$$

Assume that (14) holds. If

(17) 
$$\frac{2\delta z}{(1-z)^2} + (\delta + \alpha) \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^2 \prec \psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z)$$

then

$$\frac{1+z}{1-z}\prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}$$

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

Corollary 6 Let  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu}$ ,  $0 < \mu \le 1$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l) f(z)$ 

$$\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0),1] \cap Q.$$

Assume that (14) holds. If

(18) 
$$\frac{2\delta\mu z}{(1-z)^2} \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu-1} + (\alpha+\delta) \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{2\mu} \prec \psi(m,\lambda,\beta,\delta,\alpha;z)$$

then

$$\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu} \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^{m}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}$$

and  $\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^{\mu}$  is the best subordinant.

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

**Theorem 3** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in U and satisfy (14) and (5) respectively. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$  and  $\psi(m, \lambda, \beta, \delta, \alpha; z)$  given

in (6) is univalent in U and

(19) 
$$\delta z q_1'(z) + (\delta + \alpha) (q_1(z))^2 \prec \psi(m, \lambda, \beta, \delta, \alpha; z) \prec \\ \prec \delta z q_2'(z) + (\delta + \alpha) (q_2(z))^2,$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

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

For 
$$q_1(z) = \frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z}$$
,  $q_2(z) = \frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}$ , where  $-1 \le B_2 < B_1 < A_1 \le C_1$  we have the following conclusion

 $A_2 \leq 1$  we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 7** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda, \beta, l)f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$  and

$$\frac{\delta(A_1 - B_1)z}{(1 + B_1z)^2} + (\delta + \alpha) \left(\frac{1 + A_1z}{1 + B_1z}\right)^2 \prec \psi(m, \lambda, \beta, \delta, \alpha; z) \prec \\ \prec \frac{\delta(A_2 - B_2)z}{(1 + B_2z)^2} + (\delta + \alpha) \left(\frac{1 + A_2z}{1 + B_2z}\right)^2,$$

then

$$\frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z} \prec \frac{I^{m+1}(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)}{I^m(\lambda,\beta,l)f(z)} \prec \frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}$$

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

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