

## SUBORDINATION AND SUPERORDINATION RESULTS FOR $\Phi\mbox{-Like}$ Functions

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ABSTRACT. Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent and  $q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Let f be a normalized analytic function in the open unit disk  $\Delta$ . Let  $\Phi$  be an analytic function in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi'(0) = 1$ . We give some applications of first order differential subordination and superordination to obtain sufficient conditions for the function f to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

where g is a fixed function.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATIONS

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of all normalized analytic functions f(z) in the open unit disk  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  satisfying f(0) = 0 and f'(0) = 1. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions analytic in  $\Delta$  and for any  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form

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 $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \cdots$ . Let  $p, h \in \mathcal{H}$  and let  $\phi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \Delta \to \mathbb{C}$ . If p and  $\phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z)$  are univalent and if p satisfies the second order superordination

(1.1) 
$$h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z),$$

then p is a solution of the differential superordination (1.1). If f is subordinate to F, then F is called a superordinate of f. An analytic function q is called a subordinant if  $q \prec p$  for all p satisfying (1.1). A univalent subordinant  $\bar{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \bar{q}$  for all subordinants q of (1.1) is said to be the best subordinant. Recently Miller and Mocanu [5] obtained conditions on h, q and  $\phi$  for which the following implication holds:

(1.2) 
$$h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z) \Rightarrow q(z) \prec p(z).$$

Using the results of Miller and Mocanu [4], Bulboacă [2] considered certain classes of first order differential superordinations as well as superordination-preserving integral operators [1]. In an earlier investigation, Shanmugam et al. [8] obtained sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic function f(z) to satisfy  $q_1(z) \prec \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec q_2(z)$  and  $q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z)$  where  $q_1$ and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $\Delta$  with  $q_1(0) = 1$  and  $q_2(0) = 1$ . A systematic study of the subordination and superordination has been studied very recently by Shanmugam *et al.* in [9] and [10] (see also the references cited by them).

Let  $\Phi$  be an analytic function in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$  with  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi'(0) = 1$ . For any two analytic functions  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ , the Hadamard product or convolution of f(z) and g(z), written as (f \* g)(z) is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n$$

The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like if

(1.3) 
$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))}\right) > 0 \quad (z \in \Delta)$$

The concept of  $\Phi$ - like functions was introduced by Brickman [3] and he established that a function  $f \in A$  is univalent if and only if f is  $\Phi$ -like for some  $\Phi$ . For  $\Phi(w) = w$ , the function f is starlike. In a later investigation, Ruscheweyh [7] introduced and studied the following more general class of  $\Phi$ -like functions.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\Phi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi'(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(w) \neq 0$  for  $w \in f(\Delta) \setminus \{0\}$ . Let q(z) be a fixed analytic function in  $\Delta$ , q(0) = 1. The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like with respect to q if

(1.4) 
$$\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} \prec q(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

When  $\Phi(w) = w$ , we denote the class of all  $\Phi$ -like functions with respect to q by  $S^*(q)$ . Using the definition of  $\Phi$ -like functions, we introduce the following class of functions.

**Definition 1.2.** Let g be a fixed function in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\Phi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi'(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(w) \neq 0$  for  $w \in f(\Delta) \setminus \{0\}$ . Let q(z) be a fixed analytic function in  $\Delta$ , q(0) = 1. The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like with respect to  $S_q^*(q)$  if

(1.5) 
$$\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

We note that  $S^*_{\frac{z}{1-z}}(q) := S^*(q).$ 

In the present investigation, we obtain sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic function f to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

We shall need the following definition and results to prove our main results. In this sequel, unless otherwise stated,  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are complex numbers.

**Definition 1.3** ([4, Definition 2, p. 817]). Let Q be the set of all functions f that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{\Delta} - E(f)$ , where

$$E(f) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial \Delta : \lim_{z \to \zeta} f(z) = \infty \right\},\$$

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

**Lemma 1.1** ([4, Theorem 3.4h, p. 132]). Let q be univalent in the open unit disk  $\Delta$  and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain D containing  $q(\Delta)$  with  $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$  when  $\omega \in q(\Delta)$ . Set  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)), h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + \xi(z)$ . Suppose that

- (1)  $\xi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ , and (2)  $\Re\left\{\frac{zh'(z)}{\xi(z)}\right\} > 0 \ (z \in \Delta).$

If p is analytic in  $\Delta$  with  $p(\Delta) \subseteq D$  and

(1.6) 
$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)),$$

then  $p(z) \prec q(z)$  and q is the best dominant.

**Lemma 1.2.** [2, Corollary 3.1, p. 288] Let q be univalent in  $\Delta$ ,  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain D containing  $q(\Delta)$ . Suppose that

(1)  $\Re \left[ \frac{\vartheta'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right] > 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ , and (2)  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent function in  $\Delta$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $p(\Delta) \subset D$ , and  $\vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and  $\vartheta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \prec \vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)),$ (1.7)

then  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and q is the best subordinant.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

By making use of Lemma 1.1, we prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be analytic and univalent in  $\Delta$  with q(0) = 1 such that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . Let q(z) satisfy

(2.1) 
$$\Re \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > 0.$$

Let

(2.2) 
$$\Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) := \alpha \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \right\} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} - \frac{z\left(\Phi(f * g)(z)\right)'}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \right\}$$

*If q satisfies* 

(2.3) 
$$\Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let the function p(z) be defined by

(2.4) 
$$p(z) := \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)}.$$

Then the function p(z) is analytic in  $\Delta$  with p(0) = 1. By a straightforward computation

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f*g)''(z)}{(f*g)'(z)} - \frac{z[\Phi(f*g)(z)]'}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \right\}$$

which, in light of hypothesis (2.3) of Theorem 2.1, yields the following subordination

(2.5) 
$$\alpha p(z) + \frac{\gamma z p'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)}$$

By setting

$$\theta(\omega) := \alpha \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\omega) := \frac{\gamma}{\omega},$$

it can be easily observed that  $\theta(\omega)$  and  $\phi(\omega)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that

 $\phi(\omega) \neq 0 \quad (\omega \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \,.$ 

Also, by letting

(2.6) 
$$\xi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{\gamma}{q(z)}zq'(z).$$

and

(2.7) 
$$h(z) = \theta\{q(z)\} + \xi(z) = \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma}{q(z)} z q'(z),$$

we find that  $\xi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  and that

$$\Re\left[1 + \frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)}\right] > 0$$

by the hypothesis (2.1). The assertion of Theorem 2.1 now follows by an application of Lemma 1.1.  $\hfill \Box$ 

When  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$  in Theorem 2.1 we get:

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with q(0) = 1. If q satisfies

$$(\alpha - \gamma)\frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} \right\} \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{(f*g)(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

For  $g(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$  and  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$ , we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with q(0) = 1. If q satisfies

then

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

and q is the best dominant.

For the choice  $\alpha = \gamma = 1$  and  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$   $(-1 \le B < A \le 1)$  in Corollary 2.3, we have the following result of Ravichandran and Jayamala [6].

**Corollary 2.4.** *If*  $f \in A$  *and* 

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} + \frac{(A - B)z}{(1 + Az)(1 + Bz)},$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$

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

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\gamma \neq 0$ . Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with q(0) = 1 such that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . Suppose that q(z) satisfies

(2.8) 
$$\Re\left[\frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma}\right] > 0$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1,1] \cap Q$ ,  $\Psi(\alpha,\gamma,g;z)$  as defined by (2.2) is univalent in  $\Delta$  and

(2.9) 
$$\alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z),$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)}$$

and q is the best subordinant.

Proof. By setting

$$\vartheta(w) := \alpha \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(w) := \frac{\gamma}{\omega},$$

it is easily observed that  $\vartheta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that

$$\varphi(w) \neq 0, \quad (w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}).$$

The assertion of Theorem 2.5 follows by an application of Lemma 1.2.

For  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$  in Theorem 2.5, we get

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with q(0) = 1. If  $f \in A$  and

$$\alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec (\alpha - \gamma) \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)} \right\} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} \right\} ,$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)}$$

and q is the best subordinant.

Combining Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.5 we get the following sandwich theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent and  $q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  satisfying (2.8) and (2.1) respectively such that  $q_1(0) = 1$ ,  $q_2(0) = 1$ ,  $\frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)}$  and  $\frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)}$  are starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q_1(z) \neq 0$  and  $q_2(z) \neq 0$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1,1] \cap Q$ , and  $\Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z)$  as defined by (2.2) be univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further, if

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \frac{\gamma z q_1'(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \frac{\gamma z q_2'(z)}{q_2(z)},$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

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

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