



# SUBORDINATION AND SUPERORDINATION RESULTS FOR $\phi$ -LIKE FUNCTIONS

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*Abstract:*

Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent and  $q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Let  $f$  be a normalized analytic function in the open unit disk  $\Delta$ . Let  $\Phi$  be an analytic function in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi'(0) = 1$ . We give some applications of first order differential subordination and superordination to obtain sufficient conditions for the function  $f$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

where  $g$  is a fixed function.

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# 1. Introduction and Motivations

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of all normalized analytic functions  $f(z)$  in the open unit disk  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions analytic in  $\Delta$  and for any  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$ . Let  $p, h \in \mathcal{H}$  and let  $\phi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . If  $p$  and  $\phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z)$  are univalent and if  $p$  satisfies the second order superordination

$$(1.1) \quad h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z),$$

then  $p$  is a solution of the differential superordination (1.1). If  $f$  is subordinate to  $F$ , then  $F$  is called a superordinate of  $f$ . An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinant if  $q \prec p$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1.1). A univalent subordinant  $\bar{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \bar{q}$  for all subordinants  $q$  of (1.1) is said to be the best subordinant. Recently Miller and Mocanu [5] obtained conditions on  $h, q$  and  $\phi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$(1.2) \quad h(z) \prec \phi(p(z), zp'^2 p''(z); z) \Rightarrow q(z) \prec p(z).$$

Using the results of Miller and Mocanu [4], Bulboacă [2] considered certain classes of first order differential superordinations as well as superordination-preserving integral operators [1]. In an earlier investigation, Shanmugam et al. [8] obtained sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic function  $f(z)$  to satisfy  $q_1(z) \prec \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec q_2(z)$  and  $q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z)$  where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $\Delta$  with  $q_1(0) = 1$  and  $q_2(0) = 1$ . A systematic study of the subordination and superordination has been studied very recently by Shanmugam et al. in [9] and [10] (see also the references cited by them).

Let  $\Phi$  be an analytic function in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$  with  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi'(0) = 1$ . For any two analytic functions  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) =$

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$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ , the Hadamard product or convolution of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ , written as  $(f * g)(z)$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like if

$$(1.3) \quad \Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

The concept of  $\Phi$ -like functions was introduced by Brickman [3] and he established that a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is univalent if and only if  $f$  is  $\Phi$ -like for some  $\Phi$ . For  $\Phi(w) = w$ , the function  $f$  is starlike. In a later investigation, Ruscheweyh [7] introduced and studied the following more general class of  $\Phi$ -like functions.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\Phi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi'(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(w) \neq 0$  for  $w \in f(\Delta) \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $q(z)$  be a fixed analytic function in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like with respect to  $q$  if

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{\Phi(f(z))} \prec q(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

When  $\Phi(w) = w$ , we denote the class of all  $\Phi$ -like functions with respect to  $q$  by  $S^*(q)$ .

Using the definition of  $\Phi$ -like functions, we introduce the following class of functions.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $g$  be a fixed function in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\Phi$  be analytic in a domain containing  $f(\Delta)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi'(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(w) \neq 0$  for  $w \in f(\Delta) \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $q(z)$  be a fixed analytic function in  $\Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ . The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Phi$ -like with

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respect to  $S_g^*(q)$  if

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

We note that  $S_{\frac{z}{1-z}}^*(q) := S^*(q)$ .

In the present investigation, we obtain sufficient conditions for a normalized analytic function  $f$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \prec q_2(z).$$

We shall need the following definition and results to prove our main results. In this sequel, unless otherwise stated,  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are complex numbers.

**Definition 1.3** ([4, Definition 2, p. 817]). Let  $Q$  be the set of all functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\bar{\Delta} - E(f)$ , where

$$E(f) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial\Delta : \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} f(z) = \infty \right\},$$

and are such that  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial\Delta - E(f)$ .

**Lemma 1.1** ([4, Theorem 3.4h, p. 132]). *Let  $q$  be univalent in the open unit disk  $\Delta$  and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$  with  $\phi(\omega) \neq 0$  when  $\omega \in q(\Delta)$ . Set  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$ ,  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + \xi(z)$ . Suppose that*

1.  $\xi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ , and
2.  $\Re \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{\xi(z)} \right\} > 0$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ).

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If  $p$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  with  $p(\Delta) \subseteq D$  and

$$(1.6) \quad \theta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)),$$

then  $p(z) \prec q(z)$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Lemma 1.2.** [2, Corollary 3.1, p. 288] Let  $q$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ ,  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$ . Suppose that

1.  $\Re \left[ \frac{\vartheta'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right] > 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ , and

2.  $\xi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent function in  $\Delta$ .

If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $p(\Delta) \subset D$ , and  $\vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z))$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , and

$$(1.7) \quad \vartheta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \prec \vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)),$$

then  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

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## 2. Main Results

By making use of Lemma 1.1, we prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be analytic and univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$  such that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . Let  $q(z)$  satisfy

$$(2.1) \quad \Re \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > 0.$$

Let

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) := \alpha & \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \right\} \\ & + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} - \frac{z(\Phi(f * g)(z))'}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $q$  satisfies

$$(2.3) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let the function  $p(z)$  be defined by

$$(2.4) \quad p(z) := \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)}.$$

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Then the function  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $\Delta$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . By a straightforward computation

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f*g)''(z)}{(f*g)'(z)} - \frac{z[\Phi(f*g)(z)]'}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \right\}$$

which, in light of hypothesis (2.3) of Theorem 2.1, yields the following subordination

$$(2.5) \quad \alpha p(z) + \frac{\gamma z p'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

By setting

$$\theta(\omega) := \alpha\omega \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\omega) := \frac{\gamma}{\omega},$$

it can be easily observed that  $\theta(\omega)$  and  $\phi(\omega)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that

$$\phi(\omega) \neq 0 \quad (\omega \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}).$$

Also, by letting

$$(2.6) \quad \xi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{\gamma}{q(z)}zq'(z).$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad h(z) = \theta\{q(z)\} + \xi(z) = \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma}{q(z)}zq'(z),$$

we find that  $\xi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  and that

$$\Re \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right] > 0$$

by the hypothesis (2.1). The assertion of Theorem 2.1 now follows by an application of Lemma 1.1. ■

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When  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$  in Theorem 2.1 we get:

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . If  $q$  satisfies

$$(\alpha - \gamma) \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} \right\} \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

For  $g(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$  and  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$ , we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . If  $q$  satisfies

$$(\alpha - \gamma) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} \prec \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

For the choice  $\alpha = \gamma = 1$  and  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Corollary 2.3, we have the following result of Ravichandran and Jayamala [6].

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + \frac{(A-B)z}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)},$$

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then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$

and  $\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\gamma \neq 0$ . Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$  such that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . Suppose that  $q(z)$  satisfies

$$(2.8) \quad \Re \left[ \frac{\alpha q(z)}{\gamma} \right] > 0.$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$ ,  $\Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z)$  as defined by (2.2) is univalent in  $\Delta$  and

$$(2.9) \quad \alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z),$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)}$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* By setting

$$\vartheta(w) := \alpha\omega \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(w) := \frac{\gamma}{\omega},$$

it is easily observed that  $\vartheta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that

$$\varphi(w) \neq 0, \quad (w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}).$$

The assertion of Theorem 2.5 follows by an application of Lemma 1.2. ■



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For  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega$  in Theorem 2.5, we get

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\alpha q(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec (\alpha - \gamma) \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)} \right\} + \gamma \left\{ 1 + \frac{z(f * g)''(z)}{(f * g)'(z)} \right\},$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{(f * g)(z)}$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

Combining Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.5 we get the following sandwich theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $q_1$  be convex univalent and  $q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  satisfying (2.8) and (2.1) respectively such that  $q_1(0) = 1$ ,  $q_2(0) = 1$ ,  $\frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)}$  and  $\frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)}$  are starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  with

$$q_1(z) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad q_2(z) \neq 0.$$

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\frac{z(f*g)'(z)}{\Phi(f*g)(z)} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$ , and  $\Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z)$  as defined by (2.2) be univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further, if

$$\alpha q_1(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'_1(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec \Psi(\alpha, \gamma, g; z) \prec \alpha q_2(z) + \frac{\gamma z q'_2(z)}{q_2(z)},$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z(f * g)'(z)}{\Phi(f * g)(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

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

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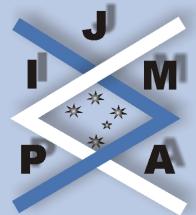
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