

Some preserving sandwich results for a class of meromorphic multivalent functions associated with an integral operator

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In this paper, we obtain some subordination, superordination and sandwich-preserving results for certain class of p -valent meromorphic functions, which is defined by integral operator.

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1 Introduction

Let $H(\mathbb{U})$ be the class of functions analytic in $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and $H[a, n]$ be the subclass of $H(\mathbb{U})$ consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots,$$

with $H_0 = H[0, 1]$ and $H = H[1, 1]$. Let Σ_p denote the class of all p -valent meromorphic functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1-p}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}; z \in \mathbb{U}^* = \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}). \quad (1)$$

For two functions $f(z), F(z) \in H(\mathbb{U})$, $f(z)$ is subordinate to $F(z)$ or $F(z)$ is superordinate to $f(z)$ ($f(z) \prec F(z)$) in \mathbb{U} , if there exists a function $\omega(z)$, analytic in \mathbb{U} with $\omega(0) = 0$ and $|\omega(z)| < 1$, $f(z) = F(\omega(z))$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$) and if $F(z)$ is univalent in \mathbb{U} , then (see [1] and [4]):

$$f(z) \prec F(z) \iff f(0) = F(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{U}) \subset F(\mathbb{U}).$$

Let $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $h(z)$ be univalent in \mathbb{U} . If $p(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{U} and satisfies the first-order differential subordination:

$$\phi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad (2)$$

then $p(z)$ is a solution of the differential subordination (2). The univalent function $q(z)$ is called a dominant of the solution of the differential subordination (2) if $p(z) \prec q(z)$ for all $p(z)$ satisfying (2). A univalent dominant \tilde{q} that satisfies $\tilde{q} \prec q$ for all dominants of (2) is called the best dominant. If $p(z)$ and $\phi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$ are univalent in \mathbb{U} and $p(z)$ satisfies first-order differential superordination:

$$h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'(z); z), \quad (3)$$

then $p(z)$ is a solution of the differential superordination (3). An analytic function $q(z)$ is called a subordinant of solutions of the differential superordination (3) if $q(z) \prec p(z)$ for all $p(z)$ satisfying (3). A univalent subordinant \tilde{q} satisfies $q \prec \tilde{q}$ for all subordinants of (3) is called the best subordinant (see [4] and [5]).

For $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$, $0 \leq \mu < 1$, $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$, we define the following operator:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{p,\mu}^{\delta} f(z) &= \frac{1}{(1-\mu)^{\delta+1} \Gamma(\delta+1)} \int_0^{\infty} t^{\delta+p} e^{-\left(\frac{t}{1-\mu}\right)} f(zt) dt \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1-p}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\delta+k+1+p)}{\Gamma(\delta+1)} (1-\mu)^{k+p} a_k z^k. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (4), we can easily obtain the following identities:

$$z \left(I_{p,\mu}^{\delta} f(z) \right)' = (\delta+1) I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z) - (\delta+1+p) I_{p,\mu}^{\delta} f(z). \quad (5)$$

We note that: $I_{1,\mu}^{\delta} f(z) = I_{\mu}^{\delta} f(z)$.

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

Definition 1 [4]. Denote by \mathcal{F} the set of all functions $q(z)$ which are analytic and injective on $\bar{U} \setminus E(q)$, where

$$E(q) = \left\{ \xi \in \partial\mathbb{U} : \lim_{z \rightarrow \xi} q(z) = \infty \right\},$$

and such that $q'(\xi) \neq 0$ for $\xi \in \bar{U} \setminus E(q)$. Further let the subclass of \mathcal{F} for which $q(0) = a$ be denoted by $\mathcal{F}(a)$, $\mathcal{F}(0) \cong \mathcal{F}_0$ and $\mathcal{F}(1) \cong \mathcal{F}_1$.

Definition 2 [5]. A function $L(z, t)$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}, t \geq 0$) is said to be a subordination chain if $L(0, t)$ is analytic and univalent in \mathbb{U} for all $t \geq 0$, $L(z, 0)$ is continuously differentiable on $[0, 1)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$ and $L(z, t_1) \prec L(z, t_2)$ for all $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$.

Lemma 1 [7]. Let $L(z, t) = a_1(t)z + a_2(t)z^2 + \dots$, with $a_1(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |a_1(t)| = \infty$. Suppose that $L(., t)$ is analytic in \mathbb{U} for all $t \geq 0$, $L(z, .)$ is continuously differentiable on $[0; +\infty)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$. If $L(z, t)$ satisfies

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

and

$$|L(z, t)| \leq K_0 |a_1(t)|, |z| < r_0 < 1, t \geq 0,$$

for some positive constants K_0 and r_0 , then $L(z, t)$ is a subordination chain.

Lemma 2 [3]. 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 $t \leq \frac{-k(1+s^2)}{2}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. If the function $p(z) = 1 + p_k z^k + p_{k+1} z^{k+1} + \dots$ is analytic in \mathbb{U} and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{H(p(z); zp'(z))\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then $\operatorname{Re}\{p(z)\} > 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$.

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

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\kappa q(z) + \epsilon} = h(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; q(0) = 0)$$

is analytic in \mathbb{U} and satisfies $\operatorname{Re}\{\kappa q(z) + \epsilon\} > 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$.

Lemma 4 [4]. Let $p \in \mathcal{F}(a)$ and let $q(z) = a + a_k z^k + a_{k+1} z^{k+1} + \dots$ be analytic in \mathbb{U} with $q(z) \neq a$ and $k \geq 1$. If q is not subordinate to p , then there exists two points $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{U}$ and $\xi_0 \in \partial\bar{U} \setminus E(q)$ such that

$$q(\mathbb{U}_{r_0}) \subset p(\mathbb{U}); q(z_0) = p(\xi_0) \text{ and } z_0 p'(z_0) = m \xi_0 p'(\xi_0) (m \geq k).$$

Lemma 5 [7] . Let $q \in H[a, 1]$ and $\varphi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Also set $\varphi(q(z), zq'(z)) = h(z)$. If $L(z, t) = \varphi(q(z), tzq'(z))$ is a subordination chain and $q \in H[a, 1] \cap \mathcal{F}(a)$, then

$$h(z) \prec \varphi(q(z), zq'(z)),$$

implies that $q(z) \prec p(z)$. Furthermore, if $\varphi(q(z), zq'(z)) = h(z)$ has a univalent solution $q \in \mathcal{F}(a)$, then q is the best subordinant.

In this paper, we investigate several properties for the class defined by the operator $I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)$.

2 Main Results

Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume throughout this paper that $0 \leq \mu < 1, 0 \leq \delta \leq 1, 0 < \lambda \leq 1, 0 < \gamma \leq 1, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $z \in \mathbb{U}^*$.

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

$$\left(\phi(z) = (1 - \lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \right), \quad (6)$$

where

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} \right\} > -\eta$$

and η is given by

$$\eta = \frac{1 + \left[\frac{\gamma(\delta+1)}{\lambda} \right]^2 - \left| 1 - \left[\frac{\gamma(\delta+1)}{\lambda} \right]^2 \right|}{4 \left[\frac{\gamma(\delta+1)}{\lambda} \right]}. \quad (7)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - \lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \\ & \prec (1 - \lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

implies that

$$(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \prec (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \quad (9)$$

and the function $(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma$ is the best dominant.

Proof. Define the functions $F(z)$ and $G(z)$ in \mathbb{U} by

$$F(z) = (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \text{ and } G(z) = (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \quad (10)$$

and assume, without loss of generality, that $G(z)$ is analytic, univalent on \bar{U} and $G'(\xi) \neq 0$ ($|\xi| = 1$). If not, then we replace $F(z)$ and $G(z)$ by $F(\nu z)$ and $G(\nu z)$, respectively, with $0 < \nu < 1$. These new functions have the desired properties on \bar{U} , so we can use them in the proof of our theorem, the results would follow by letting $\nu \rightarrow 1$. We first show that, if

$$q(z) = 1 + \frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)}, \quad (11)$$

then

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

From (5) and the definition of G, ϕ , we obtain that

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\gamma(1+\delta)} zG'(z). \quad (12)$$

Differentiating (12), then

$$\phi'(z) = \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{\gamma(1+\delta)}\right) G'(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\gamma(1+\delta)} zG''(z). \quad (13)$$

Combining (11) and (13), we have

$$1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)} = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}} = h(z). \quad (14)$$

It follows from (6) and (14) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ h(z) + \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda} \right\} > 0. \quad (15)$$

Moreover, by using Lemma 3, we conclude that the differential equation (14) has a solution $q(z) \in H(\mathbb{U})$ with $h(0) = q(0) = 1$. Let

$$H(u, v) = u + \frac{v}{u + \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}} + \eta,$$

where η is given by (7). From (14) and (15), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ H(q(z), zq'(z)) \right\} > 0.$$

To verify the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \{H(iu, v)\} \leq 0 \quad \left(u \in \mathbb{R}; v \leq -\frac{1+u^2}{2} \right), \quad (16)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \{H(iu, v)\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ iu + \frac{v}{iu + \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}} + \eta \right\} = \\ \frac{\frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}v}{u^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}\right)^2} + \eta &\leq -\frac{\sigma(u, \eta, \gamma, \lambda, \delta)}{2 \left[u^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}\right)^2 \right]}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sigma(u, \eta, \gamma, \lambda, \delta) = \left[\frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda} - 2\eta \right] u^2 - 2\eta \left[\frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda} \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda}. \quad (17)$$

For η given by (7), we have $\sigma(u, \eta, \gamma, \lambda, \delta)$ in (17) is positive, which implies that (16) holds. Thus, by using Lemma 2, we have

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

That is, that $G(z)$ defined by (10) is convex in \mathbb{U} . Next, we prove that (8) implies that

$$F(z) \prec G(z),$$

for F and G defined by (10). Consider $L(z, t)$ given by

$$L(z, t) = G(z) + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} z G'(z) \quad (0 \leq t < \infty). \quad (18)$$

We note that

$$\frac{\partial L(z, t)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = G'(0) \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} \right) \neq 0 \quad (0 \leq t < \infty).$$

This show that

$$L(z, t) = a_1(t)z + \dots,$$

satisfies $a_1(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |a_1(t)| = +\infty$. From (18) and for all $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\frac{|L(z, t)|}{|a_1(t)|} = \frac{\left| G(z) + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} z G'(z) \right|}{\left| 1 + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} \right|} \leq \frac{|G(z)| + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} |z G'(z)|}{1 + \frac{\lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta)}}. \quad (19)$$

Since G is convex and normalized in \mathbb{U} , the following well-known growth and distortion sharp inequalities (see [2]) are true:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r}{1+r} &\leq |G(z)| \leq \frac{r}{1-r} \quad \text{if } |z| \leq r < 1, \\ \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} &\leq |G'(z)| \leq \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} \quad \text{if } |z| \leq r < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Using the right-hand sides of these inequalities in (19), we have

$$\frac{|L(z, t)|}{|a_1(t)|} = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} \left[\frac{(1-r)\gamma(1+\delta) + \lambda(1+t)}{\gamma(1+\delta) + \lambda(1+t)} \right] \leq \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} \quad (|z| \leq r, t \geq 0)$$

and thus, the second assumption of Lemma 1 holds. Furthermore,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z\partial L(z, t)/\partial z}{\partial L(z, t)/\partial t} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\gamma(1+\delta)}{\lambda} + (1+t)q(z) \right\} > 0.$$

Therefore, by using Lemma 1, we deduce that $L(z, t)$ is a subordination chain. So

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\gamma(1+\delta)} zG'(z) = L(z, 0)$$

and

$$L(z, 0) \prec L(z, t),$$

which implies that

$$L(\xi, t) \notin L(\mathbb{U}, 0) = \phi(\mathbb{U}) \quad (\xi \in \partial U). \quad (20)$$

If F is not subordinate to G , by using Lemma 4, we know that there exists two points $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ and $\xi_0 \in \partial U$ such that

$$F(z_0) = G(\xi_0) \text{ and } z_0 F'(z_0) = (1+t)\xi_0 G'(\xi_0) \quad (21)$$

Hence, by virtue of (8), (10), (18) and (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(\xi_0, t) &= G(\xi_0) + \frac{\lambda(1+t)\xi_0 G'(\xi_0)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} = F(z_0) + \frac{\lambda z_0 F'(z_0)}{\gamma(1+\delta)} \\ &= (1-\lambda) (z_0^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z_0))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z_0)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z_0)} \right) (z_0^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z_0))^\gamma \in \phi(\mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts (20). Thus, we deduce that $F \prec G$. Considering $F = G$, we see that G is the best dominant. This completes the proof of Theorem 1. ■

We now derive the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let $f, g \in \Sigma_p$ and $\phi(z)$ as in (6), and η is given by (7), If

$$(1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma$$

is univalent in \mathbb{U} and $(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \in F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &(1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \\ &\prec (1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma \prec (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma$$

and the function $(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g(z))^\gamma$ is the best subordinant.

Proof. Suppose that F, G and q are defined by (10) and (11), respectively. By applying the similar method as in the proof of Theorem 1, we get

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

Next, to arrive at our desired result, we show that $G \prec F$. For this, we suppose that the function $L(z, t)$ be defined by (18). 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 $G \prec F$. Moreover, since

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{\lambda}{\gamma(1+\delta)} z G'(z) = \varphi(G(z), z G'(z)),$$

has a univalent solution G , it is the best subordinant. This completes the proof of Theorem 2. ■

Combining Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we get the following "sandwich-type result".

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

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z \phi_i''(z)}{\phi_i'(z)} \right\} > -\delta g_i(z)$$

$$\left(\phi_i(z) = (1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_i(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g_i(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_i(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_i(z))^\gamma \quad (i = 1, 2) \right),$$

where η is given by (7). If

$$(1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma$$

is univalent in \mathbb{U} and $(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \in F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_1(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g_1(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_1(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_1(z))^\gamma \\ & \prec (1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} f(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z))^\gamma \\ & \prec (1-\lambda) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_2(z))^\gamma + \lambda \left(\frac{I_{p,\mu}^{\delta+1} g_2(z)}{I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_2(z)} \right) (z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_2(z))^\gamma \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\left(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_1(z)\right)^\gamma \prec \left(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta f(z)\right)^\gamma \prec \left(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_2(z)\right)^\gamma$$

and the functions $\left(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_1(z)\right)^\gamma$ and $\left(z^p I_{p,\mu}^\delta g_2(z)\right)^\gamma$ are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant.

3 Open Problem

The authors suggest to study this class defined by the operator

$$\begin{aligned} I_p^{\alpha,\gamma} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z^{p+1} \Gamma(\alpha - \gamma + 1)} \int_0^z \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\alpha-\gamma} t^p f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{z^p} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k+p+1}\right)^{\alpha-\gamma+1} a_k z^k \quad (\alpha, \gamma > 0). \end{aligned}$$

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