



## ON CERTAIN UNIVALENT CLASS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRST ORDER DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we consider certain differential inequalities and first order differential subordinations. As their applications, we obtain some sufficient conditions for univalence, which generalize and refine some previous results.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  (set of complex numbers) and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (set of natural numbers), let  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions  $f$ , analytic in  $U$  and normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ .

Let  $f$  be analytic in  $U$ ,  $g$  analytic and univalent in  $U$  and  $f(0) = g(0)$ . Then, by the symbol  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $f$  subordinate to  $g$ ) in  $U$ , we shall mean  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  and satisfies the differential subordination  $\phi(p(z), zp'(z)) \prec h(z)$  then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential subordination. The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination,  $p \prec q$ . If  $p$  and  $\phi(p(z), zp'(z))$  are univalent in  $U$  and satisfy the differential superordination  $h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'(z))$  then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential superordination. An analytic function  $q$  is called subordinant of the solution of the differential superordination if  $q \prec p$ .

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

$$\Re\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))}\right\} > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

This concept was introduced by Brickman [1] and established that a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is univalent if and only if  $f$  is  $\Phi$ -like for some  $\Phi$ .

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

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} < q(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Ruscheweyh [2] investigated this general class of  $\Phi$ -like functions.

In the present paper, we consider another new class  $H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$  involving two different types of  $\Phi$ -like functions,  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , which defined by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(f(z))} \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2(f(z))} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} < F(z), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F$  is the conformal mapping of the unit disk  $U$  with  $F(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  satisfy Definition 1.1.

**Remark 1.** As special cases of the class  $H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$  are the following well known classes:  $H\left(0; \Phi(f(z)), zf'(z)\right)$  (see [2]);  $H\left(\alpha, 1; zf'(z), z\right)$  (see [3-5]);  $H\left(1, \lambda; f(z)\right)$  (see [6-16]). Also this class reduces to the classes of starlike functions, convex functions and close-to-convex functions.

In order to obtain our results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** ([17]) *Let  $w(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at a point  $z_0$ , then*

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $k$  is a real number and  $k \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.** ([18]) *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in the unit disk  $U$  and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$  with  $\phi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set  $Q(z) := zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$ ,  $h(z) := \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$ . Suppose that*

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

*If  $\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) < \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$  then  $p(z) < q(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.*

**2. The class  $H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$**

Let us consider the sufficient condition for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  to be in  $H(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z)))$ . Our first result is contained in

**Theorem 1.** Let  $p_1(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(f(z))}$  and  $p_2 = \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2(f(z))}$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left\{ (1-\alpha)z(p_1(z)p_2(z))' + \alpha z \left[ p_1'(z) + \lambda \left( \frac{zf''(z) + p_2'(z)\Phi_2'(z) + p_2''(z)\Phi_2(z)}{f'(z)} \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. - \frac{p_2'(z)\Phi_2(z)f''(z)}{(f'(z))^2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ < \frac{2\alpha}{(1-\alpha)^2}, \quad (z \in U) \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

for some  $\alpha \neq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $f \in H(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z)))$ .

**Proof** Let  $w(z)$  defined by

$$H(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(f(z))} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2(f(z))} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} = \frac{\alpha + w(z)}{\alpha - w(z)}, \quad (\alpha \neq w(z)).$$

Then

$$w(z) = \frac{\alpha(H(z) - 1)}{1 + H(z)}$$

is analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$ . It follows that

$$\Re\{zH'(z)\} = \Re\left\{ \frac{2\alpha zw'(z)}{(\alpha - w(z))^2} \right\} < \frac{2\alpha}{(1-\alpha)^2}, \quad \alpha \neq 1.$$

Now we proceed to prove that  $|w(z)| < 1$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1. \tag{1.4}$$

Then, using the Lemma 1 and letting  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  and  $z_0 w'(z_0) = ke^{i\theta}, k \geq 1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Re\{z_0 H'(z_0)\} &= \Re\left\{ \frac{2\alpha z_0 w'(z_0)}{(\alpha - w(z_0))^2} \right\} \\ &= \Re\left\{ \frac{2\alpha ke^{i\theta}}{(\alpha - e^{i\theta})^2} \right\} \\ &\geq \frac{2\alpha}{(1-\alpha)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re\{z_0 H'(z_0)\} &= \Re\left\{ (1-\alpha)z_0(p_1(z_0)p_2(z_0))' \right. \\ &\quad + \alpha z_0 \left[ p_1'(z_0) + \lambda \left( \frac{z_0 f''(z_0) + p_2'(z_0)\Phi_2'(z_0) + p_2''(z_0)\Phi_2(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{p_2'(z_0)\Phi_2(z_0)f''(z_0)}{(f'(z_0))^2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\geq \frac{2\alpha}{(1-\alpha)^2}, \quad (z \in U) \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

which contradicts the hypothesis (3). Therefore, we conclude that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in U$  that is  $f \in H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 1, then for  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$*

$$\left|H(z) - \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right| < \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}. \quad (1.6)$$

**Proof.** Since  $f \in H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$  yields

$$|w(z)| = \left|\frac{\alpha(H(z)-1)}{H(z)+1}\right| < 1$$

we obtain (6).  $\square$

Next results show the starlikeness ( $\mathcal{S}^*$ ), convexity ( $\mathcal{C}$ ) and close to convex ( $\mathcal{K}$ ) for different order.

By letting  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\Phi_1(z) = f(z)$  and  $\Phi_2(z) = zf'(z)$  we have the following result

**Corollary 2.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 1, then for  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$*

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right| < 1. \quad (1.7)$$

This implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$  and  $\int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \in \mathcal{C}$ .

By setting  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\Phi_1(z) = g(z)$  where  $g$  is starlike and satisfies  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi_2(z) = zf'(z)$  we have the following result

**Corollary 3.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 1, then for  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$*

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1\right| < 1. \quad (1.8)$$

This implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}$ .

Note that Corollary 2 and Corollary 3 implies the univalence of the class  $H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$ .

### 3. The region of variability

In this section, we show that for  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  and  $f \in H\left(\alpha, \lambda; \Phi_1(f(z)), \Phi_2(f(z))\right)$  then  $f$  is univalent in  $U$ . Moreover, we estimate the region of variability. We prove a subordination

theorem by using Lemma 2 and as applications of this result, we find the sufficient conditions for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  to be univalent.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0$ , be a univalent function in  $U$ , and  $g(z) \neq 0$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that for nonnegative real numbers  $\mu$  and  $\nu$

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\} > \max \left\{ 0, \left( \frac{\mu}{\nu} \right) \Re \left( q(z) \left[ 1 + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \left( \frac{q(z)}{q'(z)} + \frac{\nu z}{\mu q(z)} \right) \right] \right) \right\}. \quad (1.9)$$

If  $p(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$  satisfies the differential subordination

$$g(z) \left[ \mu p(z) + \nu \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right] < g(z) \left[ \mu q(z) + \nu \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right], \quad (1.10)$$

then  $p < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Proof.** Define the functions  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  as follows:

$$\theta(w(z)) := \mu w(z)g(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(w(z)) := \frac{\nu g(z)}{w(z)}.$$

Obviously, the functions  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  are analytic in domain  $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\phi(w) \neq 0$  in  $D$ . Now, define the functions  $Q$  and  $h$  as follows:

$$Q(z) := zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \nu g(z) \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)},$$

$$h(z) := \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \mu q(z)g(z) + \nu g(z) \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

Then in view of condition (9), we obtain  $Q$  is starlike in  $U$  and  $\Re \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ . Furthermore, in view of condition (10) we have

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) < \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)).$$

Therefore, the proof follows from Lemma 2.

By letting  $\mu = 1, \nu = \alpha, g(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(z)}$  and  $p = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in Theorem 2 we have

**Corollary 4.** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0$ , be a univalent function in  $U$ , and  $g(z) \neq 0$  be analytic in  $U$  satisfy (9). If  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \neq 0, z \in U$  and

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(z)} \left[ \left( 1 - \alpha \right) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] < \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(z)} \left[ q(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right], \quad (1.11)$$

then  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

By setting  $\mu = 1 - \alpha$ ,  $\nu = \alpha$ ,  $g(z) := 1$  and  $p = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  in Theorem 2 we obtain the following result which can be found in [5, Theorem 3.2].

**Corollary 5.** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0$ , be a univalent function in  $U$ , and  $g(z) \neq 0$  be analytic in  $U$  satisfy

(9). If  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$  and

$$(1 - 2\alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) < (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (1.12)$$

then  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

By assuming  $\mu = 1 - \alpha$ ,  $\nu = \alpha$ ,  $g(z) := 1$  and  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))}$  in Theorem 2 we obtain the following result which can be found in [5, Theorem 3.3].

**Corollary 6.** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0$ , be a univalent function in  $U$ , and  $g(z) \neq 0$  be analytic in  $U$  satisfy

(9). If  $\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$  and

$$(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z\Phi(f(z))}{\Phi'(f(z))} \right) < (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad (1.13)$$

then  $\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

Finally, by assuming  $\mu = 1 - \alpha$ ,  $\nu = \alpha$ ,  $g(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1 f(z)}$  and  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2 f(z)}$  in Theorem 2 we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 7.** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0$ , be a univalent function in  $U$ , and  $g(z) \neq 0$  be analytic in  $U$  satisfy

(9). If  $\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2 f(z)} \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$  and

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1 f(z)} \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2 f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{z\Phi_2'(f(z))}{\Phi_2(f(z))} \right) \right] < \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_1(z)} \left[ (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right], \quad (1.14)$$

then  $\frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi_2 f(z)} < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

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