

# An Application of Differential Subordination to Analytic Functions

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**Abstract**—In the present paper, using the technique of differential subordination, we obtain certain results for analytic functions defined by a multiplier transformation in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{E} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . We claim that our results extend and generalize the existing results in this particular direction.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

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

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{E} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . We write  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ .

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) if it satisfies the condition

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  denote the class of starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ . We write  $\mathcal{S}^*(0) = \mathcal{S}^*$ , therefore,  $\mathcal{S}^*$  is the class of starlike functions (w.r.t. origin).

For  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , we define the multiplier transformation  $I_p(n, \alpha)$  as

$$I_p(n, \alpha)[f](z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+\alpha}{p+\alpha} \right)^n a_k z^k, \quad (\alpha \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

The operator  $I_p(n, \alpha)$  has been recently studied by Aghalary et al. [9]. Earlier, the operator  $I_1(n, \alpha)$  was investigated by Cho and Srivastava [7] and Cho and Kim [8], whereas the operator  $I_1(n, 1)$  was studied by Uralgaddi and Somanatha [1].  $I_1(n, 0)$  is the well-known Sălăgean ([5]) derivative operator  $D^n$ , defined as:

$$D^n[f](z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k,$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ .

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A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to belong to the class  $\mathcal{S}_n(\alpha)$  if it satisfies the condition

$$\Re \left( \frac{D^{n+1}[f](z)}{D^n[f](z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

In 1989, the class  $\mathcal{S}_n(\alpha)$  has been studied by Owa, Shen and Obradović [10].

Uralgaddi [2] proved if  $f(z) = z + a_{m+1}z^{m+1} + a_{m+2}z^{m+2} + \dots \in \mathcal{S}_n(0)$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\Re \left( \frac{D^n[f](z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Recently, Li and Owa [6], proved the following results:

**Theorem 1.1:** Let  $f(z) = z + a_{m+1}z^{m+1} + a_{m+2}z^{m+2} + \dots$ , be analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  and satisfy the condition

$$\Re \left( \frac{D^{n+1}[f](z)}{D^n[f](z)} \right) > \frac{2 - m(n+1)}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then

$$\Re \left( \frac{D^n[f](z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} > \frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

**Theorem 1.2:** If  $f(z) = z + a_{m+1}z^{m+1} + a_{m+2}z^{m+2} + \dots \in \mathcal{S}_n(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then for any  $\beta, 0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{2(1-\alpha)}$ , the sharp estimate is

$$\Re \left( \frac{D^n[f](z)}{z} \right)^\beta > 2^{\frac{2\beta(\alpha-1)}{m}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

The main objective of the present paper is to generalize certain existing results stated above using differential subordination and find the corresponding generalized results for multiplier transformation  $I_p(n, \alpha)$  in the subordination form.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

We shall need the following definitions and lemmas to prove our results.

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$ . We say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ , written as  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ , if  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$ ,  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathbb{E}) \subset g(\mathbb{E})$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $\rho : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  and satisfies the differential subordination

$$(\rho(z), zp'(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad (\rho(0), 0; 0) = h(0), \quad (1)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential subordination (1). The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the differential subordination (1) if  $p \prec q$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1). A dominant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q} \prec q$  for all dominants  $q$  of (1), is said to be the best dominant of (1).

**Definition 2.3:** A function  $L(z, t), z \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $t \geq 0$  is said to be a subordination chain if  $L(\cdot, t)$  is analytic and univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $L(z, \cdot)$  is continuously differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $L(z, t_1) \prec L(z, t_2)$  for all  $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$ .

**Lemma 2.4:** ([3, page 159]). The function  $L(z, t) : \mathbb{E} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , of the form  $L(z, t) = a_1(t)z + \dots$  with  $a_1(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |a_1(t)| = \infty$ , is said to be a subordination chain if and only if  $\Re \left[ \frac{z L/z}{L/t} \right] > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.5:** ([12]). Let  $F$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  and let  $G$  be analytic and univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$  except for points  $z_0$  such that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} G(z) = \infty$ , with  $F(0) = G(0)$ . If  $F \not\prec G$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ , then there is a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  (boundary of  $\mathbb{E}$ ) such that  $F(|z| < |z_0|) \subset G(\mathbb{E})$ ,  $F(z_0) = G(z_0)$  and  $z_0 F'(z_0) = m z_0 G'(z_0)$  for some  $m \geq 1$ .

### III. MAIN RESULTS

The following result is essentially due to Miller and Mocanu [13, page 76]. For the completeness of our results, we also prove it here with an alternative proof using subordination chain.

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $q, q(z) \neq 0, z \in \mathbb{E}$ , be a univalent function such that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{E}$ . If an analytic function  $P, P(z) \neq 0, z \in \mathbb{E}$ , satisfies the differential subordination

$$\frac{zP'(z)}{P(z)} \prec \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = h(z), \tag{2}$$

then

$$P \prec q = \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{h(t)}{t} dt \right],$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof:* Let us define  $h$  as

$$h(z) = \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{3}$$

Since  $h$  is starlike and hence univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$ . The subordination in (2) is, therefore, well-defined in  $\mathbb{E}$ .

We need to show that  $P \prec q$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $P \not\prec q$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then by Lemma 2.5, there exist points  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  such that  $P(z_0) = q(z_0)$  and  $z_0 P'(z_0) = m z_0 q'(z_0)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . Then

$$\frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{P(z_0)} = \frac{m z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{4}$$

Consider a function

$$L(z, t) = (1+t) \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{5}$$

The function  $L(z, t)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and is continuously differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ . Now,

$$a_1(t) = \left( \frac{L(z, t)}{z} \right)_{(0,t)} = (1+t) \frac{q'(0)}{q(0)}.$$

As  $q$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$ , so,  $q'(0) \neq 0$ . Therefore, it follows that  $a_1(t) \neq 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |a_1(t)| = \infty$ . A simple calculation yields

$$\frac{z L/z}{L/t} = (1+t) \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $Q(z) = \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$ . Since  $Q$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$\Re \left( \frac{z L/z}{L/t} \right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}.$$

Hence, in view of Lemma 2.4,  $L(z, t)$  is a subordination chain. Therefore,  $L(z, t_1) \prec L(z, t_2)$  for  $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$ . From (5), we have  $L(z, 0) = h(z)$ , thus we deduce that  $L(z, t) \notin h(\mathbb{E})$  for  $|z| = 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ . In view of (4) and (5), we can write

$$\frac{z_0 P'(z_0)}{P(z_0)} = L(z_0, m-1) \notin h(\mathbb{E}),$$

where  $z_0 \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $|z_0| = 1$  and  $m \geq 1$ , which is a contradiction to (2). Hence,

$$P \prec q = \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{h(t)}{t} dt \right].$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $h$  be starlike univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$  with  $h(0) = 0$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfy

$$\frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)[f](z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z)} - 1 \prec h(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{E}, \tag{6}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z)}{z^p} \right)^\beta \prec q(z) = \exp \left[ (p + \beta) \int_0^z \frac{h(t)}{t} dt \right],$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $\beta > 0$ . The function  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof:* Let us write

$$\left( \frac{I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z)}{z^p} \right)^\beta = r(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{7}$$

Differentiate (7) logarithmically, we obtain

$$\frac{z I_p'(n, \lambda)[f](z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z)} - p = \frac{z r'(z)}{r(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{8}$$

A little calculation yields the following equality

$$z I_p'(n, \lambda)[f](z) = (p + \beta) I_p(n+1, \lambda)[f](z) - I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z), \tag{9}$$

By making use of (9), from (6) and (8), we have

$$\frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)[f](z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)[f](z)} - 1 = \frac{1}{(p + \beta)} \frac{z r'(z)}{r(z)} \prec h(z).$$

As  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  and by our assumption,  $\lambda > 0$ . Therefore, we have  $(\alpha + p) > 0$ . Now in view of Theorem 3.1, we obtain

$$\left( \frac{I_p(n, \alpha)[f](z)}{z^p} \right)^\beta = r(z) \prec q(z), z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $q(z) = \exp \left[ (\alpha + p) \int_0^z \frac{h(t)}{t} dt \right]$ , it completes the proof. ■

IV. APPLICATIONS TO ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

For  $h(z) = \frac{2(1-z)}{1-z}$ , where  $\alpha \neq 1$ , is a real number. It is easy to check that  $h$  is starlike in  $\mathbb{E}$ . When we make this selection of  $h$  in Theorem 3.2, we get the following result.

Corollary 4.1: If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfies

$$\frac{I_p(n+1, \alpha)[f](z)}{I_p(n, \alpha)[f](z)} \prec \frac{1+(1-2\alpha)z}{1-z}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then

$$\left( \frac{I_p(n, \alpha)[f](z)}{z^p} \right)^\beta \prec (1-z)^{2\beta(\alpha-1)(\lambda+p)}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $\alpha \neq 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , are real numbers.

If we put  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  in Corollary 4.1, we have the following result.

Corollary 4.2: If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\frac{D^{n+1}[f](z)}{D^n[f](z)} \prec \frac{1+(1-2\alpha)z}{1-z}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then

$$\left( \frac{D^n[f](z)}{z} \right)^\beta \prec (1-z)^{2\beta(\alpha-1)}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $\alpha \neq 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , are real numbers.

Remark 4.3: The result in Corollary 4.2, is a generalization of the above stated Theorem 1.2, for  $m = 1$ , due to Li and Owa [6].

Remark 4.4: For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{n+1}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{1-n}{2}$  in Corollary 4.2, we obtain the above stated Theorem 1.1, for  $m = 1$ , of Li and Owa [6] in subordination form which is more general than its existing form.

When we select  $\alpha = \frac{1}{n+1}$ , in Corollary 4.2, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 4.5: If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_n(\alpha)$ , then

$$\left( \frac{D^n[f](z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \prec (1-z)^{\frac{2(\alpha-1)}{n+1}}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $\alpha \neq 1$ , is real number.

Remark 4.6: The result in Corollary 4.5, sharpens the result of Uralegaddi [2] and generalizes the result of Li and Owa [6]. For  $\alpha = 0$ , in Corollary 4.5, we obtain the Corollary 1, due to Li and Owa [6] for  $m = 1$ , in subordination form which is more general than its existing form.

If we select,  $n = 0$  in Corollary 4.2, we have the following result.

Corollary 4.7: If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+(1-2\alpha)z}{1-z}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then

$$\left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\beta \prec (1-z)^{2\beta(\alpha-1)}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where  $\alpha \neq 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , are real numbers.

Remark 4.8: The result in Corollary 4.7, is more general than the result due Miller and Mocanu [11], Golusin [4] and Li and Owa [6], which can be obtained by selecting  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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