

## ON APPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATION

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**Abstract:** Using a generalized differential operator we define certain subclasses of analytic functions and study about their inclusion relationships using differential subordination.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) := z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad a_k \geq 0 \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $S, S^*(\alpha)$  and  $K(\alpha)$  denote the subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions that are univalent, starlike of order  $\alpha$  and convexlike of order  $\alpha$  respectively. Also  $S^*(0) = S^*$  and  $K(0) = K$  are the class of starlike and convex functions defined on  $U$  respectively. For two functions  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ ,

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the Hadamard product or convolution of  $f$  and  $g$  is denoted by  $(f * g)(z)$ , defined as

$$(f * g)(z) := z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

For complex numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s$ ; ( $\beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ ;  $\mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ), we define the generalized hypergeometric function as

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k (\alpha_2)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k z^k}{(\beta_1)_k (\beta_2)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k k!},$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in U)$$

where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all positive integers and  $(x)_k$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined in terms of gamma function, as

$$(x)_k = \frac{\Gamma(x+k)}{\Gamma(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ x(x+1) \dots (x+k-1) & \text{if } k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to the function  $g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ , defined by

$$g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z) := z {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z),$$

recently in [9] an operator  $\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  has been defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^0(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) &:= f(z) * g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z), \\ \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^1(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) &:= (1 - \lambda + \mu)(f(z) * g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)) \\ &\quad + (\lambda - \mu)z(f(z) * g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z))' \\ &\quad + \lambda\mu z^2(f(z) * g_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z))'', \\ \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) &:= \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^1(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^{m-1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq \mu \leq \lambda \leq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . By using the above definition, we can find that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) &= z \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [1 + (k-1)(\lambda - \mu + k\mu\lambda)]^m \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1} (\alpha_2)_{k-1} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1} (\beta_2)_{k-1} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-1} (k-1)!} a_k z^k. \end{aligned}$$

For brevity, let us take

$$B_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1} (\alpha_2)_{k-1} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1} (\beta_2)_{k-1} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-1} (k-1)!}.$$

Hence we have

$$\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [1 + (k - 1)(\lambda - \mu + k\mu\lambda)]^m B_k a_k z^k.$$

For suitable values of  $\alpha'_i, \beta'_j, s, q, s, \lambda$  and  $\mu$  we can deduce several operators [1, 6, 14] as a special case of this operator. Also a simple computation shows that

$$(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' = \gamma\alpha_1\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z) - (\gamma\alpha_1 - 1)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z). \tag{1.2}$$

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the unit disc  $U$ . Then  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $g(z)$  in  $U$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$ , analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . We denote it as  $f \prec g$ . Further if  $g(z)$  is univalent then we write  $f \prec g$  if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $h(z)$  be an analytic convex univalent function in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\Re\{h(z)\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ . Let  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy the condition

$$\frac{z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z^2[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'} \prec h(z)$$

for some  $\gamma(0 \leq \gamma \leq 1)$  and for all  $z \in U$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $h(z)$  be an analytic convex univalent function in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\Re\{h(z)\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ . Let  $B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy the condition

$$(1 - \gamma)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' \prec h(z)$$

for some  $\gamma(0 \leq \gamma \leq 1)$  and for all  $z \in U$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $h(z)$  be an analytic convex univalent function in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\Re\{h(z)\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ . Let  $C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy the condition

$$[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'' \prec h(z)$$

for some  $\gamma(0 \leq \gamma \leq 1)$  and for all  $z \in U$ .

Note that special cases of  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ ,  $B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and  $C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  include  $S^*$ ,  $K$ ,  $S^*(\alpha)$ ,  $K(\alpha)$  and many other subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$  which were defined earlier in [11, 12, 13]. By specializing the parameters we get the corresponding classes containing Hohlov operator, Ruscheweyh operator, fractional calculus operator, Sălăgean derivative operator, Libera-Bernardi-Livingston integral operator, Dziok-Srivatsava operator and the operator studied in [15].

## 2. Preliminaries

To prove our main results we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [10, p. 81] *Let  $h$  be analytic, univalent and convex in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\Re\{\beta h(z) + \gamma\} > 0$ , ( $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}, z \in U$ ). If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = h(0)$ , then*

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

implies that

$$p(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [10, p. 71] *Let  $h$  be analytic, univalent and convex in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$ . Also let  $p$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $p(0) = h(0)$ . If*

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

then

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

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} h(t) dt \quad (z \in U, \Re\{\gamma\} \geq 0; \gamma \neq 0).$$

## 3. Inclusion Relations

**Theorem 3.1.** *For  $\alpha_1 \geq 1$ ,*

$$A(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in A(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and let

$$p(z) := \frac{z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z^2[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'}$$

By differentiating (1.2) we have,

$$p(z) + (a - 1) = \frac{\gamma\alpha_1 z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + (1 - \gamma)\alpha_1 \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'}$$

Taking logarithmic differentiation on both sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)} &= \frac{z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z^2[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]''}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]'} \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(z) \in A(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)} \prec h(z).$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$p(z) \prec h(z)$$

for  $\alpha_1 \geq 1$ . Thus  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  for  $\alpha_1 \geq 1$ , then  $F_c(f) \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ , where  $F_c$  is the integral operator defined by*

$$F_c(f) = F_c(f)(z) := \frac{c + 1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt \quad (c \geq 0). \tag{3.1}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) := \frac{z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))] + \gamma z^2[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]''}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z)) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]}'$$

A simple computation using (3.1) yields that

$$z(F_c(f)(z))' + cF_c(f)(z) = (c + 1)f(z)$$

and so

$$\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)(zF_c(f(z))') + c\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f)(z) = (c + 1)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z).$$

By making use of the identity

$$z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]' = \mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)(zF_c(f(z))')$$

we get

$$z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]' + c\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z)) = (c + 1)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) \tag{3.2}$$

Differentiating (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & p(z) + c \\ &= (c + 1) \left( \frac{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z)) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]' } \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Taking logarithmic differentiation of (3.3), we get

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + c} = \frac{z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z^2[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''}{(1 - \gamma)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'}. \tag{3.4}$$

By applying Lemma 2.1 in (3.3), it follows that

$$p(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

Hence  $F_c(f) \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ . □

Special cases of Theroems 3.1 and 3.2 include the results which were given in [2, 11, 12, 13]. Interestingly for  $q = 2, s = 1, m = 0, \alpha_1 = \beta_1 = \alpha_2 = 1, h(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$  and  $\gamma = 0$  in Theorem 3.1 we obtain  $K \subset S^*$ .

**Theorem 3.3.**  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  if and only if  $\gamma z f' + (1 - \gamma)f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 0, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and  $g(z) = \gamma z f' + (1 - \gamma)f$ . Using the definition of  $\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)$  and a property of the Hadamard product, we find that  $g \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 0, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ . Converse is obvious. □

Special cases of the Theorem 3.3 includes results which were in [11, 12].

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  then  $\gamma f + (1 - \gamma) \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 1, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  then from Theorem 3.3

$$g(z) = zf' + (1 - \gamma)f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 0, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

It can be easily seen that  $f \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 1, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  if and only if  $zf' \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 0, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ . Applying this result for  $g(z)$ , we see that

$$\gamma f + (1 - \gamma) \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in A(\alpha_1, \beta_1, 1, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.**

$$B(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in B(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) = (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'.$$

Taking  $\gamma = 1$  in (1.2) we get

$$z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' = \alpha_1 \mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z) - (\alpha_1 - 1)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z). \tag{3.5}$$

Using (3.5) and the differentiation of (3.5), we get

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\alpha_1} = (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]'. \tag{3.6}$$

By applying Lemma 2.2 in (3.6), we obtain

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

Hence the result follows. □

**Theorem 3.6.** *If  $f \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ , then*

$$F_c(f) \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Assume  $f \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) = (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]'.$$

Differentiating (3.2) we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{c+1} = (1-\gamma)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'. \tag{3.7}$$

By applying Lemma 2.2 in (3.7) we get

$$p(z) \prec h(z)$$

and hence

$$F_c(f) \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

□

**Theorem 3.7.**  $C(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''.$$

Differentiating (3.5), we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\alpha_1} = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1 + 1, \beta_1)f(z)]''. \tag{3.8}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 in (3.8), we get

$$p(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

and the result now follows.

□

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $f \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ , then*

$$F_c(f) \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)F_c(f(z))]'.$$

Differentiating (3.2) we get

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{c+1} = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''. \tag{3.9}$$

A simple application of Lemma 2.2 will give the desired result.

□



**Theorem 3.9.**  $f \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  if and only if

$$zf' \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Using the equality

$$z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' = \mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)(zf'(z)).$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)zf'(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)zf'(z)]' \\ = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'' \end{aligned}$$

which implies the required result. □

**Theorem 3.10.**  $C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and

$$p(z) = (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'.$$

Hence

$$p(z) + zp'(z) = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''$$

and the result follows as an application of Lemma 2.2. □

**Theorem 3.11.** For  $\gamma > \delta \geq 0$ ,

$$B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \delta, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and  $p(z) = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z}$ . When  $\delta = 0$ , we have

$$p(z) + zp'(z) = (1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' \tag{3.10}$$

Hence the result follows as an application of Lemma 2.2 in (3.10), when  $\delta = 0$ . Suppose  $\delta \neq 0$ . Since  $f \in B(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$ , we have

$$(1 - \gamma) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda, \mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' \in h(U) \quad (z \in U).$$

But  $\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)}{z} \in h(U)$  and  $h(U)$  is convex. Also

$$(1-\delta)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \delta[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)]' = (1-\frac{\delta}{\gamma})\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} \left[ (1-\gamma)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)}{z} \gamma[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)]' \right].$$

Therefore we have

$$(1-\delta)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)}{z} + \delta[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1,\beta_1)f(z)]' \in h(U).$$

Hence the result follows. □

**Theorem 3.12.** For  $\gamma > \delta \geq 0$ ,

$$C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h) \subset C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \delta, \lambda, \mu, m, h).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in C(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, m, h)$  and  $p(z) = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'$ . When  $\delta = 0$ , we have

$$p(z) + \gamma zp'(z) = [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''.$$

Hence the result follows as an application of Lemma 2.2, when  $\delta = 0$ .

Suppose  $\delta \neq 0$ . Then

$$[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'' \in h(U) \quad (z \in U).$$

Note that

$$[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \delta z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'' = (1-\frac{\delta}{\gamma})[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \frac{\delta}{\gamma} [\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \gamma z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]''.$$

As  $h(U)$  is convex and  $\frac{\delta}{\gamma} < 1$  we have

$$[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]' + \delta z[\mathcal{D}_{\lambda,\mu}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]'' \in h(U) \quad (z \in U)$$

and hence the result follows. □

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