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## Differential Subordination Defined by Sălăgean Operator

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#### Abstract

By using the Sălăgean operator  $D^n f(z)$ ,  $z \in U$ , we introduce a class of holomorphic functions, denoted by  $S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$ , and we obtain some inclusion relations and differential subordination.

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### **1** Introduction and preliminaries

Denote by U the unit disc of the complex plane:

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

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  be the space of holomorphic functions in U. We let  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  denote the class of analytic functions in U of the form

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

We let

$$A_n = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}(U), \ f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + a_{n+2}z^{n+2} + \dots, \ z \in U \}$$

with  $A_1 = A$ .

For  $\alpha$  real, let

(1) 
$$J(\alpha, f; z) = (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right).$$

The class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions (Mocanu functions) in the unit disc, are defined by

$$M_{\alpha} = \{ f \in A; \text{ Re } J(\alpha, f; z) > 0, \ z \in U \}.$$

If f and g are analytic in U, then we say that f is subordinate to g, written  $f \prec g$ , or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there is a function w analytic in U with w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1, for all  $z \in U$  such that f(z) = g[w(z)] for  $z \in U$ . If g is univalent, then  $t \prec g$  if and only if f(0) = g(0) and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

We use the following subordination results.

**Lemma A.** (Hallenbeck and Ruscheweyh [2, p.71]) Let h be a convex function with h(0) = a and let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be a complex with Re  $\gamma \ge 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ , with p(0) = a and

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{\gamma} z p'(z) \prec h(z)$$

then

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

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where

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

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

(The definition of best dominant is given in [1]).

**Lemma B.** (Miller and Mocanu [1]) Let g be a convex function in U and let

$$h(z) = g(z) + n\alpha z g'(z),$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and n is a positive integer. If

$$p(z) = g(0) + p_n z^n + \dots$$

is holomorphic in U and

$$p(z) + \alpha z p'(z) \prec h(z)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and this results is sharp.

**Definition 1.** (see [3]) For  $f \in A$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$  the operator  $D^n f$  is defined by

$$D^{0}f(z) = f(z)$$
$$D^{n+1}f(z) = z[D^{n}f(z)]', \quad z \in U$$

Remark 1. We have

$$D^nf(z)=(K\ast K\ast K\ast \ldots\ast K\ast f)(z)$$

where \* stands for convolution,  $K(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$  is the Koebe function and

$$D^n f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j^n a_j z^j, \quad z \in U.$$

### 2 Main results

**Definition 2.** We denote

$$J_1(\alpha, f; z) = zJ(\alpha, f; z), \quad z \in U,$$

where  $J(\alpha, f; z)$  is given by (1).

**Definition 3.** If  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$ , let  $S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in A$  which satisfy the inequality

Re 
$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' > \beta, \quad z \in U.$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}$ , then

$$S^{n+1}_{\alpha}(\beta) \subset S^n_{\alpha}(\delta),$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\beta) = 2\beta - 1 + 2(1 - \beta)\ln 2.$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in S^{n+1}_{\alpha}(\beta)$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D^n f$  we have

(2) 
$$D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z) = z[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]', \quad z \in U.$$

Differentiating (2), we obtain

(3) 
$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' + z [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]'', z \in U.$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]'$ , then (3) becomes

(4) 
$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

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Since  $f \in S^{n+1}_{\alpha}(\beta)$ , by using Definition 3 we have

which is equivalent to

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

By using Lemma A, we have

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

i.e.

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec q(z),$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\beta - 1)t}{1 + t} dt = 2\beta - 1 + 2(1 - \beta) \frac{\ln(1 + z)}{z}, \quad z \in U.$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

Hence  $p(z) \prec q(z), z \in U$ , it results that

Re 
$$p(z) > \text{Re } g(1) = 2\beta - 1 + 2(1 - \beta) \ln 2$$

from which we deduce that  $S^{n+1}_{\alpha}(\alpha) \subset S^n_{\alpha}(\delta)$ .

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

$$h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$  and verifies the differential subordination

(6) 
$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and this result is sharp.

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

$$D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z) = z[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

we obtain

$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' + z [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]''.$$

If we let

$$p(z) = [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]',$$

then we obtain

$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and (6), becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma B, we have

$$p(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in U$$

i.e.

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec g(z)$$

and this result is sharp.

**Theorem 3.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and

$$h(z) = g(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$  and verifies the differential subordination

(7) 
$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$\frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and this result is sharp.

**Proof.** We let

(8) 
$$p(z) = \frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

and we obtain

(9) 
$$D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z) = z p(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By differentiating (9), we obtain

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (7), becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z) \equiv h(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma B, we have

$$p(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

i.e.

$$\frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and this result is sharp.

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

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

If  $f \in S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$  and verifies the differential subordination

(10) 
$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U.$$

The function g is convex and is the best dominant.

**Proof.** A simple application of the differential subordination technique [2, Corollary 2.6.g.2, p.66] shows that the function g is convex. From

$$D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z) = z[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

we obtain

$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = [D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' + z[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]'', \quad z \in U.$$

If we let

$$p(z) = ]D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]',$$

then we obtain

$$[D^{n+1}J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma A, we have

$$p(z) \prec g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt,$$

i.e.

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U.$$

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

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

If  $f \in S^n_{\alpha}(\beta)$  and verifies the differential subordination

(11) 
$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$\frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U.$$

The function g is convex and is the best dominant.

**Proof.** A simple application of the differential subordination technique [2, Corollary 2.6.g.2, p.66] shows that the function g is convex.

We let

$$p(z) = \frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z}, \quad z \in U,$$

and we obtain

$$D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By differentiating, we obtain

$$[D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Then (11) becomes

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

By using Lemma A, we have

$$p(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

i.e.

$$\frac{D^n J_1(\alpha, f; z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U,$$

is convex and is the best dominant.

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