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# Sufficient Conditions for Subordination of Multivalent Functions

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The authors investigate various subordination results for some subclasses of analytic functions in the unit disc. We obtain some sufficient conditions for multivalent close-to-starlikeness.

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## 1. Introduction and definitions

Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ , and let  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U})$  be the set of all functions *analytic in*  $\mathbb{U}$ , and let

$$\mathcal{A}_p = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U}) : f(z) = z^p + a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + \dots\} \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  with  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ .

For  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$\mathcal{H}_p = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U}) : f(z) = pz + b_p z^p + \dots\} \quad (1.2)$$

with  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}$ .

A function  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  is said to be *p-valently starlike of order*  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ) in  $\mathbb{U}$ , that is,  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ , if and only if

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0, \quad \Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.3)$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Similarly, a function  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ) in  $\mathbb{U}$ , that is,  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ , if and only if

$$f'(z) \neq 0, \quad \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.4)$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha)$  to be the family of functions  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  such that

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.5)$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Similarly, we denote by  $\mathcal{CS}^*(\alpha)$  to be the family of functions  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  such that

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \alpha \quad (1.6)$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We note that the classes  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{CS}^*(\alpha)$  are special classes of the class of  $p$ -valently close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ), the class of  $p$ -valently close-to-starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ) in  $\mathbb{U}$ , respectively.

In particular, the classes  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*(0) = \mathcal{S}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(0) = \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(0) = \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{CS}^*(0) = \mathcal{CS}^*$  are the familiar classes of univalent, starlike, convex, close-to-convex, and close-to-starlike functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ , respectively. Also, we note that

- (i)  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha) \Leftrightarrow zf' \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{C}(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}$ .

Let

$$J(\lambda, f; z) \equiv (1 - \lambda) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \lambda \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right), \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (1.7)$$

for  $\lambda$  real number and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ .

The class of  $\lambda$ -convex functions are defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_\lambda = \{f \in \mathcal{A}_p : \Re J(\lambda, f; z) > 0\}. \quad (1.8)$$

We note that  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda \subset \mathcal{M}_\beta \subset \mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{S}^*$  for  $0 \leq \lambda/\beta \leq 1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda \subset \mathcal{M}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}$  for  $\lambda \geq 1$ .

Let

$$I_p(\mu, f; z) = (1 - \mu) \frac{f(z)}{z^p} + \mu \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}) \quad (1.9)$$

for  $\mu$  real number and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ . We note that  $I_1(\mu, f; z) = I(\mu, f; z)$ .

The class of functions is defined by  $I_p(\mu, f; z)$  as above:

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu := \{f \in \mathcal{A}_p : \Re I_p(\mu, f; z) > 0\}. \quad (1.10)$$

A class defined by  $J(\lambda, f; z)$  was studied by Dinggong [1], and also, for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , the general case of  $\mathcal{T}_\mu$  was studied by Özkan and Altıntaş [2]. Given two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , which are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , the function  $f$  is said to be *subordinate* to  $g$ , written as

$$f < g, \quad f(z) < g(z), \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (1.11)$$

if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$  analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , with

$$\omega(0) = 0, \quad |\omega(z)| < 1, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (1.12)$$

and such that

$$f(z) = g(\omega(z)), \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.13)$$

In particular, if  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then

$$f < g \quad \text{iff} \quad f(0) = g(0), \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}). \quad (1.14)$$

## 2. The main results

In proving our main results, we need the following lemma due to Miller and Mocanu.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [3, page 132]). *Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $\mathfrak{D}$  containing  $q(\mathbb{U})$ , with  $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$ , when  $\omega \in q(\mathbb{U})$ . Set*

$$Q(z) = zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)], \quad h(z) = \theta[q(z)] + Q(z), \quad (2.1)$$

and suppose that either

- (i)  $Q$  is starlike, or
- (ii)  $h$  is convex.

In addition, assume that

$$(iii) \quad \Re(zh'(z)/Q(z)) = \Re[\theta'[q(z)]/\phi[q(z)] + zQ'(z)/Q(z)] > 0.$$

If  $P$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $P(0) = q(0)$ ,  $P(\mathbb{U}) \subset \mathfrak{D}$  and

$$\theta[P(z)] + zP'(z) \cdot \phi[P(z)] < \theta[q(z)] + zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)] = h(z), \quad (2.2)$$

then  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $q \in \mathcal{A}_p$  be univalent,  $q(z) \neq 0$  and satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike;
- (ii)  $\Re \left\{ \frac{q(z)}{\lambda} + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} - \frac{z'q(z)}{q(z)} \right\} > 0$

for  $\lambda \neq 0$  and for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{A}_p$  with  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if

$$P(z) + \lambda \frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)} < q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (2.4)$$

then  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Define the functions  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  by

$$\theta(w) := w, \quad \phi(w) := \frac{\lambda}{w}, \quad \mathfrak{D} = \{w : w \neq 0\} \quad (2.5)$$

in Lemma 2.1. Then, the functions

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)] = \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \\ h(z) &= \theta[q(z)] + Q(z) = q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

□

Using (2.3), we obtain that  $Q$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\Re\{zh'(z)/Q(z)\} > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Since it satisfies preconditions of Lemma 2.1 and using (2.4), it follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $P \prec q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{L}_p$  be univalent,  $q(z) \neq 0$  and satisfies the conditions (2.3) in Lemma 2.2. For  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  if

$$J(\lambda, f; z) \prec q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (2.7)$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z), \quad (2.8)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let us put

$$P(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.9)$$

where  $P(0) = p$ . Then, we obtain easily the following result:

$$P(z) + \lambda \frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)} = J(\lambda, f; z). \quad (2.10)$$

Thus, using Lemma 2.1 and (2.7), we can obtain the result (2.8). □

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{L}_1$  be univalent and satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $q(z)$  is convex;
- (ii)  $\Re\left\{\left(\frac{1}{\mu} + p\right) + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)}\right\} > 0, \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$

(2.11)

for  $\mu \neq 0$  and for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{L}_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if

$$(1 - \mu + \mu p)P(z) + \mu zP'(z) \prec (1 - \mu + \mu p)q(z) + \mu zq'(z), \quad (2.12)$$

then  $P \prec q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* For  $\mu \neq 0$  real number, we define the functions  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  by

$$\theta(w) := (1 - \mu + \mu p)w, \quad \phi(w) := \mu, \quad \mathfrak{D} = \{w : w \neq 0\} \quad (2.13)$$

in Lemma 2.1. Then, the functions

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)] = \mu zq'(z), \\ h(z) &= \theta[q(z)] + Q(z) = (1 - \mu + \mu p)q(z) + \mu zq'(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

□

Using (2.11), we obtain that  $Q$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\Re\{zh'(z)/Q(z)\} > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Since it satisfies preconditions of Lemma 2.1 and using (2.12), it follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{A}_1$  be univalent and satisfies the conditions (2.11) in Lemma 2.4. For  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  if

$$I_p(\mu, f; z) < (1 - \mu + \mu p)q(z) + \mu zq'(z). \quad (2.15)$$

Then,

$$\frac{f(z)}{z^p} < q(z), \quad (2.16)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let us put

$$P(z) := \frac{f(z)}{z^p}, \quad (2.17)$$

where  $P(0) = 1$ . Then, we have

$$(1 - \mu + \mu p)P(z) + \mu zP'(z) = I_p(\mu, f; z). \quad (2.18)$$

Thus, using (2.15) and Lemma 2.4, we can obtain the result (2.16). □

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{A}_1$  be univalent and satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} & \quad q(z) \text{ is convex;} \\ \text{(ii)} & \quad \Re\left\{\left(\frac{1}{\mu} + 1\right) + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)}\right\} > 0, \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

for  $\mu \neq 0$  and for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{A}_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if

$$P(z) + \mu zP'(z) < q(z) + \mu zq'(z), \quad (2.20)$$

then  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* By putting  $p = 1$  in Lemma 2.4, we obtain Corollary 2.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** Suppose  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies the conditions (2.19) in Corollary 2.6. For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  if

$$I(\mu, f; z) < q(z) + \mu zq'(z). \quad (2.21)$$

Then,

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} < q(z), \quad (2.22)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* By putting  $p = 1$  in Theorem 2.5, we obtain Corollary 2.7.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  be univalent;  $q(z)$  is convex for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{H}_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if

$$P(z) + zP'(z) < q(z) + zq'(z), \quad (2.23)$$

then  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.6, we take  $\mu = 1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  be convex. For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  if

$$f'(z) < q(z) + zq'(z). \quad (2.24)$$

Then,

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} < q(z), \quad (2.25)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.7, we take  $\mu = 1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  be univalent,  $q(z)$  is convex for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{H}_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if

$$pP(z) + zP'(z) < pq(z) + zq'(z), \quad (2.26)$$

then  $P < q$ , and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Lemma 2.4, we take  $\mu = 1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  be univalent,  $q(z)$  is convex, for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , and

$$\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} < pq(z) + zq'(z), \quad (2.27)$$

then

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} < q(z), \quad (2.28)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Theorem 2.3, we take  $\mu = 1$ . □

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies

$$I_p(\mu, f; z) < \frac{(1 - \mu + \mu p) + 2[\mu - \alpha - \alpha \mu p]z - (1 - 2\alpha)(1 - \mu + \mu p)z^2}{(1 - z)^2}, \quad (2.29)$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , then

$$\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \in \mathcal{CS}^*(\alpha), \quad (2.30)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Theorem 2.5, we take

$$q(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\alpha)z}{1 - z}. \quad (2.31)$$

□

**Corollary 2.13.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies

$$\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} < \frac{p + 2[1 - \alpha - \alpha p]z - (1 - 2\alpha)pz^2}{(1 - z)^2}, \quad (2.32)$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , then

$$\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \in \mathcal{CS}^*(\alpha), \quad (2.33)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.12, we take  $\mu = 1$ . □

**Corollary 2.14.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies

$$\frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} < \frac{p + 2z - pz^2}{(1 - z)^2}, \quad (2.34)$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , then

$$f \in \mathcal{CS}^*, \quad (2.35)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.13, we take  $\alpha = 0$ . □

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $q \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies

$$f'(z) < \frac{1 + 2z - z^2}{(1 - z)^2}, \quad (2.36)$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , then

$$f \in \mathcal{CS}^*, \quad (2.37)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.14, we take  $p = 1$ . □

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