

## New Concept on Fourth-Order Differential Subordination and Superordination with Some Results for Multivalent Analytic Functions

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce new concept that is fourth-order differential subordination and superordination associated with differential linear operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  in open unit disk. Also, we obtain some new results.

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### 1 . Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  be the class of functions which are analytic in the open unit disk  $U = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots\}$ , and also let  $\mathcal{H}_1 = [1, 1]$ . Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of all analytic functions of the form :

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k. \quad (1.1)$$

We consider a linear operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  on the class  $\Sigma_p$  of multivalent functions by the infinite series

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k + \lambda}{p + \lambda}\right)^n a_k z^k, \quad (\lambda > -p). \tag{1.2}$$

The operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  was studied by [2]. It is easily verified from (1.2) that

$$z[I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)]' = (p + \lambda)I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z) - \lambda I_p(n, \lambda). \tag{1.3}$$

For several past years, there are many authors introduce and dealing with the theory of second-order differential subordination and superordination for example([1 – 3, 6, 8,9,10,13, 16]), recently years, the many authors discussed the theory of third-order differential subordination and superordination for example([ 4, 5,11,12,17,18,19 ]). In the present paper, we investigated to the fourth-order. In 2011, Antonino and Miller [4] extended the theory of second-order differential subordination in the open unit disk introduced by Miller and Mocanu [14] to the third-order case, now, we extend this to fourth-order differential subordination. They determined properties of functions  $p$  that satisfy the following fourth-order differential subordination :

$$\{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) : z \in U\} \subset \Omega .$$

In 2014, Tang et al [19] extended the theory of second-order differential superordination in the open unit disk introduced by Miller and Mocanu [15] to third-order case, now we extend this to fourth-order differential superordination. They determined properties of functions  $p$  that satisfy the following fourth-order differential superordination :

$$\Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) : z \in U\} .$$

To prove our main results, we need the basic concepts in theory of the fourth-order.

**Definition 1.1.** [14]. Let  $f(z)$  and  $F(z)$  be members of the analytic function class  $\mathcal{H}(U)$ . The function  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $F(z)$  or  $F(z)$  is superordinate to  $f(z)$  if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ), and such that  $f(z) = F(w(z))$ . In such case, we write

$$f < F, \text{ or } f(z) < F(z).$$

If  $F(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then  $f(z) < F(z)$  if and only if  $f(0) = F(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset F(U)$ .

**Definition 1.2.**[4]. Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  denote the set of functions  $q$  that are analytic and univalent on the set  $\bar{U} \setminus E(q)$ , where

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

is such that  $\min |q'(\zeta)| = \rho > 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$ . Further let the subclass of  $\mathcal{Q}$  for which  $q(0) = a$  be denoted by  $\mathcal{Q}(a)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}(1) = \mathcal{Q}_1$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and the function  $h(z)$  be univalent in  $U$ . If the function  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  satisfies the following fourth-order differential subordination :

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) < h(z), \tag{1.4}$$

then  $p(z)$  is called a solution of the differential subordination . A univalent function  $q(z)$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination or more simply a dominant if  $p(z) < q(z)$  for all  $p(z)$  satisfying (1.4) . A dominant  $\tilde{q}(z)$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q}(z) < q(z)$  for all dominants  $q(z)$  of (1.4) is said to be the best dominant.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{2\}$ . The class of admissible functions  $\Psi_n[\Omega, q]$  consists of those functions  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the following admissibility condition:

$$\psi(r, s, t, w, b; z) \notin \Omega,$$

whenever

$$r = q(\zeta) , \quad s = \kappa \zeta q'(\zeta) , \quad \Re\left(\frac{t}{s} + 1\right) \geq \kappa \Re\left(\frac{\zeta q''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)} + 1\right),$$

and

$$\Re\left(\frac{w}{s}\right) \geq \kappa^2 \Re\left(\frac{\zeta^2 q'''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right) , \quad \Re\left(\frac{b}{s}\right) \geq \kappa^3 \Re\left(\frac{\zeta^3 q''''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right),$$

where  $z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$ , and  $\kappa \geq n$ .

**Theorem 1.5.[7].** Let  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{2\}$ . Also, let  $q \in \mathcal{Q}(a)$  and satisfy the following conditions:

$$\Re\left(\frac{\zeta^2 q'''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right) \geq 0, \quad \left|\frac{z^2 p''(z)}{q'(\zeta)}\right| \leq \kappa^2 ,$$

where  $z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$  and  $\kappa \geq n$ . If  $\Omega$  a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi_n[\Omega, q]$  and

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z), z^3 p'''(z), z^4 p''''(z); z) \in \Omega ,$$

then  $p(z) < q(z)$ , ( $z \in U$ ).

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and the function  $h(z)$  be analytic in  $U$ . If the functions  $p(z)$  and

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z), z^3 p'''(z), z^4 p''''(z); z),$$

are univalent in  $U$  and satisfy the following fourth-order differential superordination:

$$h(z) < \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z), z^3 p'''(z), z^4 p''''(z); z), \tag{1.5}$$

then  $p(z)$  is called a solution of the differential superordination. An analytic function  $q(z)$  is called a subordinat of the solutions of the differential superordination or more simply a subordinant if  $q(z) < p(z)$  for all  $p(z)$  satisfying (1.5). A univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}(z)$  that satisfies the condition  $q(z) < \tilde{q}(z)$  for all subordinants  $q(z)$  of (1.5) is said to be the best subordinant. We note that the best subordinant is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}, q(z) \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  and  $q'(z) \neq 0$ . The class of admissible functions  $\Psi'_n[\Omega, q]$  consists of those functions  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the following admissibility condition:

$$\psi(r, s, t, w, b; \zeta) \in \Omega ,$$

whenever

$$r = q(z) , \quad s = \frac{zq'(z)}{m} , \quad \Re\left(\frac{t}{s} + 1\right) \leq \frac{1}{m} \Re\left(\frac{z q''(z)}{q'(z)} + 1\right),$$

and

$$\Re\left(\frac{w}{s}\right) \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \Re\left(\frac{z^2 q'''(z)}{q'(z)}\right) , \quad \Re\left(\frac{b}{s}\right) \leq \frac{1}{m^3} \Re\left(\frac{z^3 q''''(z)}{q'(z)}\right),$$

where  $z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U$ , and  $m \geq n \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 1.8.[7].** Let  $q(z) \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  and  $\psi \in \Psi'_n[\Omega, q]$ . If

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z)$$

is univalent in  $U$  and  $p(z) \in Q(a)$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$\Re\left(\frac{z^2q'''(z)}{q'(z)}\right) \geq 0, \quad \left|\frac{z^2p''(z)}{q'(z)}\right| \leq \frac{1}{m^2},$$

where  $z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U$  and  $m \geq n \geq 3$ ,

then

$$\Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) : z \in U\},$$

implies that

$$q(z) < p(z), \quad (z \in U).$$

### 2. Fourth-Order Differential Subordination with $I_p(n, \lambda)$

We first define the following class of admissible functions, which are required in proving the differential subordination theorem involving the operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  defined by (1.2).

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let  $q \in Q_1 \cap \mathcal{H}_1$ . The class of admissible functions  $\Phi_I[\Omega, q]$  consists of those functions  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the following admissibility condition:

$$\phi(u, v, x, y, g; z) \notin \Omega,$$

whenever

$$u = q(\zeta), \quad v = \frac{\kappa\zeta q'(\zeta) + \lambda q(\zeta)}{p + \lambda}, \quad \Re\left\{\frac{(p + \lambda)^2x - \lambda^2u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} - 2\lambda\right\} \geq \kappa \Re\left\{\frac{\zeta q''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)} + 1\right\},$$

$$\Re\left\{\frac{(p + \lambda)^2[(p + \lambda)y - (3\lambda + 3)x] + (2\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} + (3\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2)\right\} \geq \kappa^2 \Re\left\{\frac{\zeta^2 q'''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right\},$$

and

$$\Re\left\{\frac{(p + \lambda)[(p + \lambda)^3g - (p + \lambda)^2(4\lambda + 6)y + (p + \lambda)(8\lambda^2 + 18\lambda + 11)x - (8\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 + 22\lambda + 6)v] + (3\lambda^4 + 6\lambda^3 + 11\lambda^2 + 6\lambda)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u}\right\} \geq \kappa^3 \Re\left\{\frac{\zeta^3 q''''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right\},$$

where  $z \in U, \lambda > -p, \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$  and  $\kappa \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\phi \in \Phi_I[\Omega, q]$ . If the functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  and  $q \in Q_1$  satisfy the following conditions :

$$\Re\left(\frac{\zeta^2 q'''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)}\right) \geq 0, \quad \left|\frac{I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z)}{q'(\zeta)}\right| \leq \kappa^2, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\{\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z) : z \in U\} \subset \Omega, \tag{2.2}$$

then  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z), (z \in U)$ .

**Proof.** Define the analytic function  $p(z)$  in  $U$  by

$$p(z) = I_p(n, \lambda)f(z). \tag{2.3}$$

Then, differentiating (2.3) with respect to  $z$  and using (1.3), we have

$$I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z) = \frac{zp'(z) + \lambda p(z)}{p + \lambda}. \tag{2.4}$$

Further computations show that

$$I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z) = \frac{z^2p''(z) + (2\lambda + 1)zp'(z) + \lambda^2p(z)}{(p + \lambda)^2}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z) = \frac{z^3p'''(z) + (3\lambda + 3)z^2p''(z) + (3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)zp'(z) + \lambda^3p(z)}{(p + \lambda)^3}. \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z) = \frac{z^4p''''(z) + (4\lambda + 6)z^3p'''(z) + (4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)z^2p''(z) + (4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)zp'(z) + \lambda^4p(z)}{(p + \lambda)^4}. \tag{2.7}$$

Define the transformation from  $\mathbb{C}^5$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$u(r, s, t, w, b) = r, \quad v(r, s, t, w, b) = \frac{s + \lambda r}{p + \lambda}, \quad x(r, s, t, w, b) = \frac{t + (2\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^2r}{(p + \lambda)^2},$$

$$y(r, s, t, w, b) = \frac{w + (3\lambda + 3)t + (3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^3r}{(p + \lambda)^3},$$

and

$$g(r, s, t, w, b) = \frac{b + (4\lambda + 6)w + (4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)t + (4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^4r}{(p + \lambda)^4}. \tag{2.8}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(r, s, t, w, b; z) &= \phi(u, v, x, y, g; z) \\ &= \phi\left(r, \frac{s + \lambda r}{p + \lambda}, \frac{t + (2\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^2r}{(p + \lambda)^2}, \frac{w + (3\lambda + 3)t + (3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^3r}{(p + \lambda)^3}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{b + (4\lambda + 6)w + (4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)t + (4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)s + \lambda^4r}{(p + \lambda)^4}; z\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

The proof will make use of Theorem 1.5. Using equations (2.3) to (2.7), we have from (2.9) that

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) =$$

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z). \tag{2.10}$$

Hence (2.2) becomes

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z), z^3p'''(z), z^4p''''(z); z) \in \Omega.$$

We note that

$$\frac{t}{s} + 1 = \frac{(p + \lambda)^2x - \lambda^2u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} - 2\lambda,$$

$$\frac{w}{s} = \frac{(p + \lambda)^2[(p + \lambda)y - (3\lambda + 3)x] + (2\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} + (3\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2),$$

and

$$\frac{b}{s} = \frac{(p + \lambda)[(p + \lambda)^3g - (p + \lambda)^2(4\lambda + 6)y + (p + \lambda)(8\lambda^2 + 18\lambda + 11)x - (8\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 + 22\lambda + 6)v] + (3\lambda^4 + 6\lambda^3 + 11\lambda^2 + 6\lambda)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u}.$$

Therefore, the admissibility condition for  $\phi \in \Phi_I[\Omega, q]$  in Definition 2.1 is equivalent to the admissibility condition for  $\psi \in \Psi_3[\Omega, q]$  as given in Definition 1.4 with  $n = 3$ . Therefore, by using (2.1) and Theorem 1.5, we obtain

$$p(z) = I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z).$$

The next Corollary is an extension of Theorem 2.2 to the case where the behavior of  $q(z)$  on  $\partial U$  is not known.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and let the function  $q(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $\phi \in \Phi_I[\Omega, q_\rho]$  for some  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , where  $q_\rho(z) = q(\rho z)$ . If the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  and  $q_\rho(z)$  satisfy the following conditions :

$$\Re\left(\frac{\zeta^2 q_\rho'''(z)}{q_\rho'(z)}\right) \geq 0, \quad \left| \frac{I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z)}{q_\rho'(z)} \right| \leq \kappa^2, \quad (z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q_\rho)) \tag{2.11}$$

and

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z) \in \Omega,$$

then

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z), \quad (z \in U).$$

**Proof.** By using Theorem 2.2, yields  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q_\rho(z)$ . Then we obtain the result from  $q_\rho(z) < q(z)$ ,  $(z \in U)$ . If  $\Omega \neq \mathbb{C}$  is a simply connected domain, then  $\Omega = h(U)$  for some conformal mapping  $h(z)$  of  $U$  onto  $\Omega$ . In this case, the class  $\Phi_I[h(U), q]$  is written as  $\Phi_I[h, q]$ . The following two results are immediate consequence of Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 2.3.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\phi \in \Phi_I[h, q]$ . If the function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and  $q \in Q_1$  satisfy the condition (2.1) and

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z) < h(z), \tag{2.12}$$

then

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z), \quad (z \in U).$$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  and let the function  $q$  be univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $\phi \in$

$\Phi_I[h, q_\rho]$  for some  $\rho \in (0,1)$ , where  $q_\rho(z) = q(\rho z)$ . If the function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and  $q_\rho$  satisfy the condition (2.11), and

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z) < h(z), \tag{2.13}$$

then

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z), \quad (z \in U).$$

Our next theorem yields the best dominant of the differential subordination (2.12).

**Theorem 2.6.** Let the function  $h$  be univalent in  $U$ . Also let  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and suppose that the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \left( q(z), \frac{zq'(z) + \lambda q(z)}{p + \lambda}, \frac{z^2q''(z) + (2\lambda + 1)zq'(z) + \lambda^2q(z)}{(p + \lambda)^2}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{z^3q'''(z) + (3\lambda + 3)z^2q''(z) + (3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)zq'(z) + \lambda^3q(z)}{(p + \lambda)^3}, \frac{z^4q''''(z) + (4\lambda + 6)z^3q'''(z) + \right. \\ \left. \frac{(4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)z^2q''(z) + (4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)zq'(z) + \lambda^4q(z)}{(p + \lambda)^4}; z \right) = h(z), \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

has a solution  $q(z)$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfies the condition (2.1). If the function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies condition (2.12) and

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z)$$

is analytic in  $U$ , then  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q(z)$ , and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

**Proof.** By using Theorem 2.2, that  $q(z)$  is a dominant of (2.12). Since  $q(z)$  satisfy (2.14), it is also a solution of (2.12) and therefore  $q(z)$  will be dominated by all dominants. Hence  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

In the special case  $q(z) = Mz$ ,  $M > 0$ , and in view of Definition 2.1, the class of admissible functions  $\Phi_I[\Omega, q]$ , denoted by  $\Phi_I[\Omega, M]$  is defined below.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $M > 0$ . The class of admissible functions  $\Phi_I[\Omega, M]$  consists of those functions  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the admissibility condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \left( Me^{i\theta}, \frac{\kappa + \lambda}{p + \lambda} Me^{i\theta}, \frac{L + [(2\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^2]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^2}, \frac{N + (3\lambda + 3)L + [(3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^3]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^3}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{A + (4\lambda + 6)N + (4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)L + [(4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^4]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^4}; z \right) \notin \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

where  $p > -\lambda$ ,  $z \in U$ ,  $\Re(Le^{-i\theta}) \geq (\kappa - 1)\kappa M$ ,  $\Re(Ne^{-i\theta}) \geq 0$  and  $\Re(Ae^{-i\theta}) \geq 0$  for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\kappa \geq 3$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $\phi \in \Phi_I[\Omega, M]$ . If the function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$|I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z)| \leq \kappa^2 M \quad (\kappa \geq 3; M > 0),$$

and

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z) \in \Omega,$$

then

$$|I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)| < M.$$

In the special case  $\Omega = q(U) = \{\omega : |\omega| < M\}$ , the class  $\Phi_I[\Omega, M]$  is simply denoted by  $\Phi_I[M]$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $\kappa \geq 3$ ,  $\lambda > -p$  and  $M > 0$ . If the function  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies  $|I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z)| \leq \kappa^2 M$ ,

and

$$|(p + \lambda)^4 I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z) - \lambda(p + \lambda)^3 I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z)| < (|\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1| + 2|\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7|)3M,$$

then

$$|I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)| < M.$$

**Proof.** Let

$$\phi(u, v, x, y, g; z) = (p + \lambda)^4 g - \lambda(p + \lambda)^3 y, \quad \Omega = h(U),$$

where

$$h(z) = (|\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1| + 2|\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7|)3Mz, \quad M > 0.$$

Using Corollary 2.8, we need to show that  $\phi \in \Phi_{I,1}[\Omega, M]$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \phi \left( Me^{i\theta}, \frac{\kappa + \lambda}{p + \lambda} Me^{i\theta}, \frac{L + [(2\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^2]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^2}, \frac{N + (3\lambda + 3)L + [(3\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^3]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^3}, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \frac{A + (4\lambda + 6)N + (4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 7)L + [(4\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1)\kappa + \lambda^4]Me^{i\theta}}{(p + \lambda)^4}; z \right) \right| \\ &= |A + (3\lambda + 6)N + (\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7)L + (\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)\kappa Me^{i\theta}| \\ &= |Ae^{-i\theta} + (3\lambda + 6)Ne^{-i\theta} + (\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7)Le^{-i\theta} + (\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)\kappa M| \\ &\geq \Re(Ae^{-i\theta}) + |3\lambda + 6|\Re(Ne^{-i\theta}) + |\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7|\Re(Le^{-i\theta}) + |\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1|\kappa M \\ &\geq |\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1|\kappa M + |\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7|\kappa(\kappa - 1)M \\ &\geq (|\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1| + 2|\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 7|)3M, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $z \in U$ ,  $\Re(Le^{-i\theta}) \geq (\kappa - 1)\kappa M$ ,  $\Re(Ne^{-i\theta}) \geq 0$  and  $\Re(Ae^{-i\theta}) \geq 0$  for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\kappa \geq 3$ .

The proof is complete.

### 3. Fourth-Order Differential Superordination with $I_p(n, \lambda)$

In this section, we obtain fourth-order differential superordination and sandwich-type results for multivalent functions associated with the operator  $I_p(n, \lambda)$  defined by (1.2). For this aim, the class of admissible functions is given in the following definition.



**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  with  $q'(z) \neq 0$ . The class of admissible functions  $\Phi'_I[\Omega, q]$  consists of those functions  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the following admissibility condition:

$$\phi(u, v, x, y, g; \zeta) \in \Omega,$$

whenever

$$u = q(z), \quad v = \frac{zq'(z) + mq(z)}{(p + \lambda)m}, \quad \Re \left\{ \frac{(p + \lambda)^2 x - \lambda^2 u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} - 2\lambda \right\} \leq \frac{1}{m} \Re \left\{ \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} + 1 \right\},$$

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{(p + \lambda)^2 [(p + \lambda)y - (3\lambda + 3)x] + (2\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} + (3\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2) \right\} \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \Re \left\{ \frac{z^2 q'''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\},$$

and

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{(p + \lambda)[(p + \lambda)^3 g - (p + \lambda)^2 (4\lambda + 6)y + (p + \lambda)(8\lambda^2 + 18\lambda + 11)x - (8\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 + 22\lambda + 6)v] + (3\lambda^4 + 6\lambda^3 + 11\lambda^2 + 6\lambda)u}{(p + \lambda)v - \lambda u} \right\} \leq \frac{1}{m^3} \Re \left\{ \frac{z^3 q''''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\},$$

where  $z \in U, \zeta \in \partial U, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ , and  $m \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\phi \in \Phi'_I[\Omega, q]$ . If the functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  and  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$\Re \left( \frac{z^2 q'''(z)}{q'(z)} \right) \geq 0, \quad \left| \frac{I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z)}{q'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m^2}, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z)$$

is univalent, and

$$\Omega \subset \{ \phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n + 4, \lambda)f(z); z) : z \in U \}, \tag{3.2}$$

then

$$q(z) < I_p(n, \lambda)f(z).$$

**Proof.** Let the functions  $p(z)$  and  $\psi$  be defined by (2.3) and (2.9). Since  $\phi \in \Phi'_I[\Omega, q]$ . Thus from (2.10) and (3.2) yield

$$\Omega \subset \{ \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z), z^3 p'''(z), z^4 p''''(z); z) : z \in U \}.$$

In view from (2.8) that the admissible condition for  $\phi \in \Phi'_I[\Omega, q]$  in Definition (3.1) is equivalent the admissible condition for  $\psi$  as given in Definition 1.7 with  $n = 3$ . Hence  $\psi \in \Psi'_3[\Omega, q]$ , and by using (3.1) and Theorem 1.8, we have

$$q(z) < p(z) = I_p(n, \lambda)f(z).$$

Therefore, we completes the proof of Theorem 3.2.

If  $\Omega \neq \mathbb{C}$  is a simply connected domain, and  $\Omega = h(U)$  for some conformal mapping  $h(z)$  of  $U$  onto  $\Omega$ , in this case the class  $\Phi'_I[h(U), q]$  is written as  $\Phi'_I[h, q]$ . The next Theorem is directly consequence of Theorem 3.2.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\phi \in \Phi'_I[h, q]$ . Also, let the function  $h(z)$  be analytic in  $U$ . If the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p, I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  satisfies the condition (3.1),

$$\{\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z): z \in U\}$$

is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$h(z) < \phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z), \quad (3.3)$$

then

$$q(z) < I_p(n, \lambda)f(z).$$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let the function  $h$  be analytic in  $U$ , and let  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^5 \times \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi$  be given by (2.9). Suppose that

the differential equation

$$\psi(q(z), zq'(z), z^2q''(z), z^3q'''(z), z^4q''''(z); z) = h(z), \quad (3.4)$$

has a solution  $q(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$ . If the functions  $f \in \Sigma_p, I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $q \in \mathcal{H}_1$  with  $q'(z) \neq 0$  satisfy the condition (2.1) and satisfies the condition (3.1),

$$\{\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z): z \in U\}$$

is univalent in  $U$ , and

$$h(z) < \phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z)$$

then

$$q(z) < I_p(n, \lambda)f(z),$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best subordinant of (3.3).

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.6 and it is being omitted here. By Combining Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 3.3, we obtain the following sandwich type result.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let the functions  $h_1(z), q_1(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  and let the function  $h_2(z)$  be univalent in  $U, q_2(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$  and  $\phi \in \Phi_I[h_2, q_2] \cap \Phi'_I[h_1, q_1]$ . If the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p, I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_1 \cap \mathcal{H}, \{\phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z): z \in U\}$

is univalent in  $U$ , and the conditions (2.1) and (3.1) are satisfied,

$$h_1(z) < \phi(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+2, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+3, \lambda)f(z), I_p(n+4, \lambda)f(z); z) < h_2(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) < I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) < q_2(z).$$

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