

ON A DIFFERENTIAL SUPERORDINATION DEFINED  
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**Abstract.** By using the Ruscheweyh operator  $D^m f(z)$ ,  $z \in U$ , we obtain sharp superordinations results related to some normalized holomorphic functions in the unit disk  $U$ .

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Omega$  be any set in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $p$  be analytic in the unit disk  $U$  and let  $\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . In a series of articles the authors and many others [1] have determined properties of functions  $p$  that satisfy the differential subordination

$$\{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \mid z \in U\} \subset \Omega.$$

In this article we consider the dual problem of determining properties of function  $p$  that satisfy the differential superordination

$$\Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \mid z \in U\}.$$

This problem was introduced in [2].

We let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  denote the class of holomorphic functions in the unit disk  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U), f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

and

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

For  $0 < r < 1$ , we let  $U_r = \{z, |z| < r\}$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** [2] Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be analytic in  $U$ . If  $p$  and  $\varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$  are univalent in  $U$  and satisfy the (first-order) differential superordination

$$(1) \quad h(z) \prec \varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z),$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential superordination. An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinant of the solutions 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. Note that the best subordinant is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .

For  $\Omega$  a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $\varphi$  and  $p$  as given in Definition 1, suppose (1) is replaced by

$$(1') \quad \Omega \subset \{\varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \mid z \in U\}.$$

Although this more general situation is a “differential containment”, the condition in (1') will also be referred to as a differential superordination, and the definitions of solution, subordinant and best dominant as given above can be extended to this generalization.

DEFINITION 2. [2] We denote by  $Q$  the set of functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where

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

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

The subclass of  $Q$  for which  $f(0) = a$  is denoted by  $Q(a)$ .

In order to prove the new results we shall use the following lemma:

LEMMA A. [2] Let  $h$  be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = a$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ , and  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n] \cap Q$ . If  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  is univalent in  $U$ ,

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma},$$

then

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

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt, \quad z \in U.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.

LEMMA B. [2] Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\gamma}, \quad z \in U,$$

with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n] \cap Q$ ,  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\gamma} \prec p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}, \quad z \in U,$$

then

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

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is the best subordinant.

DEFINITION 4. [3] For  $f \in A_n$  and  $m \geq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $D^m f$  is defined by

$$D^m f(z) = f(z) * \frac{z}{(1-z)^{m+1}} = \frac{z}{m!} [z^{m-1} f(z)]^{(m)}, \quad z \in U,$$

where  $*$  stands for convolution.

REMARK 1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ D^1 f(z) &= z f'(z) \\ &\dots \\ (m+1)D^{m+1} f(z) &= z[D^m f(z)]' + mD^m f(z), \quad z \in U. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. MAIN RESULT

THEOREM 1. Let

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 + z}$$

be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ .

Let  $f \in A_n$ , and suppose that  $[D^{m+1} f(z)]'$  is univalent and

$$[D^m f(z)]' \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q.$$

If

$$(2) \quad h(z) \prec [D^{m+1} f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$q(z) \prec [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$(3) \quad q(z) = \frac{m+1}{nz^{\frac{m+1}{n}}} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1+t} t^{\frac{m+1}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in A_n$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D^m f(z)$  we have

$$(4) \quad (m+1)D^{m+1} f(z) = z[D^m f(z)]' + mD^m f(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Differentiating (5), we obtain

$$(5) \quad (m+1)[D^{m+1} f(z)]' = (m+1)[D^m f(z)]' + z[D^m f(z)]'', \quad z \in U.$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D^m f(z)]'$  then (6) becomes

$$[D^{m+1} f(z)]' = p(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} z p'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (3) becomes

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} z p'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma A, we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{m+1}{nz^{\frac{m+1}{n}}} \int_0^z \frac{1+(2\alpha-1)t}{1+t} t^{\frac{m+1}{n}-1} dt.$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let*

$$h(z) = \frac{1+(2\alpha-1)z}{1+z}$$

*be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ . Let  $f \in A_n$  and suppose that  $[D^m f(z)]'$  is univalent and  $\frac{D^m f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q$ .*

*If*

$$(6) \quad h(z) \prec [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

*then*

$$q(z) \prec \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

*where*

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z \frac{1+(2\alpha-1)t}{t} t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt.$$

*The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.*

*Proof.* We let

$$p(z) = \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

and we obtain

$$(7) \quad D^m f(z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By differentiating (8) we obtain

$$[D^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (7) becomes

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma A we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt.$$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by*

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} zq'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Let  $f \in A_n$  and suppose that  $[D^{m+1}f(z)]'$  is univalent in  $U$ ,  $[D^m f(z)]' \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q$  and

$$(8) \quad h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} zq'(z) \prec [D^{m+1}f(z)]',$$

then

$$q(z) \prec [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{m+1}{nz^{\frac{m+1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{m+1}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in A_n$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D^m f(z)$ , we have

$$(9) \quad (m+1)[D^{m+1}f(z)]' = (m+1)[D^m f(z)]' + z[D^m f(z)]''.$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D^m f(z)]'$  then (10) becomes

$$[D^{m+1}f(z)]' = p(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (9) becomes

$$q(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} zq'(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{1}{m+1} zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma B, we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{m+1}{nz^{\frac{m+1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{m+1}{n}-1} dt. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

$$h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Let  $f \in A_n$  and suppose that  $[D^m f(z)]'$  is univalent in  $U$ ,  $\frac{D^m f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q$  and

$$(10) \quad h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z) \prec [D^m f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt.$$

*Proof.* We let

$$p(z) = \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

and we obtain

$$D^m f(z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By differentiating, we obtain

$$[D^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (11) becomes

$$q(z) + zq'(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma B we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = \frac{D^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{nz^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{n}-1} dt, \quad z \in U.$$

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