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# Differential Sandwich Theorems for Univalent Functions Involving a Differential Operator

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## ABSTRACT

In the present paper, we obtain some subordination and superordination results involving the differential operator  $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta}$  for certain normalized analytic functions in the open unit disk. These results are applied to obtain sandwich results.

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## 1 . Introduction

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

$$f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}). \tag{1.1}$$

Also, let  $T$  be the subclass of  $H$  consisting of functions of the form:

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$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \quad (1.2)$$

Let  $f, g \in T$ . The function  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , or  $g$  is said to be superordinate to  $f$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w$  analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ) such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . In such a case we write  $f < g$  or  $f(z) < g(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ). If  $g$  is univalent in  $U$ , then  $f < g$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

Let  $p, h \in H$  and  $\psi(r, s, t; z): \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . If  $p$  and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z)$  are univalent functions in  $U$  and if  $p$  satisfies the second-order differential superordination

$$h(z) < \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z), \quad (1.3)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential superordination (1.3). ( If  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , then  $g$  is superordinate to  $f$  ). An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinated of (1.3), if  $q < p$  for all the functions  $p$  satisfying (1.3). An univalent subordinated  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q < \tilde{q}$  for all the subordinated  $q$  of (1.3) is called the best subordinated. Miller and Macanu [12] have obtained conditions on the functions  $h, q$  and  $\psi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$h(z) < \psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \implies q(z) < p(z). \quad (1.4)$$

For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \geq 0$  with  $\alpha + \beta > 0, m, \delta \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . The differential operator

$\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta}: T \rightarrow T$  (see[10]) is defined by

$$\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta} f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \frac{\alpha^m + n\beta^m}{\alpha^m + \beta^m} \right) \right]^{\delta} a_n z^n. \quad (1.5)$$

We note from (1.5) that, we have

$$z \left( \mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta} f(z) \right)' = \left[ \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m + 1 \right) \right] \mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta+1} f(z) - \left[ \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m \right] \mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta} f(z). \quad (1.6)$$

Ali et al. [1] obtained sufficient conditions for certain normalized analytic functions to satisfy

$$q_1(z) < \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < q_2(z)$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Also, Tuneski [15]

obtained a sufficient conditions for starlikeness of  $f$  in terms of the quantity  $\frac{f''(z)f(z)}{(f'(z))^2}$ . Recently,

Shanmugam et al. [13,14], Atshan et al. ([2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7]), Goyal et al. [9] also obtained sandwich results for certain classes of analytic functions. The main object of the present paper is to find sufficient conditions for certain normalized analytic functions  $f$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) < \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} < q_2(z)$$

and

$$q_1(z) < \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} < q_2(z),$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In order to prove our subordination and superordination results, we need the following definition and lemmas.

**Definition 2.1 [11].** Denote by  $Q$  the set of all functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where  $\overline{U} = U \cup \{z \in \partial U\}$  and

$$E(f) = \{ \zeta \in \partial U : \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} f(z) = \infty \} \quad (2.1)$$

and are such that  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(f)$ . Further, let the subclass of  $Q$  for which  $f(z) = a$  be denoted by  $Q(a)$ ,  $Q(0) = Q_0$  and  $Q(1) = Q_1 = \{f \in Q : f(0) = 1\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1 [11].** Let  $q$  be univalent in the unit disk  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$  with  $\phi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$  and  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$ . Suppose that

- (i)  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ ,
- (ii)  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ .

If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$ , with  $p(0) = q(0)$ ,  $p(U) \subset D$  and

$$\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) < \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)), \quad (2.2)$$

then  $p < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant of (2.2).

**Lemma 2.2 [12].** Let  $q$  be a convex univalent function in  $U$  and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  with

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > \max \left\{ 0, -Re \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right) \right\}.$$

If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  and

$$\alpha p(z) + \beta zp'(z) < \alpha q(z) + \beta zq'(z), \tag{2.3}$$

then  $p < q$  and  $q$  is the best dominant of (2.3).

**Lemma 2.3 [12].** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  and let  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Further assume that  $Re(\beta) > 0$ .

If  $p \in H [q(0),1] \cap Q$  and  $p(z) + \beta zp'(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then

$$q(z) + \beta zq'(z) < p(z) + \beta zp'(z), \tag{2.4}$$

which implies that  $q < p$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant of (2.4).

**Lemma 2.4 [8].** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in the unit disk  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$ . Suppose that

(i)  $Re \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ ,

(ii)  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ .

If  $p \in H [q(0),1] \cap Q$ , with  $p(U) \subset D$ ,  $\theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z))$  is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) < \theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)), \tag{2.5}$$

then  $q < p$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant of (2.5).

### 3. Subordination Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1, 0 \neq \varepsilon \in \mathbb{C}, \gamma > 0$  and suppose that  $q$  satisfies

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > \max \left\{ 0, -Re \left( \frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon} \right) \right\}. \tag{3.1}$$

If  $f \in T$  satisfies the subordination

$$\left[ 1 - \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m + 1 \right) \right] \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^\gamma + \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^\gamma \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right) < q(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} zq'(z), \tag{3.2}$$

then

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma < q(z) \tag{3.3}$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant of (3.2).

**Proof.** Define the function  $p$  by

$$p(z) = \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma. \tag{3.4}$$

Differentiating (3.4) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we get

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \gamma \left(\frac{z(\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z))'}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} - 1\right). \tag{3.5}$$

Now, in view of (1.6), we obtain the following subordination

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} - 1\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma} = \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} - 1\right).$$

The subordination (3.2) from the hypothesis becomes

$$p(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} zp'(z) < q(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} zq'(z).$$

An application of Lemma 2.2 with  $\beta = \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma}$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , we obtain (3.3).

Putting  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\sigma$  ( $0 < \sigma \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $0 < \sigma \leq 1, 0 \neq \varepsilon \in \mathbb{C}, \gamma > 0$  and

$$Re \left\{ \frac{1+2\sigma z+z^2}{1-z^2} \right\} > \max \left\{ 0, -Re \left( \frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon} \right) \right\}.$$

If  $f \in T$  satisfies the subordination

$$\left[ \left| 1 - \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m + 1 \right) \right| \left| \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^\gamma + \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^m + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^\gamma \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right) \right| \right] < \left( 1 + \frac{2\varepsilon\sigma z}{\gamma(1-z^2)} \right) \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\sigma,$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^\gamma < \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\sigma$$

and  $q(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\sigma$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1, q(z) \neq 0 (z \in U)$  and assume that  $q$  satisfies

$$Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{xm}{\varepsilon} + \frac{y(m+1)}{\varepsilon} q(z) + (m-1) \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > 0, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $x, y, m \in \mathbb{C}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $z \in U$ .

Suppose that  $z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ . If  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z) < (x + yq(z))(q(z))^m + \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z), \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z) = x \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma m} + y \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma(m+1)} + \varepsilon \gamma \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right) \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)} - 1 \right)^{\gamma m}, (\gamma > 0, z \in U), \tag{3.8}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^\gamma < q(z) \tag{3.9}$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant of (3.7).

**Proof.** Define the function  $p$  by

$$p(z) = \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^\gamma. \tag{3.10}$$

By setting

$$\theta(w) = (x + yw)w^m \text{ and } \phi(w) = \varepsilon w^{m-1}, w \neq 0,$$

we see that  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  ,  $\phi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that  $\phi(w) \neq 0, w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Also, we get

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z)$$

and

$$h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = (x + yq(z))(q(z))^m + \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z).$$

It is clear that  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ ,

$$Re \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} = Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{xm}{\varepsilon} + \frac{y(m+1)}{\varepsilon} q(z) + (m - 1) \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > 0.$$

By a straightforward computation, we obtain

$$(x + yp(z))(p(z))^m + \varepsilon z(p(z))^{m-1} p'(z) = \Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z), \tag{3.11}$$

where is given  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  by (3.8).

From (3.7) and (3.11), we have

$$(x + yp(z))(p(z))^m + \varepsilon z(p(z))^{m-1} p'(z) < (x + yq(z))(q(z))^m + \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z). \tag{3.12}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we get  $p(z) < q(z)$ . By using (3.10), we obtain the result.

Putting  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 3.2, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$  and

$$Re \left\{ \frac{xm}{\varepsilon} + \frac{y(m+1)(1+Az)}{\varepsilon(1+Bz)} + \frac{1+m(A-B)z-ABz^2}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)} \right\} > 0,$$

where  $x, y, m \in \mathbb{C}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $z \in U$ . If  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z) < \left( x + y \left( \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right) \right) \left( \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right)^m + \frac{\varepsilon(A-B)(1+Az)^{m-1}z}{(1+Bz)^{m+1}},$$

where is given  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  by (3.8),

then

$$\left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta}^{j, \delta} f(z)} \right)^\gamma < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$

and  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best dominant.

### 4. Superordination Results

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1, \gamma > 0$  and  $Re\{\varepsilon\} > 0$ . Let  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \in H[q(0),1] \cap Q$$

and

$$\left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)$$

be univalent in  $U$ . If

$$q(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} z q'(z) < \left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right), \tag{4.1}$$

then

$$q(z) < \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \tag{4.2}$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant of (4.1).

**Proof.** Define the function  $p$  by

$$p(z) = \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma. \tag{4.3}$$

Differentiating (4.3) with respect to  $z$  logarithmically, we get

$$\frac{z p'(z)}{p(z)} = \gamma \left(\frac{z \left(w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)\right)'}{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} - 1\right). \tag{4.4}$$

After some computations and using (1.6), from (4.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{w_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right) \\ & = p(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} z p'(z), \end{aligned}$$



and now, by using Lemma 2.3, we get the desired result.

Putting  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\sigma$  ( $0 < \sigma \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 4.1, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $0 < \sigma \leq 1, \gamma > 0$  and  $Re\{\varepsilon\} > 0$ . If  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \in H [q(0),1] \cap Q$$

and

$$\left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)$$

be univalent in  $U$ . If

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(1 + \frac{2\varepsilon\sigma z}{\gamma(1-z^2)}\right) \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\sigma \\ &< \left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \\ &+ \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\sigma < \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma$$

and  $q(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)^\sigma$  is the best subordinator.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , and assume that  $q$  satisfies

$$Re \left\{ \frac{xm}{\varepsilon} q'(z) + \frac{y(m+1)}{\varepsilon} q(z)q'(z) \right\} > 0, \tag{4.5}$$

where  $x, y, m \in \mathbb{C}, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $z \in U$ .

Suppose that  $z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ . Let  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)^\gamma \in H [q(0),1] \cap Q$$

and  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , where is given  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  by (3.8). If

$$(x + yq(z))(q(z))^m + \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z) < \Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z), \tag{4.6}$$

then

$$q(z) < \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^\gamma \quad (4.7)$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant of (4.6).

**Proof.** Define the function  $p$  by

$$p(z) = \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)} \right)^\gamma. \quad (4.8)$$

By setting

$$\theta(w) = (x + yw)w^m \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(w) = \varepsilon w^{m-1}, w \neq 0,$$

we see that  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\phi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that  $\phi(w) \neq 0, w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Also, we get

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z).$$

It is clear that  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ ,

$$Re \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} \right\} = Re \left\{ \frac{xm}{\varepsilon} q'(z) + \frac{y(m+1)}{\varepsilon} q(z)q'(z) \right\} > 0.$$

By a straight forward computation, we obtain

$$\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z) = (u + vp(z))(p(z))^m + \eta z(p(z))^{m-1} p'(z), \quad (4.9)$$

where  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  is given by (3.8).

From (4.6) and (4.9), we have

$$(x + yq(z))(q(z))^m + \varepsilon z(q(z))^{m-1} q'(z) < (x + yp(z))(p(z))^m + \varepsilon z(p(z))^{m-1} p'(z). \quad (4.10)$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.4, we get  $q(z) < p(z)$ . By using (4.8), we obtain the result.

## 5. Sandwich Results

Concluding the results of differential subordination and superordination, we arrive at the following "sandwich results".

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = 1, Re\{\varepsilon\} > 0$  and let  $q_2$  be univalent in  $U$ ,  $q_2(0) = 1$  and satisfies (3.1). Let  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \in H [1,1] \cap Q$$

and

$$\left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)$$

be univalent in  $U$ . If

$$q_1(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} z q_1'(z) < \left[1 - \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma + \varepsilon \sum_{m=1}^j \binom{j}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1\right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right) < q_2(z) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\gamma} z q_2'(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) < \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^\gamma < q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . suppose  $q_1$  satisfies (4.5) and  $q_2$  satisfies (3.6). Let  $f \in T$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)^\gamma \in H [1,1] \cap Q$$

and  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , where  $\Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z)$  is given by (3.8). If

$$(x + yq_1(z))(q_1(z))^m + \varepsilon z (q_1(z))^{m-1} q_1'(z) < \Omega(x, y, \gamma, j, \alpha, m, \beta, \varepsilon; z) < (x + yq_2(z))(q_2(z))^m + \varepsilon z (q_2(z))^{m-1} q_2'(z),$$

then

$$q_1(z) < \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\beta}^{j,\delta} f(z)}\right)^\gamma < q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

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