

DIFFERENTIAL SANDWICH THEOREMS FOR ANALYTIC
FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY THE DZIOK-SRIVASTAVA LINEAR
OPERATOR

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Abstract. In this paper we extend previously known results and obtain two sandwich theorems for analytic functions in the unit disk defined with the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(U)$ denote the class of functions analytic in $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$. For n a positive integer and $a \in \mathbb{C}$, let

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

We also consider the class

$$\mathcal{A} = \{f \in \mathcal{H} : f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots\}.$$

We denote by \mathcal{Q} the set of functions f that are analytic and injective on $\bar{U} \setminus E(f)$, where

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

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

Since most of the functions considered in this paper and conditions on them are defined uniformly in the unit disk U , we shall omit the requirement “ $z \in U$ ”.

We use the terms of subordination and superordination, so we review here these definitions. Let $f, F \in \mathcal{H}$. The function f is said to be *subordinate* to F , or F is said to be *superordinate* to f , if there exists a function w analytic in U , with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$, and such that $f(z) = F(w(z))$. In such a case we write $f \prec F$ or $f(z) \prec F(z)$. If F is univalent, then $f \prec F$ if and only if $f(0) = F(0)$ and $f(U) \subset F(U)$.

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Let $\psi: \mathbb{C}^3 \times \overline{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, let h be univalent in U and $q \in \mathcal{Q}$. In [4], the authors considered the problem of determining conditions on admissible functions ψ such that

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

implies $p(z) \prec q(z)$ for all functions $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$ that satisfy the differential subordination (1). Moreover, they found conditions so that the function q is the “smallest” function with this property, called the best dominant of the subordination (1).

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{C}^3 \times \overline{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, let $h \in \mathcal{H}$ and $q \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$. Recently, in [5], the authors studied the dual problem and determined conditions on φ such that

$$(2) \quad h(z) \prec \varphi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z)$$

implies $q(z) \prec p(z)$, for all functions $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ that satisfy the above differential superordination. Moreover, they found conditions so that the function q is the “largest” function with this property, called the best subordinant of the superordination (2).

For two functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n$, the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f and g is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) := z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

For $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $l \leq m + 1$, $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$, and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, the generalized hypergeometric function

$${}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)$$

is given by the infinite series

$${}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \cdots (\alpha_l)_n}{(\beta_1)_n \cdots (\beta_m)_n n!} z^n$$

$$(l \leq m + 1; l, m \in \mathbb{N})$$

where $(a)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(a)_n := \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ a(a+1)(a+2)\cdots(a+n-1) & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}^*. \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to the function

$$h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) := z {}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)$$

the Dziok-Srivastava operator $H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$ is given in [3] by the Hadamard product

$$\begin{aligned} & H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z) \\ & := h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) * f(z) \\ & = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \cdots (\alpha_l)_n}{(\beta_1)_n \cdots (\beta_m)_n} \frac{a_{n+1} z^{n+1}}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

For brevity, we write

$$H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z) := H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) f(z).$$

In this paper we will determine some properties on admissible functions defined with the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In our present investigation we shall need the following results.

THEOREM 2.1 ([4], Theorem 3.4h., p. 132). *Let q be univalent in U and let θ and ϕ be analytic in a domain D containing $q(U)$, with $\phi(w) \neq 0$, when $w \in q(U)$. Set $Q(z) = zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)]$, $h(z) = \theta[q(z)] + Q(z)$ and suppose that either*

(i) *h is convex*

or

(ii) *Q is starlike.*

In addition, assume that

(iii) $\operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$.

If p is analytic in U , with $p(0) = q(0)$, $p(U) \subset D$ and

$$\theta[p(z)] + zp'(z) \cdot \phi[p(z)] \prec \theta[q(z)] + zp'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)] = h(z),$$

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

By taking $\theta(w) := w$ and $\phi(w) := \gamma$ in Theorem 2.1, we get

COROLLARY 2.2. *Let q be univalent in U , $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose*

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

If p is analytic in U , with $p(0) = q(0)$ and

$$p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z),$$

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

THEOREM 2.3 ([6]). *Let θ and ϕ be analytic in a domain D and let q be univalent in U , with $q(0) = a$, $q(U) \subset D$. Set $Q(z) = zq'(z) \cdot \phi[q(z)]$, $h(z) = \theta[q(z)] + Q(z)$ and suppose that*

$$(i) \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\theta' [q(z)]}{\phi [q(z)]} \right] > 0$$

and

(ii) $Q(z)$ is starlike.

If $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$, $p(U) \subset D$ and $\theta [p(z)] + zp'(z) \cdot \phi [p(z)]$ is univalent in U , then

$$\theta [q(z)] + zp'(z) \cdot \phi [q(z)] \prec \theta [p(z)] + zp'(z) \cdot \phi [p(z)] \Rightarrow q \prec p$$

and q is the best subordinant.

By taking $\theta(w) := w$ and $\phi(w) := \gamma$ in Theorem 2.3, we get

COROLLARY 2.4 ([1]). Let q be convex in U , $q(0) = a$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ and $p(z) + \gamma zp'(z)$ is univalent in U , then

$$q(z) + \gamma zq'(z) \prec p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \Rightarrow q \prec p$$

and q is the best subordinant.

3. MAIN RESULTS

THEOREM 3.1. Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose

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

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \gamma \alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \\ & - \gamma (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2} \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

Proof. We define the function p by

$$(4) \quad p(z) := \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}.$$

We calculate the derivative of $p(z)$ and we get

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} p'(z) &= \\ &= \frac{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}' H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z) - \{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}' H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

By using the identity

$$(6) \quad z \left\{ H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z) \right\}' = \alpha_1 H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 1] f(z) - (\alpha_1 - 1) H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z),$$

we obtain from (5) that

$$zp'(z) = \alpha_1 + \frac{H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) &= \gamma \alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \\ &\quad - \gamma (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l [\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The subordination (3) from the hypothesis becomes

$$p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z).$$

We obtain the conclusion of our theorem by applying now Corrolary 2.2. \square

For $a, c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$, $l = 2$, $m = 1$, $\alpha_1 = a$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\beta_1 = c$, the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator $H_m^l [\alpha_1] f(z)$ becomes the Carlson-Shaffer linear operator $L(a, c) f(z)$ introduced in [2]. By taking these values in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.2 ([7]). *Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose that*

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

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma a + (1 + \gamma) \frac{L(a, c) f(z)}{L(a + 1, c) f(z)} - \gamma (a + 1) \frac{L(a + 2, c) f(z) \cdot L(a, c) f(z)}{\{L(a + 1, c) f(z)\}^2} &\prec \\ &\prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\frac{L(a, c) f(z)}{L(a + 1, c) f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

By taking $l = 1$, $m = 0$ and $\alpha_1 = 1$ in Theorem 3.1, we get the following result.

COROLLARY 3.3 ([7]). *Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose that*

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

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\gamma \left\{ 1 - \frac{f''(z) f(z)}{[f'(z)]^2} \right\} + (1 - \gamma) \frac{f(z)}{z f'(z)} \prec q(z) + \gamma z q'(z),$$

then

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

and q is the best dominant.

We give an application of Theorem 3.1 for a particular convex function q .

COROLLARY 3.4. Let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}$, $A \neq B$, $|B| \leq 1$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2} \prec \\ \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} + \gamma \frac{(A - B)z}{(1 + Bz)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$$

and $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$ is the best dominant.

We next give a result concerning superordinations.

THEOREM 3.5. Let q be convex in U , $q(0) = 1$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$,

$$\gamma \alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}$$

is univalent in U and

$$\begin{aligned} q(z) + \gamma z q'(z) \prec \gamma \alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \\ - \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}$$

and q is the best subdominant.

Proof. The conclusion follows immediately by applying Corollary 2.4 to the function p defined in (4). \square

We can combine the results of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.5 to obtain the following “sandwich theorem”.

COROLLARY 3.6. *Let q_1, q_2 be convex in U , $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$,*

$$\gamma\alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}$$

is univalent in U and

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(z) + \gamma z q_1'(z) &\prec \gamma\alpha_1 + (1 + \gamma) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \\ &- \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z) \cdot H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z) + \gamma z q_2'(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

and the functions q_1 and q_2 are respectively the best subdominant and the best dominant.

THEOREM 3.7. *Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[1 + \frac{z q''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > \max \left\{ 0, -\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma} \right\}.$$

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad & [1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} - \\ & - 2\alpha_1 \gamma \frac{z \{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^3} \prec q(z) + \gamma z q'(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

Proof. Let

$$(8) \quad p(z) := z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2}.$$

A simple computation shows that

$$(9) \quad \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z)} = 1 + \frac{z \{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)} - 2 \frac{z \{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)}.$$

By using the identity (6), we obtain from (9) that

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = (\alpha_1 - 1) + (\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)} - 2\alpha_1 \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) &= [1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} + \\ &+ \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1\gamma \frac{z\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^3}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the hypothesis (7) yields the subordination.

$$p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z).$$

Now the conclusion of our theorem follows by simply applying Corollary 2.2. \square

When $l = 2$, $m = 1$, $\alpha_1 = a$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\beta_1 = c$ Theorem 3.7 becomes

COROLLARY 3.8 ([7]). *Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose that*

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

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + \gamma(a - 1)] \frac{zL(a + 1, c)f(z)}{\{L(a, c)f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(a + 1) \frac{zL(a + 2, c)f(z)}{\{L(a, c)f(z)\}^2} - \\ - 2a\gamma \frac{z\{L(a + 1, c)f(z)\}^2}{\{L(a, c)f(z)\}^3} \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$z \frac{L(a + 1, c)f(z)}{\{L(a, c)f(z)\}^2} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

By taking $l = 1$, $m = 0$ and $\alpha_1 = 1$ in Theorem 3.7, we obtain:

COROLLARY 3.9 ([7]). *Let q be univalent in U with $q(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and suppose that*

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

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} - \gamma z^2 \left(\frac{z}{f(z)} \right)'' \prec q(z) + \gamma zq'(z),$$

then

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

We consider $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$ and give the following application of Theorem 3.7.

COROLLARY 3.10. *Let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}$, $A \neq B$, $|B| \leq 1$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and*

$$[1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1\gamma \frac{z\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^3} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} + \gamma \frac{(A - B)z}{(1 + Bz)^2},$$

then

$$z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$$

and $q(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}$ is the best dominant.

We apply Corollary 2.4 to the function p given by (8) in the proof of Theorem 3.7 to obtain the following result.

THEOREM 3.11. *Let q be convex in U , $q(0) = 1$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$,*

$$[1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1\gamma \frac{z\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^3}$$

is univalent in U and

$$q(z) + \gamma z q'(z) \prec [1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{zH_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1\gamma \frac{z\{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^3},$$

then

$$q(z) \prec z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)\}^2}$$

and q is the best subordinant.

By combining the results of Theorem 3.7 and Theorem 3.11 we finally get the following ‘‘sandwich theorem’’.

COROLLARY 3.12. Let q_1, q_2 be convex in U , $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, $z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$,

$$[1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1 \gamma \frac{z \{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^3}$$

is univalent in U and

$$q_1(z) + \gamma z q_1'(z) \prec [1 + \gamma(\alpha_1 - 1)] \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} + \gamma(\alpha_1 + 1) \frac{z H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 2] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} - 2\alpha_1 \gamma \frac{z \{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)\}^2}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^3} \prec q_2(z) + \gamma z q_2'(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec z \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1] f(z)}{\{H_m^l[\alpha_1] f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z)$$

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

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