

**DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATIONS DEFINED BY USING  
SALAGEAN INTEGRAL OPERATOR AT THE CLASS OF  
MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. By using the Sălăgean integral operator  $I^n f(z)$ ,  $z \in U$ , we introduce a general class of holomorphic functions denoted by  $\Sigma_{k,m}(\alpha,n)$  and we obtain an inclusion relation related to this class and some differential subordinations.

1. INTRODUCTION

We denote the complex plane by  $\mathbb{C}$  and the open unit disc by  $U$

$$U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$$

with

$$\dot{U} = U - \{0\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  denote the class of holomorphic functions in  $U$ .

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = a + a_n z^n + \dots, z \in U\}$$

and

$$A_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

with

$$A_1 = A.$$

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and an integer  $k$ ,  $k \geq -m + 1$  we denote by  $\Sigma_{m,k}$  the class of meromorphic functions, holomorphic in  $\dot{U}$ , which are of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^m} + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n z^n.$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(U)$  is said to be convex if it is univalent and  $f(U)$  is convex domain. The function  $f$  is convex if and only if  $f'(0) \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right] > 0$ , for  $z \in U$  (see [3]).

We note

$$K = \left\{ f \in A, \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right] > 0, z \in U \right\}$$

the set of convex functions.

Let  $f$  and  $g$  two analytic functions in  $U$ . The function  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there exists a function  $w$  analytic in  $U$ , with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ , and such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ ,  $z \in U$ .

If  $g$  is univalent, then  $f \prec g$  if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

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**Definition 1.** [3] Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  and satisfies the (second-order) differential subordination

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in U \quad (1)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential subordination. The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination, if  $p \prec q$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1). A dominant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q} \prec p$  for all dominants  $q$  of (1) is said to be the best dominant of (1).

Note that the best dominant is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .

If we require the more restrictive condition  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$ , then  $p$  will be called an  $(a, n)$  solution,  $q$  an  $(a, n)$  dominant and  $\tilde{q}$  the best  $(a, n)$  dominant.

We will need of the following lemma, which is due to D.J. Hallenbeck and St. Ruscheweyh.

**Lemma 1.** [2] Let  $h$  be a convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = a$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  and

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma} \prec h(z), \quad z \in U$$

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec h(z)$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\frac{\gamma}{n}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and it is the best  $(a, n)$  dominant.

The following lemma is due to S.S. Miller and P.T. Mocanu.

**Lemma 2.** [4] Let  $q$  be a convex function in  $U$  and let

$$h(z) = q(z) + n\beta zq'(z)$$

where  $\beta > 0$  and  $n$  is a positive integer. If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), n]$  and

$$p(z) + \beta zp'(z) \prec h(z),$$

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z)$$

and this result is sharp.

**Lemma 3.** [3] Let  $f \in A$ ,  $\gamma > 1$  and  $F$  is given by

$$F(z) = \frac{1+\gamma}{z^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} dt.$$

If

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U$$

then

$$F \in K.$$

**Definition 2.** [6] For  $f \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ ,  $f(0) = 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the operator  $I^n f$  by

$$I^0 f(z) = f(z)$$

$$I^1 f(z) = If(z) = \int_0^z f(t)t^{-1} dt$$

$$I^n f(z) = I[I^{n-1} f(z)], \quad z \in U.$$

**Remark 1.** For  $n = 1$ ,  $I^n f$  is the Alexander operator.

**Remark 2.** If we denote  $l(z) = -\log(1 - z)$ , then

$$I^n f(z) = \underbrace{[(l * l * \dots * l) * f]}_{n\text{-times}}(z), \quad f \in \mathcal{H}(U), f(0) = 0.$$

By " \* " we denote the Hadamard product or convolution (i.e. if  $f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty a_j z^j$ ,  $g(z) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty b_j z^j$  then  $(f * g)(z) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty a_j b_j z^j$ ).

**Remark 3.**  $I^n f(z) = \int_0^z \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \frac{f(t_n)}{t_1 t_2 \dots t_n} dt_n dt_{n-1} \dots dt_1$

**Remark 4.**  $D^n I^n f(z) = I^n D^n f(z) = f(z)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ , where  $D^n f$  is the Sălăgean differential operator.

2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 3.** If  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $k$  a positive integer with  $k \geq -m + 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$  denote the class of function  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}$  which satisfy the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} [I^n(z^{m+1} f(z))]' > \alpha, \quad z \in \dot{U}. \tag{2}$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $k$  a positive integer with  $k \geq -m + 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$\Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n) \subset \Sigma_{m,k}(\delta, n + 1), \tag{3}$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\alpha, m, k) = 2\alpha - 1 + 2(1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{k + m} \beta \left( \frac{1}{k + m} \right)$$

and

$$\beta(x) = \int_0^x \frac{t^{x-1}}{1 + t} dt.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$ . By using the properties of the operator  $I^n f$  we have

$$I^n(z^{m+1} f(z)) = z [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1} f(z))]', \quad z \in \dot{U}. \tag{4}$$

Differentiating this equality, we obtain

$$[I^n(z^{m+1} f(z))]' = [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1} f(z))]' + z [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1} f(z))]''. \tag{5}$$

If we let

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1} f(z))]' = p(z)$$

with  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, k + m]$ ,  $z \in \dot{U}$ , then (5) becomes

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1} f(z))]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

Since  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$ , from Definition 3 we have

$$\operatorname{Re}[p(z) + zp'(z)] > \alpha, \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

which is equivalent to

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 + z} \equiv h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

Therefore, from Lemma 1 for  $\gamma = 1$ , results that

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U},$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{(m + k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1 + t} t^{\frac{1}{m+k} - 1} dt$$

$$= (2\alpha - 1) + 2(1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{m+k} \beta \left( \frac{1}{m+k} \right) \frac{1}{z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}}.$$

Moreover, the function  $q$  is convex and is the best dominant.

From  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ ,  $z \in \dot{U}$  it results that

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \operatorname{Re} q(1) = \delta = (2\alpha - 1) + 2(1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{m+k} \beta \left( \frac{1}{m+k} \right).$$

But

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' > \delta,$$

from Definition 3 we have  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\delta, n+1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $q$  be a convex function,  $q(0) = 1$  and let  $h$  be a function such that

$$h(z) = q(z) + z(m+k)q'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$  and it verifies the differential subordination

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U} \quad (6)$$

then

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

and this result is sharp.

*Proof.* By using the properties of the operator  $I^n f$  we have

$$I^n(z^{m+1}f(z)) = z [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]', \quad z \in \dot{U}. \quad (7)$$

By differentiating (7), we obtain

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' + z [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]''. \quad (8)$$

If we let

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z),$$

with  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, m+k]$  then we obtain

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z) = q(z) + z(m+k)q'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

By using Lemma 2 for  $\beta = 1$ , we have

$$p(z) \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U},$$

or

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

and this result is sharp.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $q$  be a convex function with  $q(0) = 1$  and

$$h(z) = q(z) + z(m+k)q'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U} \quad (9)$$

then

$$\frac{I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))}{z} \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

and this result is sharp.

*Proof.* We let

$$p(z) = \frac{I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))}{z}, \quad z \in \dot{U} \tag{10}$$

By differentiating this relation, we obtain

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

Then (9) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z) = q(z) + z(m+k)q'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

By using Lemma 2 we have

$$p(z) \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))}{z} \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

and this result is sharp. □

**Theorem 4.** Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ , and  $h'(0) \neq 0$  which verifies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right] > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$  and it verifies the differential subordination

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U} \tag{11}$$

then

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec g(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U. \tag{12}$$

The function  $q$  is convex and it is the best  $(1, m+k)$  dominant.

*Proof.* By applying Lemma 3 for the function given by (12) and function  $h$ , for  $\gamma = m+k$ , we obtain that the function  $q$  is convex.

By using the properties of the operator  $I^n f$  we let

$$I^n(z^{m+1}f(z)) = z [I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]', \quad z \in \dot{U}. \tag{13}$$

If we let

$$[I^{n+1}(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z)$$

with

$$p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, m+k]$$

and differentiating (13) we obtain

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

and (11) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

By using Lemma 1 for  $\gamma = 1$  and  $n = m+k$  we have

$$p(z) \prec q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U$$

i.e.

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U.$$

Moreover the function  $q$  is the best  $(1, m + k)$  dominant.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $h \in H(U)$  with  $h(0) = 1$ ,  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right] > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_{m,k}(\alpha, n)$  and it verifies the differential subordination

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U} \quad (14)$$

then

$$\frac{I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))}{z} \prec q(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best  $(1, m + k)$  dominant.

*Proof.* We let

$$p(z) = \frac{I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))}{z}, \quad z \in \dot{U} \quad (15)$$

with  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, m + k]$ .

By differentiating (15), we obtain

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}. \quad (16)$$

then (14) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in \dot{U}.$$

By using Lemma 1, we have

$$p(z) \prec q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U$$

i.e.

$$[I^n(z^{m+1}f(z))]' \prec q(z) = \frac{1}{(m+k)z^{\frac{1}{m+k}}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{1}{m+k}-1} dt, \quad z \in U.$$

Moreover the function  $q$  is the best  $(1, m + k)$  dominant.  $\square$

**Remark 5.** The particular case  $m = 1$  was proved in [1].

**Remark 6.** Similar results for Sălăgean differential operator were proved in [5].

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