ON A CLASS OF MULTIVALENT ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to introduce and study a new class of multivalent analytic functions associated with an integral operator Q^{α}_{β} which was investigated recently by Jung, Kim and Srivastava [J.Math.Anal.Appl. 176(1993), 138-147].

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let A(p) denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk $U = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$

Suppose that f(z) and g(z) are analytic in U. We say that the function f(z) is subordinate to g(z) in U, and we write $f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in U)$, if there exists an analytic function w(z) in U with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for all $z \in U$, such that $f(z) = g(w(z)) \quad (z \in U)$. If g(z) is univalent in U, then the following equivalence relationship holds true.

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(U) \subset g(U).$$

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For functions $f_j(z) \in A(p)$ (j = 1, 2) given by

$$f_j(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n,j} z^{n+p} \quad (j = 1, 2),$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of $f_1(z)$ and $f_2(z)$ by

$$(f_1 * f_2)(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n,1} a_{n,2} z^{n+p} = (f_2 * f_1)(z).$$

Recently, Jung, Kim and Srivastava [3] introduced the following integral operator $Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}:A(1)\to A(1):$

$$Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \alpha + \beta \\ \alpha \end{array}\right) \frac{\alpha}{z^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{z} \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\alpha - 1} t^{\beta - 1} f(t) dt$$

$$(\alpha > 0, \beta > -1; f(z) \in A(1)).$$
 (1.2)

Some interesting subclasses of analytic functions, associated with the operator Q^{α}_{β} , have been considered by Jung et al. [3], Aouf et al. [1], Liu [4, 6, 7], Liu and Owa [5] and others.

Motivated by Jung, Kim and Srivastava's work [3]. we consider a linear operator $Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}: A(p) \to A(p)$ as following:

$$Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}f(z) = \left(\begin{array}{c} p+\alpha+\beta-1\\ p+\beta-1 \end{array}\right)\frac{\alpha}{z^{\beta}}\int_{0}^{z}\left(1-\frac{t}{z}\right)^{\alpha-1}t^{\beta-1}f(t)dt$$

$$(\alpha \ge 0, \beta > -1; f(z) \in A(p)). \tag{1.3}$$

It is easily verified from the definition (1.3) that

$$z(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' = (\alpha + \beta + p - 1)Q_{\beta}^{\alpha - 1}f(z) - (\alpha + \beta - 1)Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z). \tag{1.4}$$

Let P be the class of functions h(z) with h(0) = 1, which are analytic and convex univalent in U.

Now we introduce the following subclass of A(p) associated with the operator Q^{α}_{β} .

Definition. A function $f(z) \in A(p)$ is said to be in the class $M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ if it satisfies the subordination condition

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' \prec h(z), \tag{1.5}$$

where λ is a complex number and $h(z) \in P$.

A function $f(z) \in A(1)$ is said to be in the class $S^*(\rho)$ if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} > \rho \quad (z \in U) \tag{1.6}$$

for some $\rho(\rho < 1)$. When $0 \le \rho < 1$, $S^*(\rho)$ is the class of starlike functions of order ρ in U. A function $f(z) \in A(1)$ is said to be prestarlike of order ρ in U if

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^{2(1-\rho)}} * f(z) \in S^*(\rho) \quad (\rho < 1). \tag{1.7}$$

We note this class by $R(\rho)$ (see [10]). Clearly a function $f(z) \in A(1)$ is in the class R(0) if and only if f(z) is convex univalent in U and

$$R\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = S^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right).$$

We need the following lemmas in order to derive our main results for the class $M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$.

Lemma 1. Let g(z) be analytic in U and h(z) be analytic and convex univalent in U with h(0) = g(0). If

$$g(z) + \frac{1}{\mu} z g'(z) \prec h(z),$$
 (1.8)

where $Re\mu \geq 0$ and $\mu \neq 0$, then

$$g(z) \prec \widetilde{h}(z) = \mu z^{-\mu} \int_0^z t^{\mu-1} h(t) dt \prec h(z)$$

and $\widetilde{h}(z)$ is the best dominant of (1.8).

Lemma 2. Let $\rho < 1$, $f(z) \in S^*(\rho)$ and $g(z) \in R(\rho)$. Then, for any analytic function F(z) in U,

$$\frac{g * (fF)}{q * f}(U) \subset \overline{co}(F(U)),$$

where $\overline{co}(F(U))$ denotes the closed convex hull of F(U).

Lemma 1 is due to Miller and Mocanu [9] (see also [2]) and Lemma 2 can be found in Ruscheweyh [10].

Lemma 3.(see [8]) Let $g(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ $(k \in \mathbb{N})$ be analytic in U. If $Re\{g(z)\} > 0$ $(z \in U)$, then

$$Re\{g(z)\} \ge \frac{1-|z|^k}{1+|z|^k} \quad (k \in N; z \in U).$$

2. Main Results

Theorem 1. Let $0 \le \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$. Then

$$M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda_2;h) \subset M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda_1;h).$$

Proof. Let $0 \le \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$ and suppose that

$$g(z) = z^{-p} Q_{\beta}^{\alpha} f(z) \tag{2.1}$$

for $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda_2; h)$. Then the function g(z) is analytic in U with g(0) = 1. Differentiating both sides of (2.1) with respect to z and using (1.5), we have

$$(1 - \lambda_2)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda_2}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))'$$

$$= g(z) + \frac{\lambda_2}{p}zg'(z) \prec h(z). \tag{2.2}$$

Hence an application of Lemma 1 yields

$$g(z) \prec h(z). \tag{2.3}$$

Noting that $0 \le \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} < 1$ and that h(z) is convex univalent in U, it follows from (2.1) to (2.3) that

$$(1 - \lambda_1)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda_1}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))'$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \left((1 - \lambda_2)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda_2}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' \right) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \right) g(z)$$

$$\prec h(z).$$

Thus $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda_1;h)$ and the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

Theorem 2. Let $\lambda > 0, \gamma > 0$ and $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; \gamma h + 1 - \gamma)$. If $\gamma \leq \gamma_0$, where

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1}}{1 + u} du \right)^{-1}, \tag{2.4}$$

then $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(0;h)$. The bound γ_0 is sharp when $h(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$.

Proof. Let us define

$$g(z) = z^{-p} Q_{\beta}^{\alpha} f(z) \tag{2.5}$$

for $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; \gamma h + 1 - \gamma)$ with $\lambda > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$. Then we have

$$g(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p} z g'(z) = (1 - \lambda) z^{-p} Q_{\beta}^{\alpha} f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p} z^{-p+1} (Q_{\beta}^{\alpha} f(z))'$$
$$\prec \gamma h(z) + 1 - \gamma.$$

Hence an application of Lemma 1 yields

$$g(z) \prec \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda} z^{-\frac{p}{\lambda}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{p}{\lambda}} h(t) dt + 1 - \gamma = (h * \psi)(z), \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda} z^{-\frac{p}{\lambda}} \int_0^z \frac{t^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1}}{1 - t} dt + 1 - \gamma. \tag{2.7}$$

If $0 < \gamma \le \gamma_0$, where $\gamma_0 > 1$ is given by (2.4), then it follows from (2.7)

that

$$\operatorname{Re}\psi(z) = \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{1 - uz}\right) du + 1 - \gamma$$

$$> \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1}}{1 + u} du + 1 - \gamma$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$

Now, by using the Herglotz representation for $\psi(z)$, from (2.5) and (2.6) we arrive at

$$z^{-p}Q^\alpha_\beta f(z) \prec (h*\psi)(z) \prec h(z)$$

because h(z) is convex univalent in U. This shows that $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(0;h)$.

For
$$h(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$$
 and $f(z) \in A(p)$ defined by

$$z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) = \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda}z^{-\frac{p}{\lambda}} \int_{0}^{z} \frac{t^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}}{1-t}dt + 1 - \gamma,$$

it is easy to verify that

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' = \gamma h(z) + 1 - \gamma.$$

Thus $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; \gamma h + 1 - \gamma)$. Also, for $\gamma > \gamma_0$, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z)\} \to \frac{\gamma p}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}}{1+u} du + 1 - \gamma < \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \to -1),$$

which implies that $f(z) \notin M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(0;h)$. Hence the bound γ_0 cannot be increased when $h(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$.

Theorem 3. Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$,

$$g(z) \in A(p) \text{ and } Re\{z^{-p}g(z)\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$
 (2.8)

Then

$$(f * g)(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$$
.

Proof. For $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ and $g(z) \in A(p)$, we have

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z))'$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)(z^{-p}g(z)) * (z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z)) + \frac{\lambda}{p}(z^{-p}g(z)) * (z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))')$$

$$= (z^{-p}g(z)) * \psi(z), \tag{2.9}$$

where

$$\psi(z) = (1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' \prec h(z). \tag{2.10}$$

In view of (2.8), the function $z^{-p}g(z)$ has the Herglotz representation

$$z^{-p}g(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \frac{d\mu(x)}{1-xz} \quad (z \in U), \tag{2.11}$$

where $\mu(x)$ is a probability measure defined on the unit circle |x|=1 and

$$\int_{|x|=1} d\mu(x) = 1.$$

Since h(z) is convex univalent in U, it follows from (2.9) to (2.11) that

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z))'$$
$$= \int_{|x|=1} \psi(xz)d\mu(x) \prec h(z).$$

This shows that $(f * g)(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ and the theorem is proved.

Corollary 1. Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ be given by (1.1) and let

$$s_m(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} a_n z^{n+p} \quad (m \in N \setminus \{1\}).$$

Then the function

$$\sigma_m(z) = \int_0^1 t^{-p} s_m(tz) dt$$

is also in the class $M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$.

Proof. We have

$$\sigma_m(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{n+1} z^{n+p} = (f * g_m)(z) \quad (m \in N \setminus \{1\}), \tag{2.12}$$

where

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+p} \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h)$$

and

$$g_m(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{z^{n+p}}{n+1} \in A(p).$$

Also, for $m \in N \setminus \{1\}$, it is known from [11] that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z^{-p}g_m(z)\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{z^n}{n+1}\right\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$
 (2.13)

In view of (2.12) and (2.13), an application of Theorem 3 leads to $\sigma_m(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$.

Theorem 4. Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$,

$$g(z) \in A(p)$$
 and $z^{-p+1}g(z) \in R(\rho)$ $(\rho < 1)$.

Then

$$(f * g)(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h).$$

Proof. For $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ and $g(z) \in A(p)$, from (2.9) (used in the proof of Theorem 3) we can write

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(f * g)(z))'$$

$$= \frac{(z^{-p+1}g(z)) * (z\psi(z))}{(z^{-p+1}g(z)) * z} \quad (z \in U),$$
(2.14)

where $\psi(z)$ is defined as in (2.10).

Since h(z) is convex univalent in U,

$$\psi(z) \prec h(z), z^{-p+1}g(z) \in R(\rho) \text{ and } z \in S^*(\rho) \quad (\rho < 1),$$

it follows from (2.14) and Lemma 2 the desired result.

Taking $\rho = 0$ and $\rho = \frac{1}{2}$, Theorem 4 reduces to the following.

Corollary 2. Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ and let $g(z) \in A(p)$ satisfy either of the following conditions:

(i) $z^{-p+1}g(z)$ is convex univalent in U

or

(ii)
$$z^{-p+1}g(z) \in S^*(\frac{1}{2}).$$

Then

$$(f * g)(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h).$$

Theorem 5. Let $\lambda \geq 0$ and

$$f_j(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n,j} z^{n+p} \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h_j) \quad (j = 1, 2),$$
 (2.15)

where

$$h_j(z) = \beta_j + (1 - \beta_j) \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$
 and $\beta_j < 1$. (2.16)

If $f(z) \in A(p)$ is defined by

$$Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}f(z) = Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}f_1(z) * Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}f_2(z), \qquad (2.17)$$

then $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$, where

$$h(z) = \beta_3 + (1 - \beta_3) \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$
 (2.18)

and the parameter β_3 is given by

$$\beta_3 = \begin{cases} 1 - 4(1 - \beta_1)(1 - \beta_2)(1 - \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1}}{1 + u} du) & (\lambda > 0), \\ 1 - 2(1 - \beta_1)(1 - \beta_2) & (\lambda = 0). \end{cases}$$
 (2.19)

The bound β_3 is the best possible.

Proof. We consider the case when $\lambda > 0$. By setting

$$F_j(z) = (1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_j(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_j(z))' \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

for $f_j(z)$ (j = 1, 2) given by (2.15), we find that

$$F_j(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{n,j} z^n \prec \beta_j + (1 - \beta_j) \frac{1+z}{1-z} \quad (j = 1, 2)$$
 (2.20)

and

$$Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_{j}(z) = \frac{p}{\lambda} z^{-\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{\lambda}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} F_{j}(t) dt \quad (j=1,2). \tag{2.21}$$

Now, if $f(z) \in A(p)$ is defined by (2.17), we find from (2.21) that

$$Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) = Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_{1}(z) * Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_{2}(z)$$

$$= \left(\frac{p}{\lambda}z^{p} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}F_{1}(uz)du\right) * \left(\frac{p}{\lambda}z^{p} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}F_{2}(uz)du\right)$$

$$= \frac{p}{\lambda}z^{p} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}F(uz)du, \qquad (2.22)$$

where

$$F(z) = \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{p}{\lambda} - 1} (F_1 * F_2)(uz) du.$$
 (2.23)

Also, by using (2.20) and the Herglotz theorem, we see that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ \left(\frac{F_1(z) - \beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) * \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{F_2(z) - \beta_2}{2(1 - \beta_2)} \right) \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U),$$

which leads to

Re
$$\{(F_1 * F_2)(z)\} > \beta_0 = 1 - 2(1 - \beta_1)(1 - \beta_2) \quad (z \in U).$$

According to Lemma 3, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ (F_1 * F_2)(z) \right\} \ge \beta_0 + (1 - \beta_0) \frac{1 - |z|}{1 + |z|} \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.24}$$

Now it follows from (2.22) to (2.24) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ (1-\lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))' \right\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{ F(z) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} \operatorname{Re}\left\{ (F_{1} * F_{2})(uz) \right\} du$$

$$\geq \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} \left(\beta_{0} + (1-\beta_{0}) \frac{1-u|z|}{1+u|z|} \right) du$$

$$> \beta_{0} + \frac{p(1-\beta_{0})}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} \frac{1-u}{1+u} du$$

$$= 1 - 4(1-\beta_{1})(1-\beta_{2}) \left(1 - \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1}}{1+u} du \right)$$

$$= \beta_{3} \quad (z \in U),$$

which proves that $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$ for the function h(z) given by (2.18).

In order to show that the bound β_3 is sharp, we take the functions $f_j(z) \in A(p) \quad (j=1,2)$ defined by

$$Q_{\beta}^{\alpha} f_{j}(z) = \frac{p}{\lambda} z^{-\frac{p(1-\lambda)}{\lambda}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} \left(\beta_{j} + (1-\beta_{j}) \frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) dt \quad (j=1,2), \quad (2.25)$$

for which we have

$$F_{j}(z) = (1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_{j}(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f_{j}(z))'$$
$$= \beta_{j} + (1 - \beta_{j})\frac{1+z}{1-z} \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

and

$$(F_1 * F_2)(z) = 1 + 4(1 - \beta_1)(1 - \beta_2) \frac{z}{1 - z}$$

Hence, for $f(z) \in A(p)$ given by (2.17), we obtain

$$(1-\lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))'$$

$$= \frac{p}{\lambda} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{p}{\lambda}-1} \left(1 + 4(1-\beta_1)(1-\beta_2)\frac{uz}{1-uz}\right) du$$

$$\to \beta_3 \quad (\text{as } z \to -1).$$

Finally, for the case when $\lambda=0$, the proof of Theorem 5 is simple, and so we choose to omit the details involved.

Theorem 6. Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$. Then the function F(z) defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{\mu + p}{z^{\mu}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\mu - 1} f(t) dt \quad (Re\mu > -p)$$
 (2.26)

is in the class $M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; \widetilde{h})$, where

$$\widetilde{h}(z) = (\mu + p)z^{-(\mu+p)} \int_0^z t^{\mu+p-1} h(t)dt \prec h(z).$$

Proof. For $f(z) \in A(p)$ and $\mathrm{R}e\mu > -p$, we find from (2.26) that $F(z) \in A(p)$ and

$$(\mu + p)f(z) = \mu F(z) + zF'(z). \tag{2.27}$$

Define G(z) by

$$z^{p}G(z) = (1 - \lambda)Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}F(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z(Q^{\alpha}_{\beta}F(z))'. \tag{2.28}$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.28) with respect to z, we get

$$zG'(z) + pG(z) = (1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(zF'(z)) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}(zF'(z)))'. \quad (2.29)$$

Furthermore, it follows from (2.27) to (2.29) that

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))'$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}\left(\frac{\mu F(z) + zF'(z)}{\mu + p}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}\left(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}\left(\frac{\mu F(z) + zF'(z)}{\mu + p}\right)\right)'$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{\mu + p}G(z) + \frac{1}{\mu + p}(zG'(z) + pG(z))$$

$$= G(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu + p}.$$
(2.30)

Let $f(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$. Then, by (2.30),

$$G(z) + \frac{zG'(z)}{\mu + p} \prec h(z) \quad (\operatorname{Re}\mu > -p),$$

and so it follows from Lemma 1 that

$$G(z) \prec \widetilde{h}(z) = (\mu + p)z^{-(\mu+p)} \int_0^z t^{\mu+p-1} h(t)dt \prec h(z).$$

Therefore we conclude that

$$F(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; \widetilde{h}) \subset M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h).$$

Theorem 7. Let $f(z) \in A(p)$ and F(z) be defined as in Theorem 6. If

$$(1 - \gamma)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z) + \gamma z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) \prec h(z) \quad (\gamma > 0), \tag{2.31}$$

then $F(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(0; \widetilde{h})$, where $Re\mu > -p$ and

$$\widetilde{h}(z) = \frac{\mu + p}{\gamma} z^{-\frac{\mu + p}{\gamma}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{\mu + p}{\gamma} - 1} h(t) dt \prec h(z).$$

Proof. Let us define

$$G(z) = z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z). \tag{2.32}$$

Then G(z) is analytic in U, with G(0) = 1, and

$$zG'(z) = -pG(z) + z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z))'. \tag{2.33}$$

Making use of (2.27), (2.31), (2.32) and (2.33), we deduce that

$$(1 - \gamma)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z) + \gamma z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z)$$

$$= (1 - \gamma)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z) + \frac{\gamma}{\mu + p}(\mu z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z) + z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z))')$$

$$= G(z) + \frac{\gamma}{\mu + p}zG'(z) \prec h(z)$$

for $Re\mu > -p$ and $\gamma > 0$. Therefore an application of Lemma 1 yields the assertion of Theorem 7.

Theorem 8. Let $F(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$. If the function f(z) is defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{\mu + p}{z^{\mu}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\mu - 1} f(t) dt \quad (\mu > -p), \tag{2.34}$$

then

$$\sigma^{-p} f(\sigma z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h),$$

where

$$\sigma = \sigma_p(\mu) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (\mu + p)^2} - 1}{\mu + p} \in (0, 1).$$
 (2.35)

The bound σ is sharp when

$$h(z) = \gamma + (1 - \gamma) \frac{1+z}{1-z} \quad (\gamma \neq 1).$$
 (2.36)

Proof. For $F(z) \in A(p)$, it is easy to verify that

$$F(z) = F(z) * \frac{z^p}{1-z}$$
 and $zF'(z) = F(z) * \left(\frac{z^p}{(1-z)^2} + (p-1)\frac{z^p}{1-z}\right)$.

Hence, by (2.34), we have

$$f(z) = \frac{\mu F(z) + zF'(z)}{\mu + p} = (F * g)(z) \quad (z \in U; \mu > -p), \tag{2.37}$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{\mu + p} \left((\mu + p - 1) \frac{z^p}{1 - z} + \frac{z^p}{(1 - z)^2} \right) \in A(p).$$
 (2.38)

Next we show that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z^{-p}g(z)\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad (|z| < \sigma),$$
 (2.39)

where $\sigma = \sigma_p(\mu)$ is given by (2.35). Setting

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = Re^{i\theta}$$
 $(R > 0)$ and $|z| = r < 1$,

we see that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1 + R^2(1 - r^2)}{2R}$$
 and $R \ge \frac{1}{1 + r}$. (2.40)

For $\mu > -p$ it follows from (2.38) and (2.40) that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mathrm{R}e\{z^{-p}g(z)\} &= \frac{2}{\mu+p}[(\mu+p-1)R\cos\theta + R^2(2\cos^2\theta - 1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu+p}[(\mu+p-1)(1+R^2(1-r^2)) + (1+R^2(1-r^2))^2 - 2R^2] \\ &= \frac{R^2}{\mu+p}[R^2(1-r^2)^2 + (\mu+p+1)(1-r^2) - 2] + 1 \\ &\geq \frac{R^2}{\mu+p}[(1-r)^2 + (\mu+p+1)(1-r^2) - 2] + 1 \\ &= \frac{R^2}{\mu+p}(\mu+p-2r - (\mu+p)r^2) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

This evidently gives (2.39), which is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z^{-p}\sigma^{-p}g(\sigma z)\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$
 (2.41)

Let $F(z) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda;h)$. Then, by using (2.37) and (2.41), an application of Theorem 3 yields

$$\sigma^{-p} f(\sigma z) = F(z) * (\sigma^{-p} g(\sigma z)) \in M_{p,\alpha,\beta}(\lambda; h).$$

For h(z) given by (2.36), we consider the function $F(z) \in A(p)$ defined by

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}F(z))'$$

= $\gamma + (1 - \gamma)\frac{1+z}{1-z} \quad (\gamma \neq 1).$ (2.42)

Then, by (2.42), (2.28) and (2.30) (used in the proof of Theorem 6), we find that

$$(1 - \lambda)z^{-p}Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p}z^{-p+1}(Q_{\beta}^{\alpha}f(z))'$$

$$= \gamma + (1 - \gamma)\frac{1+z}{1-z} + \frac{z}{\mu+p}\left(\gamma + (1-\gamma)\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)'$$

$$= \gamma + \frac{(1-\gamma)(\mu + p + 2z - (\mu + p)z^2)}{(\mu + p)(1-z)^2}$$

= \gamma \quad (z = -\sigma).

Therefore we conclude that the bound $\sigma = \sigma_p(\mu)$ cannot be increased for each $\mu(\mu > -p)$.

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