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# Some Subordination and Superordination for the Wright Generalize Hypergeometric Function

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we obtain some subordination and superordination results for the Wright generalized hypergeometric function. Sandwich-type theorem for these multivalent function is also obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

Let H(U) be the class of functions analytic in  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and H[a,n] be the subclass of H(U) consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + ...$ , with  $H_0 = H[0,1]$  and H = H[1,1]. Let A(p) denote the class of all analytic functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1+p}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, ...\}; z \in U).$$
 (1)

Let f and F be members of 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 function  $\omega(z)$  analytic in U with  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1(z \in U)$ , such that  $f(z) = F(\omega(z))$ . In such a case we write  $f(z) \prec F(z)$ . If F is univalent, then  $f(z) \prec F(z)$  if and only if f(0) = F(0) and  $f(U) \subset F(U)$  [see 12, 13].

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

$$\phi\left(p(z),zp'(z);z\right) \prec h(z), \tag{2}$$

then p(z) is a solution of the differential subordination (2). The univalent function q(z) is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination (2) if  $p(z) \prec q(z)$  for

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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  $\phi\left(p(z),zp'(z);z\right)$  are univalent in U and if p(z) satisfies first order differential superordination:

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

then p(z) is a solution of the differential superordination (3). An analytic function q(z) is called a subordinant of the solutions of the differential superordination (3) if  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  for all p(z) satisfying (3). A univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all subordinants of (3) is called the best subordinant [see 12, 13].

For analytic functions  $f(z) \in A(p)$ , given by (1) and  $\phi(z) \in A(p)$  given by  $\phi(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1+p}^{\infty} b_n z^n \quad (p \in \mathbb{N})$ , the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f(z) and  $\phi(z)$ , is defined by

$$(f * \phi)(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1+p}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n = (\phi * f)(z).$$

$$(4)$$

Let  $\alpha_1, A_1, ..., \alpha_q, A_q$  and  $\beta_1, B_1, ..., \beta_s, B_s$   $(q, s \in \mathbb{N})$  be positive real parameters such that

$$1 + \sum_{j=1}^{s} B_j - \sum_{j=1}^{q} A_j \ge 0.$$

The Wright generalized hypergeometric function [21] [see also 20].

$$_{q}\Psi_{s}\left[\left(\alpha_{1},A_{1}\right),...,\left(\alpha_{q},A_{q}\right);\left(\beta_{1},B_{1}\right),...,\left(\beta_{s},B_{s}\right);z\right]=_{q}\Psi_{s}\left[\left(\alpha_{i},A_{i}\right)_{1,q};\left(\beta_{i},B_{i}\right)_{1,s};z\right]$$

is defined by

$${}_{q}\Psi_{s}\left[\left(\alpha_{i},A_{i}\right)_{1,q};\left(\beta_{i},B_{i}\right)_{1,s};z\right]=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{\prod\limits_{i=1}^{q}\Gamma\left(\alpha_{i}+nA_{i}\right)}{\prod\limits_{i=1}^{s}\Gamma\left(\beta_{i}+nB_{i}\right)}.\frac{z^{n}}{n_{!}}\quad(z\in U).$$

If  $A_i = 1 (i = 1, ..., q)$  and  $B_i = 1 (i = 1, ..., s)$ , we have the relationship:

$$\Omega_q \Psi_s \left[ (\alpha_i, 1)_{1,q}; (\beta_i, 1)_{1,s}; z \right] =_q F_s \left( \alpha_1, ..., \alpha_q; \beta_1, ..., \beta_s; z \right),$$

where  $_qF_s\left(\alpha_1,...,\alpha_q;\beta_1,...,\beta_s;z\right)$  is the generalized hypergeometric function [see 20] and

$$\Omega = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{s} \Gamma(\beta_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^{q} \Gamma(\alpha_i)}.$$
 (5)

The Wright generalized hypergeometric functions were invoked in the geometric function theory [see 16, 17].

By using the generalized hypergeometric function Dziok and Srivastava [7] introduced a linear operator. In [6] Dziok and Raina and in [2] Aouf and Dziok extended this linear operator by using Wright generalized hypergeometric function.

Aouf et al. [3] considered the following linear operator

$$\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\left(\alpha_i,A_i\right)_{1,q};\left(\beta_i,B_i\right)_{1,s}\right]:A(p)\to A(p),$$

defined by the following Hadamard product:

$$\theta_{p,q,s} \left[ \left( \alpha_i, A_i \right)_{1,q}; \left( \beta_i, B_i \right)_{1,s} \right] f(z) =_q \Phi_s^p \left[ \left( \alpha_i, A_i \right)_{1,q}; \left( \beta_i, B_i \right)_{1,s}; z \right] * f(z),$$

where  ${}_{q}\Phi_{s}^{p}\left[\left(\alpha_{i},A_{i}\right)_{1,q};\left(\beta_{i},B_{i}\right)_{1,s};z\right]$  is given by

$$_{q}\Phi_{s}^{p}\left[\left(lpha_{i},A_{i}
ight)_{1,q};\left(eta_{i},B_{i}
ight)_{1,s};z
ight]=\Omega z_{q}^{p}\Psi_{s}\left[\left(lpha_{i},A_{i}
ight)_{1,q};\left(eta_{i},B_{i}
ight)_{1,s};z
ight].$$

We observe that, for a function f(z) of the form (1), we have

$$\theta_{p,q,s} \left[ \left( \alpha_i, A_i \right)_{1,q}; \left( \beta_i, B_i \right)_{1,s} \right] f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1+p}^{\infty} \Omega \sigma_{n,p} \left( \alpha_1 \right) a_n z^n, \tag{6}$$

where  $\Omega$  is given by (5) and  $\sigma_{n,p}(\alpha_1)$  is defined by

$$\sigma_{n,p}\left(\alpha_{1}\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\alpha_{1} + A_{1}\left(n - p\right)\right) ...\Gamma\left(\alpha_{q} + A_{q}\left(n - p\right)\right)}{\Gamma\left(\beta_{1} + B_{1}\left(n - p\right)\right) ...\Gamma\left(\beta_{s} + B_{s}\left(n - p\right)\right)\left(n - p\right)!}.$$
(7)

If, for convenience, we write

$$\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z\right)=\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\left(\alpha_{1},A_{1}\right),...,\left(\alpha_{q},A_{q}\right);\left(\beta_{1},B_{1}\right),...,\left(\beta_{s},B_{s}\right)\right]f\left(z\right),$$

then one can easily verify from (6) that

$$zA_{1}\left(\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)\right)' = \alpha_{1}\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z), -\left(\alpha_{1}-pA_{1}\right)\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z) (A_{1}>0).$$
 (8)

For p=1,  $\theta_{1,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]=\theta\left[\alpha_1\right]$  which was introduced by Dziok and Raina [6] and studied by Aouf and Dziok [2]. We note that, for  $f(z)\in A(p)$ ,  $A_i=1$  (i=1,2,...,q) and  $B_i=1$  (i=1,2,...,s), we obtain  $\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,1,1\right]f(z)=H_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1\right]f(z)$ , where  $H_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1\right]$  is the Dziok-Srivastava operator [see 7].

We note also that, for  $f(z) \in A(p)$ , q = 2, s = 1 and  $A_1 = A_2 = B_1 = 1$ , we have:

- 1.  $\theta_{p,2,1}[a,1;c]f(z) = L_p(a,c)f(z)$   $(a > 0, c > 0, p \in \mathbb{N})$  [see 18];
- 2.  $\theta_{p,2,1}\left[\mu+p,1;1\right]f\left(z\right)=D^{\mu+p-1}f\left(z\right)\left(\mu>-p,p\in\mathbb{N}\right)$ , where  $D^{\mu+p-1}f\left(z\right)$  is the  $\left(\mu+p-1\right)-$  the order Ruscheweyh derivative [see 8];

- 3.  $\theta_{p,2,1}[v+p,1;v+p+1]f(z) = F_{v,p}(f)(z) \quad (v>-p,p\in\mathbb{N}), \text{ where } F_{v,p}(f)(z) \text{ is the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston-integral operator [see 5];}$
- 4.  $\theta_{p,2,1}[c,1;a]f(z) = I_{c,p}^a f(z) \left(a \in \mathbb{R}, c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-, p \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ , where the operator  $I_{c,p}^a$  was introduced and studied by AL-Kharasani and Al-Hajiry [see 1];
- 5.  $\theta_{p,2,1}\left[p+1,1;n+p\right]f(z)=I_{n,p}f(z)\left(n\in\mathbb{Z};n>-p,p\in\mathbb{N}\right)$ , where the operator  $I_{n,p}$  was introduced and studied by Liu and Noor [see 9];
- 6.  $\theta_{p,2,1}\left[\lambda+p,c;a\right]f\left(z\right)=I_{p}^{\lambda}\left(a,c\right)f\left(z\right)\;\left(a,c\in\mathbb{R}\backslash\mathbb{Z}_{o}^{-};\lambda>-p,p\in\mathbb{N}\right)$ , where  $I_{p}^{\lambda}\left(a,c\right)$  is the Cho-Kwon-Srivastava operator [see 4];
- 7.  $\theta_{p,2,1}\left[1+p,1;1+p-\mu\right]f\left(z\right)=\Omega_{z}^{\left(\mu,p\right)}f\left(z\right)\left(-\infty<\mu<1+p,p\in\mathbb{N}\right)$ , where the operator  $\Omega_{z}^{\left(\mu,p\right)}$  was introduced and studied by Patel and Mishra [see 14] and studied by Srivastava and Aouf [19] when  $\left(0\leq\mu<1\right)$ .

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

**Definition 1.** [12] Denote by  $\mathscr{F}$  the set of all functions q(z) that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U}\setminus E(q)$  where

$$E(q) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial U : \lim_{z \to \zeta} q(z) = \infty \right\},\,$$

and are such that  $q^{'}(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$ . Further let the subclass of  $\mathscr{F}$  for which q(0) = a be denoted by  $\mathscr{F}(a), \mathscr{F}(0) \equiv \mathscr{F}_0$  and  $\mathscr{F}(1) \equiv \mathscr{F}$ .

**Definition 2.** [13] A function L(z,t) ( $z \in U$ ,  $t \ge 0$ ) is said to be a subordination chain if L(0,t) is analytic and univalent in U for all  $t \ge 0$ , L(z,0) is continuously differentiable on [0;1) for all  $z \in U$  and  $L(z,t_1) \prec L(z,t_2)$  for all  $0 \le t_1 \le t_2$ .

**Lemma 1.** [15] Let  $L(z,t) = a_1(t)z + a_2(t)z^2 + ...$ , with  $a_1(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $\lim_{t\to\infty} |a_1(t)| = \infty$  Suppose that L(.;t) is analytic in U for all  $t \geq 0, L(z;.)$  is continuously differentiable on  $[0;+\infty)$  for all  $z \in U$ . If L(z;t) satisfies

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

and

$$|L(z;t)| \le K_0 |a_1(t)|, |z| < r_0 < 1, t \ge 0$$

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

**Lemma 2.** [10] Suppose that the function  $H: \mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the condition

$$Re\{H(is;t)\} \leq 0$$

for all real s and for all  $t \le -n\left(1+s^2\right)/2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If the function  $p(z) = 1+p_nz^n+p_{n+1}z^{n+1}+...$  is analytic in U and

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

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

**Lemma 3.** [11] Let  $\kappa, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\kappa \neq 0$  and let  $h \in H(U)$  with h(0) = c. If  $Re \{\kappa h(z) + \gamma\} > 0 (z \in U)$ , then the solution of the following differential equation:

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

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

**Lemma 4.** [10] Let  $p \in \mathcal{F}(a)$  and let  $q(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + ...$  be analytic in U with  $q(z) \neq a$  and  $n \geq 1$ . If q is not subordinate to p, then there exists two points  $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta} \in U$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$  such that

$$q(U_{r_0}) \subset p(U); \quad q(z_0) = p(\zeta_0) \quad and \quad z_0 p'(z_0) = m\zeta_0 p'(\zeta_0) \quad (m \ge n).$$

**Lemma 5.** [13] Let  $q \in H[a,1]$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathbb{C}$ . Also set  $\phi(q(z), zq'(z) = h(z)$ . If  $L(z,t) = \phi(q(z), tzq'(z))$  is a subordination chain and  $q \in H[a,1] \cap \mathcal{F}(a)$  then

$$h(z) \prec \varphi\left(p(z), zp'(z)\right)$$

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

## 2. Main results

Unless otherwise mentioned, we shall assume in the reminder of this paper that, the parameters,  $\eta > 0$ ,  $\alpha_1, A_1, ..., \alpha_q, A_q$  and  $\beta_1, B_1, ..., \beta_s, B_s$   $(q, s \in \mathbb{N})$  are positive real numbers and  $z \in U$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f, g \in A(p)$  and

$$Re\left\{1 + \frac{z\phi''(z)}{\phi'(z)}\right\} > -\delta \qquad \left(\phi\left(z\right) = \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1 + 1, A_1, B_1\right]g(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1, A_1, B_1\right]g(z)}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1, A_1, B_1\right]g(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}\right), \tag{9}$$

where  $\delta$  is given by

$$\delta = \frac{A_1^2 + (\eta \alpha_1)^2 - \left| A_1^2 - (\eta \alpha_1)^2 \right|}{4\eta \alpha_1 A_1} \qquad (z \in U).$$
 (10)

Then the subordination condition:

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1+1,A_1,B_1]f(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]f(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]f(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1+1,A_1,B_1]g(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}, \tag{11}$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z\right)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g\left(z\right)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta},\tag{12}$$

where  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let us define the functions F(z) and G(z) in U by

$$F(z) = \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s} \left[\alpha_{1}, A_{1}, B_{1}\right] f(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \text{ and } G(z) = \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s} \left[\alpha_{1}, A_{1}, B_{1}\right] g(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta}, \tag{13}$$

we assume here, without loss of generality, that G(z) is analytic, univalent on  $\bar{U}$  and

$$G^{\prime}(\zeta) \neq 0 \quad (|\zeta| = 1).$$

If not, then we replace F(z) and G(z) by  $F(\rho z)$  and  $G(\rho z)$ , respectively, with  $0 < \rho < 1$ . These new functions have the desired properties on  $\bar{U}$ , so we can use them in the proof of our result and the results would follow by letting  $\rho \to 1$ .

We first show that, if

$$q(z) = 1 + \frac{zG^{''}(z)}{G'(z)} \quad , \tag{14}$$

then

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

From (8) and the definition of the functions G,  $\phi$ , we obtain that

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{A_1}{\eta \alpha_1} z G'(z). \tag{15}$$

Differentiating both sides of (15) with respect to z yields

$$\phi'(z) = \frac{A_1 + \eta \alpha_1}{\eta \alpha_1} G'(z) + \frac{A_1}{\eta \alpha_1} z G''(z). \tag{16}$$

Combining (14) and (16), we easily get

$$1 + \frac{z\phi^{''}(z)}{\phi^{'}(z)} = q(z) + \frac{zq^{'}(z)}{q(z) + \frac{\eta\alpha_{1}}{A}} = h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$
 (17)

It follows from (9) and (17) that

$$Re\left\{h(z) + \frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1}\right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \tag{18}$$

Moreover, by using Lemma 3, we conclude that the differential equation (17) has a solution  $q(z) \in H(U)$  with h(0) = q(0) = 1. Let

$$H(u,v) = u + \frac{v}{u + \frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1}} + \delta,$$

where  $\delta$  is given by (10). From (17) and (18), we obtain  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{H\left(q(z);zq'(z)\right)\right\}>0 \ (z\in U)$ .

To verify the condition

$$Re\left\{H\left(iu;t\right)\right\} \le 0 \quad \left(u \in \mathbb{R}; t \le -\frac{1+u^2}{2}\right),\tag{19}$$

we proceed as follows:

$$Re \left\{ H \left( iu; t \right) \right\} = Re \left\{ iu + \frac{t}{iu + \frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1}} + \delta \right\} = \frac{\frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1} t}{u^2 + \left( \frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1} \right)^2} + \delta$$

$$\leq -\frac{\Omega \left( \alpha_1, A_1, u, \delta \right)}{u^2 + \left( \frac{\eta \alpha_1}{A_1} \right)^2},$$

where

$$\Omega\left(\alpha_{1}, A_{1}, u, \delta\right) = \left[\frac{\eta \alpha_{1}}{A_{1}} - 2\delta\right] u^{2} - 2\left(\frac{\eta \alpha_{1}}{A_{1}}\right)^{2} \delta + \frac{\eta \alpha_{1}}{A_{1}}.$$
 (20)

For  $\delta$  given by (10), the coefficient of  $u^2$  in the quadratic expression  $\Omega(\alpha_1, A_1, u, \delta)$  given by (20) is positive, which implies that (19) holds. Thus, by using Lemma 2, we conclude that

$$Re\left\{q\left(z\right)\right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U),$$

that is, that *G* defined by (13) is convex (univalent) in *U*. To prove  $F \prec G$ , where *F* and *G* given by (13), let the function L(z;t) be defined by

$$L(z,t) = G(z) + \frac{A_1(1+t)}{\eta \alpha_1} z G'(z) \quad (0 \le t < \infty; z \in U).$$
 (21)

We note that

$$\left.\frac{\partial L(z,t)}{\partial z}\right|_{z=0}=G^{'}(0)\left(\frac{A_{1}(1+t)+\eta\alpha_{1}}{\eta\alpha_{1}}\right)\neq0\quad (0\leq t<\infty;z\in U).$$

This show that the function

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

satisfies the condition  $a_1(t) \neq 0 \ (0 \leq t < \infty)$ . Further, we have

$$Re\left\{\frac{z\partial L(z,t)/\partial z}{\partial L(z,t)/\partial t}\right\} = Re\left\{\frac{\eta\alpha_1}{A_1} + (1+t)q(z)\right\} > 0 \quad (0 \le t < \infty; z \in U).$$

Therefore, by using Lemma 1, L(z,t) is a subordination chain. It follows from the definition of subordination chain that

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{A_1}{\eta \alpha_1} z G'(z) = L(z, 0)$$

and

$$L(z,0) \prec L(z,t) \quad (0 \le t < \infty),$$

which implies that

$$L(\zeta, t) \notin L(U, 0) = \phi(U) \quad (0 \le t < \infty; \zeta \in \partial U). \tag{22}$$

If *F* is not subordinate to *G*, by using Lemma 4, we know that there exist two points  $z_0 \in U$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial U$  such that

$$F(z_0) = G(\zeta_0) \text{ and } z_0 F'(z_0) = (1+t)\zeta_0 G'(\zeta_0) \quad (0 \le t < \infty).$$
 (23)

Hence, by using (13), (21), (23) and (11), we have

$$\begin{split} L\left(\zeta_{0},t\right) &= G\left(\zeta_{0}\right) + \frac{A_{1}\left(1+t\right)}{\eta\alpha_{1}}\zeta_{0}G^{'}\left(\zeta_{0}\right) \\ &= F\left(z_{0}\right) + \frac{A_{1}}{\eta\alpha_{1}}z_{0}F^{'}\left(z_{0}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z_{0}\right)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z_{0}\right)}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z_{0}\right)}{z_{0}^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \in \phi\left(U\right). \end{split}$$

This contradicts (22). Thus, we deduce that  $F \prec G$ . Considering F = G, we see that the function G is the best dominant. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

We now derive the following superordination result.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f, g \in A(p)$  and

$$Re\left\{1 + \frac{z\phi^{''}(z)}{\phi^{'}(z)}\right\} > -\delta \quad \left(\phi\left(z\right) = \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1} + 1, A_{1}, B_{1}\right]g(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}, A_{1}, B_{1}\right]g(z)}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}, A_{1}, B_{1}\right]g(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta}\right), \quad (24)$$

where  $\delta$  is given by (10). If the function  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1+1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  is univalent in U and  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta} \in \mathscr{F}$ , then the superordination condition

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]g(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta},$$
(25)

implies that

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g\left(z\right)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f\left(z\right)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta},$$
(26)

where  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* Suppose that the functions F, G and q are defined by (13) and (14), respectively. By applying similar method as in the proof of Theorem 1, we get

$$Re \{q(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

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 (21). 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 the differential equation

$$\phi(z) = G(z) + \frac{A_1}{\eta \alpha_1} z G'(z) = \varphi\left(G(z), z G'(z)\right)$$

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

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

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f, g_i \in A(p)$  and

$$Re\left\{1+rac{z\phi_{j}^{''}(z)}{\phi_{j}^{'}(z)}
ight\} > -\delta,$$
 $+1,A_{1},B_{1}]g_{j}(z)\left(\theta_{p,q,s}[lpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}]g_{j}(z)
ight)^{\eta}$  (i.e. 1.2)

$$\left(\phi_{j}(z) = \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}]g_{j}(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}]g_{j}(z)}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}]g_{j}(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \quad (j=1,2)\right),$$

where  $\delta$  is given by (10). If the function  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1+1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  is univalent in U and  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1\right]f(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta} \in \mathscr{F}$ , then the condition

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{1}(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{1}(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{1}(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} 
\prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1}+1,A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{2}(z)}{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{2}(z)}\right)\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{2}(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta}, \tag{27}$$

implies that

$$\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{1}(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]f(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta} \prec \left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}\left[\alpha_{1},A_{1},B_{1}\right]g_{2}(z)}{z^{p}}\right)^{\eta}, \tag{28}$$

where  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g_1(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  and  $\left(\frac{\theta_{p,q,s}[\alpha_1,A_1,B_1]g_2(z)}{z^p}\right)^{\eta}$  are , respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

**Remark 1.** Specializing  $q, s, \alpha_1, A_1, ..., \alpha_q, A_q$  and  $\beta_1, B_1, ..., \beta_s, B_s$ , in the above results, we obtain the corresponding results for different classes associated with the operators (1-7) defined in the introduction.

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