



PRESERVING PROPERTIES OF SUBORDINATION AND SUPERORDINATION OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A FRACTIONAL DIFFERINTEGRAL OPERATOR

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain some subordination and superordination-preserving results of analytic functions associated with the fractional differintegral operator $U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$. Sandwich-type result involving this operator is also derived.

1. Introduction

Let $H(U)$ be the class of functions analytic in $U = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ and $H[a, k]$ be the subclass of $H(U)$ consisting of functions of the form $f(z) = a + a_k z^k + a_{k+1} z^{k+1} + \dots$, with $H_0 \equiv H[0, 1]$ and $H \equiv H[1, 1]$.

Let A_p denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} z^{n+p} \quad (p, \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}; z \in U), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk U .

Let f and F be members of $H(U)$, the function $f(z)$ is said to be subordinate to $F(z)$, or $F(z)$ is said to be superordinate to $f(z)$, if there exists a function $w(z)$ analytic in U with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1 (z \in U)$, such that $f(z) = F(w(z))$. In such a case we write $f(z) < F(z)$. In particular, if F is univalent, then $f(z) < F(z)$ if and only if $f(0) = F(0)$ and $f(U) \subset F(U)$ (see [5, 6]).

Let $\Psi : C^2 \times U \rightarrow C$ and let h be univalent in U . If p is analytic in U and satisfies the first order differential subordination

$$\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) < h(z) \quad (z \in U), \quad (1.2)$$

then p is called a solution of the differential subordination (1.2).

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The univalent function q is called a dominant solutions of the differential subordination (1.2) if $p < q$ for all p satisfying (1.2). A dominant \tilde{q} that satisfies $\tilde{q} < q$ for all dominants q of (1.2) is said to be the best dominant of (1.2).

Similarly, let $\Phi : C^2 \times U \rightarrow C$ and let h be univalent in U . If p is analytic in U and satisfies the first order differential superordination

$$h(z) < \Phi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \quad (z \in U), \quad (1.3)$$

then p is called a solution of the differential superordination (1.3).

The univalent function q is called a subordinant solutions of the differential superordination (1.3) if $q < p$ for all p satisfying (1.3). A subordinant \tilde{q} that satisfies $q < \tilde{q}$ for all subordinant q of (1.3) is said to be the best subordinant. (see the monograph by Miller and Mocanu [7], and [8]).

We recall the definitions of the fractional derivative and integral operators introduced and studied by Saigo (cf. [14], [15]).

Definition 1. Let $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta, \gamma \in R$, then the generalized fractional integral operator $I_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$ of order α of a function $f(z)$ is defined by

$$I_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) = \frac{z^{-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z (z-t) {}_2F_1\left(\alpha+\beta, -\gamma; \alpha; 1-\frac{t}{z}\right) f(t) dt, \quad (1.4)$$

where the function $f(z)$ is analytic in a simply-connected region of the z - plane containing the origin and the multiplicity of $(z-t)^{(\alpha-1)}$ is removed by requiring $\log(z-t)$ to be real when $(z-t) > 0$ provided further that

$$f(z) = O(|z|^\varepsilon), \quad z \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } \varepsilon > \max(0, \beta - \gamma) - 1. \quad (1.5)$$

Definition 2. Let $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $\beta, \gamma \in R$, then the generalized fractional derivative operator $J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$ of order α of a function $f(z)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dz} \left[z^{\alpha-\beta} \int_0^z (z-t) {}_2F_1\left(\beta-\alpha, 1-\gamma; 1-\alpha; 1-\frac{t}{z}\right) f(t) dt \right], \\ &= \frac{d^n}{dz^n} J_{0,z}^{\alpha-n,\beta,\gamma} f(z) \quad (n \leq \alpha < n+1; n \in N), \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

where the function $f(z)$ is analytic in a simply-connected region of the z - plane containing the origin, with the order as given in (1.5) and multiplicity of $(z-t)^\alpha$ is removed by requiring $\log(z-t)$ to be real when $(z-t) > 0$.

Note that

$$I_{0,z}^{\alpha,-\alpha,\gamma} f(z) = D_z^{-\alpha} f(z) \quad (\alpha > 0), \quad (1.7)$$

and

$$J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\alpha,\gamma} f(z) = D_z^\alpha f(z) (0 \leq \alpha < 1), \tag{1.8}$$

where $D_z^{-\alpha} f(z)$ and $D_z^\alpha f(z)$ are respectively the well known Riemann-Liouville fractional integral and derivative operators (cf. [10] and [11], see also [16]).

Definition 3. For real number α ($-\infty < \alpha < 1$) and β ($-\infty < \beta < 1$) and a positive real number γ , the fractional operator $U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} : A_p \rightarrow A_p$ is defined in terms of $J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$ and $I_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$ by (see [9] and [4])

$$U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+p)_n (1+p+\gamma-\beta)_n}{(1+p-\beta)_n (1+p+\gamma-\alpha)_n} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \tag{1.9}$$

which for $f(z) \neq 0$ may be written as

$$U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(1+p-\beta)\Gamma(1+p+\gamma-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+p)\Gamma(1+p+\gamma-\beta)} z^\beta J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z); & 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \\ \frac{\Gamma(1+p-\beta)\Gamma(1+p+\gamma-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+p)\Gamma(1+p+\gamma-\beta)} z^\beta I_{0,z}^{-\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z); & -\infty \leq \alpha < 0 \end{cases} \tag{1.10}$$

where $J_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)$ and $I_{0,z}^{-\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)$ are, respectively the fractional derivative of f of order α if $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and the fractional integral of f of order $-\alpha$ if $-\infty \leq \alpha < 0$.

It is easily verified (see Choi [3]) from (1.9) that

$$(p-\beta) U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z) + \beta U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) = z \left(U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z) \right)'. \tag{1.11}$$

Note that

$$U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\alpha,\gamma} f(z) = \Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z) (-\infty < \alpha < 1), \tag{1.12}$$

The fractional differintegral operator $\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)$ for $(-\infty < \alpha < p+1)$ is studied by Patel and Mishra [12], and the fractional differential operator $\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)}$ with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ was investigated by Srivastava and Aouf [17]. We, further observe that $\Omega_z^{(\alpha,1)} = \Omega_z^\alpha$ is the operator introduced and studied by Owa and Srivastava [11].

It is interesting to observe that

$$U_{0,z}^{0,0,\gamma} f(z) = f(z) \tag{1.13}$$

and

$$U_{0,z}^{1,1,\gamma} f(z) = \frac{z}{p} f'(z). \tag{1.14}$$

To prove our results, we need the following definitions and lemmas.

Definition 4 ([7]). Denote by Q the set of all functions $q(z)$ that are analytic and injective on $\bar{U}/E(q)$ where

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

and are such that $q'(\zeta) \neq 0$ for $\zeta \in \partial U/E(q)$. Further let the subclass of Q for which $q(0) = a$ be denoted by $Q(a)$, $Q(0) \equiv Q_0$ and $Q(1) \equiv Q_1$.

Definition 5 ([8]). A function $L(z, t)$ ($z \in U$, $t \geq 0$) is said to be a subordination chain if $L(0, t)$ is analytic and univalent in $z \in U$ for all $t \geq 0$, $L(z, 0)$ is continuously differentiable on $[0; 1]$ for all $z \in U$ and $L(z, t_1) < L(z, t_2)$ for all $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$.

Lemma 1 ([13]). *The function $L(z, t) : U \times [0; 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of the form*

$$L(z, t) = a_1(t)z + a_2(t)z^2 + \dots \quad (a_1(t) \neq 0; t \geq 0),$$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |a_1(t)| = \infty$ is a subordination chain if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z \partial L(z, t) / \partial t}{\partial L(z, t) / \partial t} \right\} > 0 (z \in U, t \geq 0).$$

Lemma 2 ([5]). *Suppose that the function $H : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies the condition*

$$\operatorname{Re} \{H(is; t)\} \leq 0$$

for all real s and for all $t \leq -n(1 + s^2)/2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If the function $p(z) = 1 + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, is analytic in U and $\operatorname{Re} \{H(p(z); zp'(z))\} > 0$ ($z \in U$). then $\operatorname{Re} \{p(z)\} > 0$ for $z \in U$.

Lemma 3 ([6]). *Let $k, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ with $k \neq 0$ and let $h \in H(U)$ with $H(0) = c$. If $\operatorname{Re} \{kh(z) + \gamma\} > 0$ ($z \in U$), then the solution of the following differential equation:*

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{kq(z) + \gamma} = h(z) (z \in U; q(0) = c),$$

is analytic in U and satisfies $\operatorname{Re} \{kh(z) + \gamma\} > 0$ for $z \in U$.

Lemma 4 ([7]). *Let $p \in Q(a)$ and let $q(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$, be analytic in U with $q(z) \neq 0$ and $n \geq 1$. If q is not subordinate to p , then there exists two points $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta} \in U$ and $\xi_0 \in \partial U/E(q)$ such that $q(U_{r_0}) \subset p(U)$; $q(z_0) = p(\xi_0)$ and $z_0 p'(z_0) = m \xi_0 p'(\xi_0)$ $m \geq n$.*

Lemma 5 ([8]). *Let $q \in H[a, 1]$ and $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ also $\phi(q(z), zq'(z)) = h(z)$. If $L(z, t) = \phi(q(z), tzq'(z))$ is a subordination chain and $q \in H[a, 1] \cap Q(a)$, then*

$$h(z) < \phi(p(z), zp'(z)),$$

implies that $q(z) < p(z)$. Further if $\phi(q(z), zq'(z)) = h(z)$ has a univalent solution $q \in Q(a)$, then q is the best subordination.

In the present paper, we aim to prove some subordination-preserving and superordination-preserving properties associated with the fractional differintegral operator $U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$. Sandwich-type result involving this operator is also derived. A similar problem for analytic functions was studied by Aouf and Seoudy [1] and [2].

2. Subordination, superordination and sandwich results involving the operator $U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$

Theorem 1. Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) &= \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \\ & \quad (-\infty < \alpha < 1; -\infty < \beta < 1; \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+; \mu > 0; z \in U), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

and δ is given by

$$\delta = \frac{1 + \mu^2(p - \beta)^2 - |1 - \mu^2(p - \beta)^2|}{4\mu(p - \beta)}. \quad (2.3)$$

Then the subordination condition

$$\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best dominant.

Proof. Let us define the functions $F(z)$ and $G(z)$ in U by

$$F(z) = \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad G(z) = \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (z \in U), \quad (2.4)$$

we assume here, without loss of generality, that $G(z)$ is analytic and univalent on \overline{U} and

$$G'(\zeta) \neq 0 \quad (|\zeta| = 1).$$

If not, then we replace $F(z)$ and $G(z)$ by $F(\rho z)$ and $G(\rho z)$, respectively, with $0 < \rho < 1$. These new functions have the desired properties on \bar{U} , and we can use them in the proof of our result. Therefore, the results would follow by letting $\rho \rightarrow 1$. We first show that, if

$$q(z) = 1 + \frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)} \quad (z \in U), \quad (2.5)$$

then

$$\Re\{q(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

From (1.11) and the definition of the functions G, ϕ , we obtain that

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu(p-\beta)}. \quad (2.6)$$

Differentiating both side of (2.6) with respect to z yields

$$\phi'(z) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\mu(p-\beta)}\right)G'(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu(p-\beta)}. \quad (2.7)$$

Combining (2.5) and (2.7), we easily get

$$1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + \mu(p-\beta)} = h(z) \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.8)$$

It follows from (2.1) and (2.8) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{h(z) + \mu(p-\beta)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.9)$$

Moreover, by using Lemma 3, we conclude that the differential equation (2.8) has a solution $q(z) \in H(U)$ with $h(0) = q(0) = 1$. Let

$$H(u, v) = u + \frac{v}{u + \mu(p-\beta)} + \delta,$$

where δ is given by (2.3). From (2.8) and (2.9), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\{H(q(z); zq'(z))\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

To verify the condition that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{H(is; t)\} \leq 0 \quad (t \leq -(1+s^2)/2; s \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (2.10)$$

we proceed it as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re}\{H(is; t)\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{is + \frac{t}{is + \mu(p-\beta)} + \delta\right\} = \frac{t\mu(p-\beta)}{s^2 + \mu^2(p-\beta)^2} + \delta$$

$$\leq -\frac{\psi_p(\beta, \mu, \delta, s)}{2[s^2 + \mu^2(p - \beta)^2]},$$

where

$$\psi_p(\beta, \mu, \delta, s) = [\mu(p - \beta) - 2\delta]s^2 - 2\delta\mu^2(p - \beta)^2 + \mu(p - \beta). \quad (2.11)$$

For δ given by (2.3), we note that the expression $\psi_p(\beta, \mu, \delta, s)$ in (2.11) is a positive, which implies that (2.10) holds. Thus, by using Lemma 2, we conclude that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

By the definition of $q(z)$, we know that G is convex. To prove $F \prec G$, let the function $L(z, t)$ be defined by

$$L(z, t) = G(z) + \frac{(1+t)zG'(z)}{\mu(p-\beta)} \quad (0 \leq t < \infty; z \in U). \quad (2.12)$$

Since G is convex, then

$$\left. \frac{\partial L(z, t)}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = G'(0) \left(1 + \frac{(1+t)}{\mu(p-\beta)} \right) \neq 0 \quad (0 \leq t < \infty; z \in U)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z\partial L(z, t)/\partial t}{\partial L(z, t)/\partial t} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \{ \mu(p - \beta) + (1+t)q(z) \} > 0 \quad (0 \leq t < \infty; z \in U).$$

Therefore, by using Lemma 1, we deduce that $L(z, t)$ is a subordination chain. It follows from the definition of subordination chain that

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu(p-\beta)} = L(z, 0),$$

and

$$L(z, 0) \prec L(z, t) \quad (0 \leq t < \infty),$$

which implies

$$L(\zeta, t) \notin L(U, 0) \quad (0 \leq t < \infty; \zeta \in \partial U), \quad (2.13)$$

If F is not subordinate to G , by using Lemma 4, we know that there exist two points $z_0 \in U$ and $\zeta_0 \in \partial U$ such that

$$F(z_0) = G(\zeta_0) \text{ and } z_0 F'(z_0) = (1+t)\zeta_0 p(\zeta_0) \quad (0 \leq t < \infty). \quad (2.14)$$

Hence, by virtue of (1.11) and (2.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(\zeta_0, t) &= G(\zeta_0) + \frac{(1+t)zG'(\zeta_0)}{\mu(p-\beta)} = F(z_0) + \frac{z_0 F'(z_0)}{\mu(p-\beta)} \\ &= \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1, \beta+1, \gamma+1} f(z_0)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} f(z_0)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} f(z_0)}{z_0^p} \right)^\mu \in \phi(U). \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts to (2.13). Thus, we deduce that $F < G$. Considering $F = G$, we see that the function G is the best dominant. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

By taking $\alpha = \beta$ in Theorem 1 and using the relation (1.12) we get the following Corollary

Corollary 1. *Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.15)$$

where

$$\phi(z) = \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (-\infty < \alpha < 1; \mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.16)$$

and δ is given by

$$\delta = \frac{1 + \mu^2(p - \alpha)^2 - |1 - \mu^2(p - \alpha)^2|}{4\mu(p - \alpha)}. \quad (2.17)$$

Then the subordination condition

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} f(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$, and the function $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best dominant.

By taking $\alpha = 0$ in Corollary 1 and using the relation (1.13) and (1.14) we get the following Corollary

Corollary 2. *Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.18)$$

where

$$\phi(z) = \left(\frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (\mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.19)$$

and δ is given by

$$\delta = \frac{1 + \mu^2 p^2 - |1 - \mu^2 p^2|}{4\mu p}. \quad (2.20)$$

Then the subordination condition

$$\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \right) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best dominant.

We now derive the following superordination result.

Theorem 2. *Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let*

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$\phi(z) = \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (2.22)$$

$$(-\infty < \alpha < 1; -\infty < \beta < 1; \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+; \mu > 0; z \in U),$$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the superordination condition

$$\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best subordinant.

Proof. Suppose that the functions F, G and q are defined by (2.4) and (2.5), respectively. By applying the similar method as in the proof of Theorem 1, we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \{q(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

Next, to arrive at our desired result, we show that $G < F$. For this, we suppose that the function $L(z, t)$ be defined by (2.12).

Since G is convex, by applying a similar method as in Theorem 1, we deduce that $L(z, t)$ is subordination chain. Therefore, by using Lemma 5, we conclude that $G < F$. Moreover, since the differential equation

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu(p-\beta)} = \varphi(G(z), zG'(z))$$

has a univalent solution G , it is the best subordinant. This completes the proof.

By taking $\alpha = \beta$ in Theorem 2 and using the relation (1.12) we get the following Corollary

Corollary 3. Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.23)$$

where

$$\phi(z) = \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (-\infty < \alpha < 1; \mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.24)$$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the superordination condition

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} f(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best subdominant.

By taking $\alpha = 0$ in Corollary 3 and using the relation (1.13) and (1.14) we get the following corollary

Corollary 4. Let $f, g \in A_p$ and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$\phi(z) = \left(\frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (\mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.26)$$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the superordination condition

$$\left(\frac{zg'(z)}{pg(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{zf''(z)}{pf(z)} \right) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{g(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is the best dominant.

Combining Theorems 1 and 2, we obtain the following “sandwich-type result”.

Theorem 3. Let $f, g_i \in A_p$ ($j = 1, 2$) and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi_j''(z)}{\phi_j'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.27)$$

where

$$\phi_j(z) = \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g_j(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_j(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_j(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (2.28)$$

$(-\infty < \alpha < 1; -\infty < \beta < 1; \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+; \mu > 0; z \in U),$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the condition

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g_1(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_1(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu &< \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} f(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \\ &< \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma+1} g_2(z)}{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_2(z)} \right) \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu, \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ and $\left(\frac{U_{0,z}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

By taking $\alpha = \beta$ in Theorem 3 and using the relation (1.12) we get the following Corollary

Corollary 5. Let $f, g_i \in A_p$ ($j = 1, 2$) and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi_j''(z)}{\phi_j'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.29)$$

where

$$\phi_j(z) = \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g_j(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_j(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_j(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (-\infty < \alpha < 1; \mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.30)$$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} f(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the condition

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g_1(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_1(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} f(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$$

$$< \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha+1,p)} g_2(z)}{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_2(z)} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu, \quad (2.31)$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ and $\left(\frac{\Omega_z^{(\alpha,p)} g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant.

By taking $\alpha = 0$ in Corollary 5 and using the relation (1.13) and (1.14) we get the following Corollary.

Corollary 6. Let $f, g_i \in A_p$ ($j = 1, 2$) and let

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi_j''(z)}{\phi_j'(z)} \right\} > -\delta, \quad (2.32)$$

where

$$\phi_j(z) = \left(\frac{zg_j'(z)}{pg_j(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g_j(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (\mu > 0; z \in U), \quad (2.33)$$

and δ is given by (2.3). If the function $\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \right) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ is univalent in U and $\left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in Q$, then the condition

$$\left(\frac{zg_1'(z)}{pg_1(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \right) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{zg_2'(z)}{pg_2(z)} \right) \left(\frac{g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < \left(\frac{g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu,$$

and the function $\left(\frac{g_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ and $\left(\frac{g_2(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant.

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