



## CERTAIN SUBCLASSES OF $p$ -VALENT MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN OPERATOR

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, a new subclass  $\sum_{p,\beta}^{\alpha}(\eta, \delta, \mu, \lambda)$  of  $p$ -valent meromorphic functions defined by certain integral operator is introduced. Some interesting properties of this class are obtained.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Sigma_p$  be the class of functions  $f$  of the form:

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-p} z^{k-p} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}),$$

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the punctured unit disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ .

Similar to [1], we define the following family of integral operators  $Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} : \Sigma_p \rightarrow \Sigma_p$  ( $\alpha \geq 0, \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) as follows:

(i)

$$(1.2) \quad Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} f(z) = \binom{\alpha + \beta - 1}{\beta - 1} \alpha z^{-(p+\beta)} \int_0^z (1 - \frac{t}{z})^{\alpha-1} t^{\beta+p-1} f(t) dt$$

$$(1.3) \quad (\alpha > 0; \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}; f \in \Sigma_p);$$

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(ii)

$$(1.4) \quad Q_{\beta,p}^0 f(z) = f(z) \quad (\text{for } \alpha = 0; \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}; f \in \Sigma_p).$$

From (1.2) and (1.4), we have

$$(1.5) \quad Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta)}{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha)} a_{k-p} z^{k-p}$$

$$(1.6) \quad (\alpha \geq 0; \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}; f \in \Sigma_p).$$

Using the relation (1.5), it is easy to show that

$$(1.7) \quad z(Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))' = (\alpha + \beta - 1)Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z) - (\alpha + \beta + p - 1)Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z).$$

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\sum_{p,\beta}^\alpha(\eta, \delta, \mu, \lambda)$  be the class of functions  $f \in \sum_p$  which satisfy:

$$(1.8) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right)^\mu + \lambda \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \right\} > \eta,$$

where  $g \in \sum_p$  satisfies the following condition:

$$(1.9) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \right\} > \delta \quad (0 \leq \delta < 1; z \in U),$$

and  $\eta$  and  $\mu$  are real numbers such that  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ ,  $\mu > 0$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} > 0$ .

To establish our main results we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** ([2]). *Let  $\Omega$  be a set in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and let the function  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the condition  $\psi(ir_2, s_1) \notin \Omega$  for all real  $r_2, s_1 \leq -\frac{1+r_2^2}{2}$ . If  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $\psi(q(z), zq'(z)) \in \Omega$ ,  $z \in U$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in U$ ).*

**Lemma 1.2** ([3]). *If  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , and if  $\lambda \in C \setminus \{0\}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} \geq 0$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}\{q(z) + \lambda zq'(z)\} > \alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) implies  $\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > \alpha + (1 - \alpha)(2\gamma - 1)$ , where  $\gamma$  is given by*

$$\gamma = \gamma(\operatorname{Re} \lambda) = \int_0^1 (1 + t^{\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}})^{-1} dt$$

which is increasing function of  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma < 1$ . The estimate is sharp in the sense that the bound cannot be improved.

For real or complex numbers  $a, b$  and  $c$  ( $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ ), the Gauss hypergeometric function is defined by

$$(1.10) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = 1 + \frac{a \cdot b}{c} \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{a(a+1) \cdot b(b+1)}{c(c+1)} \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$$

We note that the series (1.10) converges absolutely for  $z \in U$  and hence represents an analytic function in  $U$  (see, for details, [4, Ch. 14]). Each of the identities (asserted by Lemma 1.3 below) is fairly well known (cf., e.g., [4, Ch. 14]).

**Lemma 1.3** ([4]). *For real or complex numbers  $a, b$  and  $c$  ( $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ ),*

$$(1.11) \quad \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-tz)^{-a} dt = \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)}{\Gamma(c)} {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) \\ (\operatorname{Re}(c) > \operatorname{Re}(b) > 0);$$

$$(1.12) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1 - z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(a, c - b; c; \frac{z}{z - 1}\right);$$

$$(1.13) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = {}_2F_1(b, a; c; z);$$

and

$$(1.14) \quad {}_2F_1\left(1, 1; 2; \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \ln 2.$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume throughout this paper that

$$\alpha \geq 0; \beta > -1; \alpha + \beta \neq 1; \mu > 0; 0 \leq \eta < 1; p \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \lambda \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in \sum_{p,\beta}^{\alpha}(\eta, \delta, \mu, \lambda)$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} g(z)} \right)^{\mu} > \frac{2\mu\eta(\alpha + \beta - 1) + \lambda\delta}{2\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1) + \lambda\delta}, \quad (z \in U),$$

where the function  $g \in \sum_p$  satisfies the condition (1.9).

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma = \frac{2\mu\eta(\alpha + \beta - 1) + \lambda\delta}{2\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1) + \lambda\delta}$ , and we define the function  $q$  by

$$(2.2) \quad q(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} g(z)} \right)^{\mu} - \gamma \right].$$

Then  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $q(0) = 1$ . If we set

$$(2.3) \quad h(z) = \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} g(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)},$$

then by the hypothesis (1.9),  $\operatorname{Re}\{h(z)\} > \delta$ . Differentiating (2.2) with respect to  $z$  and using the identity (1.7), we have

$$(2.4) \quad (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} g(z)} \right)^{\mu} + \lambda \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \left( \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha} g(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \\ = [(1 - \gamma)q(z) + \gamma] + \frac{\lambda(1 - \gamma)}{\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1)} z q'(z) h(z).$$

Let us define the function  $\psi(r, s)$  by

$$(2.5) \quad \psi(r, s) = [(1 - \gamma)r + \gamma] + \frac{\lambda(1 - \gamma)}{\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1)} s h(z).$$

Using (2.5) and the fact that  $f \in \sum_{p,\beta}^{\alpha}(\eta, \delta, \mu, \lambda)$ , we obtain

$$\{\psi(q(z), z q'(z)); z \in U\} \subset \Omega = \{w \in C : \operatorname{Re}(w) > \eta\}.$$

Now for all real  $r_2, s_1 \leq -\frac{1+r_2^2}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{\psi(ir_2, s_1)\} &= \gamma + \frac{\lambda(1-\gamma)s_1}{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)} \operatorname{Re} h(z) \\ &\leq \gamma - \frac{\lambda(1-\gamma)\delta(1+r_2^2)}{2\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)} \\ &\leq \gamma - \frac{\lambda(1-\gamma)\delta}{2\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)} = \eta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for each  $z \in U$ ,  $\psi(ir_2, s_1) \notin \Omega$ . Thus by Lemma 1.1, we have  $\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in U$ ) and hence

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)}\right)^\mu > \gamma \quad (z \in U).$$

This proves Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  be in  $\sum_p$  and let  $g$  satisfy the condition (1.9). If  $\lambda \geq 1$  and*

$$(2.6) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{(1-\lambda)\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} + \lambda\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)}\right\} > \eta \quad (0 \leq \eta < 1; z \in U),$$

then

$$(2.7) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)}\right\} > \gamma = \frac{\eta[2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\delta]+\delta(\lambda-1)}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\delta\lambda} \quad (z \in U).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\lambda\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} = \left\{(1-\lambda)\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} + \lambda\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)}\right\} + (\lambda-1)\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \quad (z \in U).$$

Since  $\lambda \geq 1$ , making use of (2.6) and (2.1) (for  $\mu = 1$ ), we deduce that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)}\right\} > \gamma = \frac{\eta[2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\delta]+\delta(\lambda-1)}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\delta\lambda} \quad (z \in U).$$

$\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\lambda \in C \setminus \{0\}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} \geq 0$ . If  $f \in \sum_p$  satisfies the following condition:*

$$\operatorname{Re}\{(1-\lambda)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^{\mu-1}\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

then

$$(2.8) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu\} > \frac{2\mu\eta(\alpha+\beta-1)+\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}}{2\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)+\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}} \quad (z \in U).$$

Further, if  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $f \in \sum_p$  satisfies

$$(2.9) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{(1-\lambda)z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z) + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

then

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)\} > \frac{2\eta(\alpha+\beta-1)+\lambda-1}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\lambda} \quad (z \in U).$$

*Proof.* The results (2.8) and (2.10) follow by putting  $g(z) = z^{-p}$  in Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2, respectively.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Choosing  $\alpha, \lambda$  and  $\mu$  appropriately in Corollary 2.3, we have,

(i) For  $\alpha = 0, \beta \neq 1$  and  $\lambda = 1$  in Corollary 2.3, we have:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \left[ \beta + p - 1 + \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] (z^p f(z))^\mu \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

which implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \{ z^p f(z) \}^\mu > \frac{2\mu\eta(\beta - 1) + 1}{2\mu(\beta - 1) + 1} \quad (z \in U).$$

(ii) For  $\alpha = 0, \beta \neq 1, \mu = 1$  and  $\lambda \in C \setminus \{0\}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} \geq 0$  in Corollary 2.3, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda p}{\beta - 1} \right) z^p f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\beta - 1} z^{p+1} f'(z) \right\} > \eta,$$

which implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \{ z^p f(z) \} > \frac{2\eta(\beta - 1) + \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}}{2(\beta - 1) + \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}} \quad (z \in U).$$

(iii) Replacing  $f$  by  $-\frac{zf'}{p}$  in the result (ii), we have:

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left[ 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\beta - 1} (p + 1) \right] \frac{z^{p+1} f'(z)}{p} + \frac{\lambda}{p(\beta - 1)} z^{p+1} f''(z) \right\} > \eta \quad (0 \leq \eta < 1; z \in U),$$

which implies that

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z^{p+1} f'(z)}{p} \right\} > \frac{2\eta(\beta - 1) + \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}}{2(\beta - 1) + \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}} \quad (z \in U).$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} > 0$ . If  $f \in \sum_p$  satisfies the following condition:

$$(2.11) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{(1 - \lambda)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^{\mu-1}\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

then

$$(2.12) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu\} > \eta + (1 - \eta)(2\rho - 1),$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2} {}_2F_1 \left( 1, 1; \frac{\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}} + 1; \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.14) \quad q(z) = (z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu.$$

Then  $q$  is analytic with  $q(0) = 1$ . Differentiating (2.14) with respect to  $z$  and using the identity (1.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \lambda)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^\mu + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)(z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z))^{\mu-1} \\ = q(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1)} z q'(z), \end{aligned}$$

so that by the hypothesis (2.11), we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ q(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\alpha + \beta - 1)} z q'(z) \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in U).$$

In view of Lemma 1.2, this implies that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > \eta + (1 - \eta)(2\rho - 1),$$

where

$$\rho = \rho(\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}) = \int_0^1 \left(1 + t^{\frac{\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}}{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)}}\right)^{-1} dt.$$

Putting  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} = \lambda_1 > 0$ , we have

$$\rho = \int_0^1 \left(1 + t^{\frac{\lambda_1}{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)}}\right)^{-1} dt = \frac{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)}{\lambda_1} \int_0^1 (1+u)^{-1} u^{\frac{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)}{\lambda_1}-1} du$$

Using (1.11), (1.12), (1.13) and (1.14), we obtain

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} {}_2F_1 \left(1, 1; \frac{\mu(\alpha+\beta-1)}{\lambda_1} + 1; \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda \geq 1$ . If  $f \in \sum_p$  satisfies

$$(2.15) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{(1-\lambda)z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z) + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \{z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)\} > \eta + (1-\eta)(2\rho_1 - 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \quad (z \in U),$$

where

$$\rho_1 = \frac{1}{2} {}_2F_1 \left(1, 1; \frac{\alpha+\beta-1}{\lambda} + 1; \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

*Proof.* The result follows by using the identity

$$(2.16) \quad \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z) = (1-\lambda)z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z) + \lambda z^p Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z) + (\lambda-1)z^p Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z).$$

$\square$

**Remark 2.** We note that, for  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 2$  and  $\lambda = \mu > 0$  in Corollary 2.3, that is, if

$$(2.17) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{(1-\lambda)(z^p f(z))^\lambda + \lambda(z^{p+1} f(z))'(z^p f(z))^{\lambda-1}\} > \eta \quad (z \in U),$$

then (2.8) implies that

$$(2.18) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{(z^p f(z))^\lambda\} > \frac{2\eta+1}{3} \quad (z \in U),$$

whereas, if  $f \in \sum_p$  satisfies the condition (2.17) then by using Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \{(z^p f(z))^\lambda\} > 2(1 - \ln 2)\eta + (2 \ln 2 - 1) \quad (z \in U),$$

which is better than (2.18).

**Theorem 2.6.** Suppose that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are in  $\sum_p$  and  $g$  satisfies the condition (1.9). If

$$(2.19) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} - \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right\} > -\frac{(1-\eta)\delta}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} \quad (z \in U),$$

for some  $\eta$  ( $0 \leq \eta < 1$ ), then

$$(2.20) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in U)$$

and

$$(2.21) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \right\} > \frac{\eta[2(\alpha+\beta-1)+\delta]-\delta}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} \quad (z \in U).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.22) \quad q(z) = \frac{1}{1-\eta} \left[ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} - \eta \right].$$

Then  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Setting

$$(2.23) \quad \phi(z) = \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \quad (z \in U),$$

we observe that from (1.9), we have  $\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\} > \delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in  $U$ . A simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1-\eta)zq'(z)}{\alpha+\beta-1} \phi(z) &= \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} - \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \\ &= \psi(q(z), zq'(z)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi(r, s) = \frac{(1-\eta)s\phi(z)}{\alpha+\beta-1}.$$

Using the hypothesis (2.19), we obtain

$$\{\psi(q(z), zq'(z)); z \in U\} \subset \Omega = \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w > -\frac{(1-\eta)\delta}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} \right\}.$$

Now, for all real  $r_2$ ,  $s_1 \leq -\frac{1+r_2^2}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \{\psi(ir_2, s_1)\} &= \frac{s_1(1-\eta) \operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}}{\alpha+\beta-1} \\ &\leq \frac{-(1-\eta)\delta(1+r_2^2)}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} \\ &\leq \frac{-(1-\eta)\delta}{2(\alpha+\beta-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\psi(ir_2, s_1) \notin \Omega$  for each  $z \in U$ . Hence by Lemma 1.1, we have  $\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in U$ ). This proves (2.20). The proof of (2.21) follows by using (2.20) and (2.21) in the identity:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^{\alpha-1} g(z)} - \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right\} - \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)}{Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha g(z)} \right\}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.6.  $\square$

### Remark 3.

(i) For  $\alpha = 0$  and  $g(z) = z^{-p}$  in Theorem 2.6, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \{z^{p+1} f'(z) + p z^p f(z)\} > \frac{-(1-\eta)\delta}{2} \quad (z \in U),$$

which implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \{z^p f(z)\} > \eta \quad (z \in U)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \{z^{p+1} f'(z) + (p+\beta-1) z^p f(z)\} > \frac{\eta[2(\beta-1)+\delta]-\delta}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$

(ii) Putting  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 2$  in Theorem 2.6, we get that, if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z) + (p+1)f(z)}{zg'(z) + (p+1)g(z)} - \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \frac{-(1-\eta)\delta}{2} \quad (z \in U),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > \eta \quad (z \in U)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z) + (p+1)f(z)}{zg'(z) + (p+1)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{\eta(2+\delta) - \delta}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$

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