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# Coefficient bounds for a subclass of multivalent functions of reciprocal order

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to introduce a new subclass of multivalent functions of complex order and to study some interesting properties such as coefficient estimates, sufficiency criteria, Fekete-Szego inequality, inclusion result and integral preserving property for this newly defined class.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  denote the class of  $p$ -valent functions  $f$  which are analytic in the regions  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}. \tag{1.1}$$

We note that  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . Also let  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  denote the usual classes of starlike and convex functions of reciprocal order  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ , and are defined by

$$\mathcal{N}(\alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U}) \right\}, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A} : 1 + \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} < \alpha, (z \in \mathbb{U}) \right\}. \tag{1.3}$$

These classes were introduced by Uralegaddi et al [21] in 1994 and then studied by the authors in [12]. After that Nunokawa and his coauthors [11] proved that for  $f \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ , if and only if the following inequality holds

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \right| < \frac{1}{2\alpha}, (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

In 2002, Owa and Srivastava [13] generalized this idea for the classes of  $p$ -valent starlike and  $p$ -valent convex functions of reciprocal order  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha > p$ , and further investigated by Polatoglu et.al [14]. Recently in 2011, Uyanik et.al [22] extended this idea to the classes of  $p$ -valently spirallike and  $p$ -valently Robertson functions and discussed coefficient inequalities and sufficient conditions for the functions of these classes.

The convolution (Hadamard product) of functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} b_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U},$$

where  $f$  is given by (1.1) and

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

The incomplete beta function  $\phi_p$  defined by

$$\phi_p(a, c; z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} z^{n+p}, \quad (a \in \mathbb{R}, c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (0, -1, \dots), z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where  $(\alpha)_n$  is the pochhammer symbol defined in terms of Gamma function by

$$(\alpha)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \begin{cases} \alpha(\alpha + 1)\dots(\alpha + n - 1), & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 0. \end{cases}$$

With the help of incomplete beta function  $\phi_p$  and concepts of convolution, Saitoh in [18, 19] introduced the operator  $\mathcal{L}_p : \mathcal{A}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_p$  and is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) &= \phi_p(a, c; z) * f(z), \\ &= z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_n(a) a_{n+p} z^{n+p} \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

with  $a > -p$  and

$$\varphi_n(a) = \frac{\Gamma(a + n)\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c + n)}. \quad (1.5)$$

This operator is an extension of the familiar Carlson-Shaffer operator, which has been used widely on the space of analytic and univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ , see [3, 20]. The following identity can be easily derived

$$z \left( \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \right)' = a \mathcal{L}_p(a + 1, c)f(z) - (a - p) \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z). \quad (1.6)$$

Motivated from the above mentioned work, we now introduce a new subclass of multivalent functions of reciprocal order using the operator defined in (1.4).

An analytic multivalent function  $f$  of the form (1.1) belongs to the class  $SC_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ , if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2e^{i\lambda}}{b} \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} < (\beta - 1) \cos \lambda,$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\lambda$  is real with  $|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\beta > 1$ .

It is noticed that, by giving specific values to  $a, b, c, \beta$  and  $\lambda$  in  $SC_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ , we obtain many well-known as well as new subclasses of analytic, univalent and multivalent functions, for example;

- (i). For  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $a = 1 = c$  and  $b = 2$ , we obtain  $SC_p^0(1, 2, 1, \beta) = \mathcal{M}_p(\beta)$  studied in [13] and further for  $p = 1$ , we have the class  $\mathcal{M}(\beta)$  introduced and studied in [7, 21].
- (ii). For  $p = c = b = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  and  $a = 2$ , we have  $SC_1^0(1, 2, 1, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(\beta)$  studied in [7, 21].
- (iii). For  $a = 1 = c$  and  $b = 2$ , we get the class  $SC_p^\lambda(1, 2, 1, \beta) = \mathcal{S}_p(\lambda, \beta)$  and for  $a = 2$ ,  $b = c = 1$ , we obtain  $SC_p^\lambda(1, 2, 1, \beta) = \mathcal{C}_p(\lambda, \beta)$ , introduced and studied in [22].
- (iv). For  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = p = 1$ , and  $c = 2 - \alpha$ , we obtain the class  $SC_1^0(2, 1, 2 - \alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{P}_\alpha(\beta)$  [4].

The  $q^{\text{th}}$  Hankel determinant  $H_q(n)$ ,  $q \geq 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , stated by Pommerenke [15] and further investigated by Noonan and Thomas [10] as

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \cdots & a_{n+q+1} \\ a_{n+1} & a_{n+2} & \cdots & a_{n+q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & a_{n+q} & \cdots & a_{n+2q-2} \end{vmatrix}$$

This Hankel determinant is useful and has also been studied by several authors for details see [1, 2]. The growth rate of Hankel determinant  $H_q(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  was investigated, respectively, when  $f$  is a member of certain subclass of analytic functions, such as the class of  $p$ -valent functions [15, 10], the class of starlike functions [15], the class of univalent functions [16], the class of close-to-convex functions [8], a new class  $V_k$  [9]. It is well known that the Fekete-Szegő functional is  $H_2(1) = |a_3 - a_2^2|$ . Fekete and Szegő further generalized the estimate  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  where  $\mu$  is real and  $f \in S$ , the class of univalent functions. For our discussion in this paper we investigate the coefficient bound, the upper bounds of the Hankel determinant  $H_3(1)$  for a subclass of multivalent functions.

We will need the following lemma's for our work.

**Lemma 1.2.** [17]. *If  $q$  is an analytic function with  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  and*

$$q(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} d_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}, \quad (1.7)$$

then for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$|d_n| \leq 2.$$

**Lemma 1.3.** [6]. *If  $q$  is of the form (1.7) with positive real part, then the following sharp estimate holds*

$$|d_{2-\nu} \nu d_1^2| \leq 2 \max \{1, |2\nu - 1|\}, \quad \text{for all } \nu \in \mathbb{C}.$$

**Lemma 1.4.** [5]. *If  $q$  is of the form (1.7) with positive real part, then*

$$\begin{aligned} 2d_2 &= d_1^2 + x(4 - d_1^2). \\ 4d_3 &= d_1^3 + 2(4 - d_1^2)d_1x - d_1(4 - d_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - d_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z. \end{aligned}$$

for some  $x, z$  with  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $|z| \leq 1$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ , then*

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{|b| |\eta| c}{p},$$

and

$$|a_{n+p-1}| \leq \frac{a |b| |\eta|}{(n+p-2)\varphi_{n-1}(a)} \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} \left(1 + \frac{a |b| |\eta|}{(p+j)}\right), \quad n \geq 3, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\varphi_{n-1}(\delta)$  is given by (1.5) and

$$\eta = (1 - \beta) \cos \lambda + i \sin \lambda. \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2e^{i\lambda}}{b} \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} < (\beta - 1) \cos \lambda, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Now let us define a function  $q$  by

$$e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) = ((1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta) \cos \lambda + i \sin \lambda. \quad (2.3)$$

where  $q$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Then (2.3) can be written as

$$1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} = 1 + \frac{(1 - \beta) \cos \lambda + i \sin \lambda}{e^{i\lambda}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n,$$

or equivalently

$$2e^{i\lambda} \left( \mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z) - \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \right) = b\eta \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\eta$  is given by (2.2). From (2.4) and (1.6) we have

$$2e^{i\lambda} \left[ z \left( \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \right)' - p \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \right] = ab\eta \mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n,$$

that is,

$$2e^{i\lambda} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+p-1) \varphi_k(a) a_{k+p} z^{k+p} \right] = ab\eta \left[ z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k(a) a_{k+p} z^{k+p} \right] \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n \right).$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $z^{n+p-1}$  on both sides, we obtain

$$2e^{i\lambda} (n+p-2) \varphi_{n-1}(a) a_{n+p-1} = ab\eta \left\{ d_1 a_{n-2} \varphi_{n+p-2}(a) + \dots + d_{n-1} \right\}. \quad (2.5)$$

Taking absolute on both sides and then applying Lemma 1.1, we have

$$|a_{n+p-1}| \leq \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(n+p-2)\varphi_{n-1}(a)} \left\{ 1 + \varphi_1(a)|a_{p+1}| + \dots + \varphi_{n-2}(a)|a_{n+p-2}| \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

We now apply mathematical induction on (2.6). So for  $n = 2$

$$|a_{p+1}| \leq \frac{|b||\eta|c}{p}.$$

which shows that the result is true for  $n = 2$ . For  $n = 3$

$$|a_{p+2}| \leq \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+1)\varphi_2(a)} \left\{ 1 + \varphi_1(a)|a_{p+1}| \right\} \quad (2.7)$$

and using the bound of  $|a_{p+1}|$  in (2.7), we have

$$|a_{p+2}| \leq \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+1)\varphi_2(a)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{p} \right\}.$$

Therefore (2.1) holds for  $n = 3$ .

Assume that (2.1) is true for  $n = k$ , that is,

$$|a_{k+p-1}| \leq \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(k+p-2)\varphi_{k-1}(a)} \prod_{j=1}^{k-2} \left( 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+j)} \right).$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{k+p}| &\leq \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(k+p-1)\varphi_k(a)} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{p} \right) + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+1)} \left( 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{p} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+k-1)} \prod_{j=1}^{k-2} \left( 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+j)} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(k+p-1)\varphi_k(a)} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left( 1 + \frac{a|b||\eta|}{(p+j)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the result is true for  $n = k + 1$  and hence by using mathematical induction, (2.1) holds true for all  $n \geq 3$ .  $\square$

The following corollaries which were proved by owa and Nishawski [12] comes as a special case from Theorem 2.1 by varying the parameter  $a, b, c, p$  and  $\lambda$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\beta)$ , then*

$$|a_n| \leq_{l=2}^n \frac{(l+2\beta-4)}{(n-1)!}, \text{ for all } n \geq 2.$$

**Corollary 2.3.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{N}(\beta)$ , then*

$$|a_n| \leq_{l=2}^n \frac{(l+2\beta-4)}{n!}, \text{ for all } n \geq 2.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  and satisfies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{ab} \right) e^{i\lambda} - \beta \cos \lambda \right| \varphi_n(a) |a_{n+p}| < |\beta \cos \lambda - e^{i\lambda}|. \quad (2.8)$$

Then  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$  we need to prove that

$$\left| \frac{e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) - 1}{e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) - (2\beta \cos \lambda - 1)} \right| < 1. \quad (2.9)$$

For this consider the left hand side of (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \left| \frac{e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) - 1}{e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) - (2\beta \cos \lambda - 1)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{(e^{i\lambda} - 1)bz^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \left( b + \frac{2n}{a} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 1 \right) \varphi_n(a) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}}{(be^{i\lambda} - 2b\beta \cos \lambda + b) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \left( b + \frac{2n}{a} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 2b\beta \cos \lambda + b \right) \varphi_n(a) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|(e^{i\lambda} - 1)| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{ab} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 1 \right| \varphi_n(a) |a_{n+p}|}{|2\beta \cos \lambda - e^{i\lambda} - 1| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{ab} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 2\beta \cos \lambda + 1 \right| \varphi_n(a) |a_{n+p}|}. \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is bounded above by 1 if

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{i\lambda} - 1| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{ab} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 1 \right| \varphi_n(a) |a_{n+p}| &\leq |2\beta \cos \lambda - e^{i\lambda} - 1| \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{ab} \right) e^{i\lambda} - 2\beta \cos \lambda + 1 \right| \varphi_n(a) |a_{n+p}| \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the condition (2.8) and so  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ .  $\square$

If we set  $p = 1, \lambda = 0, a = 1, b = 2$  and  $c = 1$ , in above Theorem we have the following result by [12].

**Corollary 2.5.** If  $f \in A$  satisfies

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-1) + |n-2\beta+1|\} |a_n| \leq 2(\beta-1)$$

for some  $\beta(\beta > 1)$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\beta)$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** [4]. A function  $f \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha(\beta)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1-\alpha)} (n-\beta) |a_n| \leq (\beta-1).$$

The result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$  and of the form (1.1). Then

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{|b|c(c+1)(1-\beta)}{(a+1)(p+1)} \max\{1, |2\nu - 1|\}, \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\nu = \frac{\mu bc(a+1)(p+1)(1-\beta)}{2p^2(c+1)} - \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p}. \quad (2.11)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$ . Then from (2.5) with  $\lambda = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{p+1} &= \frac{bc(1-\beta)}{2p} d_1 \\ a_{p+2} &= \frac{bc(c+1)(1-\beta)}{2(a+1)(p+1)} \left\{ d_2 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p} d_1^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For any complex number  $\mu$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2 &= \frac{bc(c+1)(1-\beta)}{2(a+1)(p+1)} \left[ d_2 - \frac{b(1-\beta)}{2p} \left\{ \frac{\mu c(a+1)(p+1)}{p(c+1)} - a \right\} d_1^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{bc(c+1)(1-\beta)}{2(a+1)(p+1)} [d_2 - \nu d_1^2], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu$  is given by (2.11)

Taking modulus on both sides and applying Lemma 1.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| &= \left| \frac{bc(c+1)(1-\beta)}{2(a+1)(p+1)} \right| |d_2 - \nu d_1^2| \\ &\leq \frac{|b|c(c+1)(1-\beta)}{(a+1)(p+1)} \max\{1, |2\nu - 1|\}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the required result.  $\square$

Taking  $\mu = 1$ , we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$  and of the form (1.1). Then

$$|a_{p+2} - a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{|b|c(c+1)(1-\beta)}{(a+1)(p+1)} \max\{1, |2\nu - 1|\},$$

where

$$\nu = \frac{bc(a+1)(p+1)(1-\beta)}{2p^2(c+1)} - \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p}.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ . Then

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq \left[ \frac{4|b|c(c+1)(1-\beta)}{(p+1)(a+1)} \right]^2. \quad (2.12)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ . Then from (2.5) we have

$$a_{p+1} = \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p\varphi_1(a)}d_1. \quad (2.13)$$

$$a_{p+2} = \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2(p+1)\varphi_2(a)} \left\{ d_2 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p}d_1^2 \right\}. \quad (2.14)$$

$$a_{p+3} = \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2(p+2)\varphi_3(a)} \left\{ d_3 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2(p+1)}d_2^2 + \frac{\{ab(1-\beta)\}^2}{4p(p+1)}d_1^2d_2 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p}d_1^2 \right\}. \quad (2.15)$$

From (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| &= \frac{\{ab(1-\beta)\}^2}{4p(p+2)\varphi_1(a)\varphi_3(a)} \times \\ &\quad \left\{ d_3 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2(p+1)}d_2^2 + \frac{\{ab(1-\beta)\}^2}{4p(p+1)}d_1^2d_2 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{2p}d_1^2 \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{\{ab(1-\beta)\}^2}{4(p+1)^2\varphi_2^2(a)} \left\{ d_2^2 + \frac{\{ab(1-\beta)\}^2}{4p^2}d_1^4 + \frac{ab(1-\beta)}{p}d_1^2d_2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

After some simplification we have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| &= \frac{|A|^2}{4} \left[ Bd_1d_3 + Cd_1d_2^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. Ed_1^3d_2 + Fd_1^3 - Gd_2^2 - Hd_1^4 - Kd_1^2d_2, \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= ab(1-\beta), & B &= \frac{1}{p(p+1)\varphi_1(a)\varphi_3(a)}, & C &= \frac{A}{2p(p+1)(p+2)\varphi_1(a)\varphi_3(a)}, \\ E &= \frac{A^2}{4p^2(p+1)(p+2)\varphi_1(a)\varphi_3(a)}, & F &= \frac{A}{2p^2(p+1)\varphi_1(a)\varphi_3(a)}, & G &= \frac{1}{(p+1)^2\varphi_2^2(a)}, \\ H &= \frac{A^2}{4p^2(p+1)^2\varphi_2^2(a)}, & K &= \frac{A}{p(p+1)^2\varphi_2^2(a)}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values of  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  from Lemma 1.3 in (2.16) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|Bd_1d_3 + Cd_1d_2^2 + Ed_1^3d_2 + Fd_1^3 - Gd_2^2 - Hd_1^4 - Kd_1^2d_2| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{4}Bd_1 \left\{ d_1^3 + 2d_1(4-d_1^2)x - d_1(4-d_1^2)x^2 + 2(4-d_1^2)(1-|x|^2)z \right\} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}Cd_1 \left\{ d_1^4 + 2d_1^2(4-d_1^2)x + (4-d_1^2)^2x^2 \right\} + \frac{1}{2}Ed_1^3 \left\{ d_1^2 + (4-d_1^2)x \right\} \\ &\quad + Fd_1^3 - \frac{1}{4}G \left\{ d_1^4 + 2d_1^2(4-d_1^2)x + (4-d_1^2)^2x^2 \right\} - Hd_1^4 \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2}Kd_1^2 \left\{ d_1^2 + (4-d_1^2)x \right\} \right|. \end{aligned}$$



Simple computation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 4|Bd_1d_3 + Cd_1d_2^2 + Ed_1^3d_2 + Fd_1^3 - Gd_2^2 - Hd_1^4 - Kd_1^2d_2| = (C + 2E)d_1^5 + \\
 & (B - G - H - 2K)d_1^4 + Fd_1^3 + (2B + 2Cd_1 + 2Ed_1 - 2G - 2K)d_1^2(4 - d_1^2)|x| \\
 & + 2Bd_1(4 - d_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)|z| + \{Cd_1(4 - d_1^2) - Bd_1^2 - G(4 - d_1^2)\}(4 - d_1^2)|x|^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

Applying triangle inequality and replacing  $|x|$  by  $\rho$  in (2.17) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 4|Bd_1d_3 + Cd_1d_2^2 + Ed_1^3d_2 + Fd_1^3 - Gd_2^2 - Hd_1^4 - Kd_1^2d_2| \leq (|C| + 2|E|)d_1^5 + |F|d_1^3 + \\
 & (B - G + |H| + 2|K|)d_1^4 + \{2B + 2|C|d_1 + 2|E|d_1 - 2G + 2|K|\}d_1^2(4 - d_1^2)\rho \\
 & + 2Bd_1(4 - d_1^2)(1 - \rho^2) + \{|C|d_1(4 - d_1^2) - Bd_1^2 - G(4 - d_1^2)\}(4 - d_1^2)\rho^2 \\
 & = F(d_1, \rho).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Taking partial derivative of  $F(d_1, \rho)$  with respect to  $\rho$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial F(d_1, \rho)}{\partial \rho} &= \{2B + 2|C|d_1 + 2|E|d_1 - 2G + 2|F|\}d_1^2(4 - d_1^2) - 4Bd_1(4 - d_1^2)\rho \\
 &+ 2\{|C|d_1(4 - d_1^2) - Bd_1^2 - G(4 - d_1^2)\}(4 - d_1^2)\rho
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $\frac{\partial F(d_1, \rho)}{\partial \rho} > 0$ , for  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $0 < d_1 < 2$ . Therefore,  $F(d_1, \rho)$  is an increasing function of  $\rho$ . Also for a fixed  $d_1 \in [0, 2]$ , we have

$$\max_{0 \leq \rho \leq 1} F(d_1, \rho) = F(d_1, \rho) = J(d_1).$$

Therefore by putting  $\rho = 1$  in (2.18) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(d_1) &= \{|C| + 2|E|\}d_1^5 + \{B - G + |H| + 2|K|\}d_1^4 + |F|d_1^3 \\
 &+ \{2B + 2|C|d_1 + 2|E|d_1 - 2G + 2|K|\}d_1^2(4 - d_1^2) \\
 &+ \{|C|d_1(4 - d_1^2) - Bd_1^2 - G(4 - d_1^2)\}(4 - d_1^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating with respect to  $d_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J'(d_1) &= 5\{|C| + 2|E|\}d_1^4 + 4\{B - G + |H| + 2|K|\}d_1^3 + 3|F|d_1^2 \\
 &+ 4\{B - G + 2|K|\}d_1(4 - d_1^2) - 4\{B - G + 2|K|\}d_1^3 \\
 &+ 6\{|C| + |E|\}d_1^2(4 - d_1^2) - 4\{|C| + |E|\}d_1^4 + |C|d_1^2(4 - d_1^2)^2 \\
 &- 4|C|d_1^2(4 - d_1^2) - 2Bd_1(4 - d_1^2) + 2Bd_1^3 - 4Gd_1(4 - d_1^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again differentiating with respect to  $d_1$  we have

$$J''(d_1) = 20\{|C| + 2|E|\}d_1^3 + 12\{B - G + |H| + 2|K|\}d_1^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +6|F|d_1 + 4\{B - G + 2|K|\}(4 - d_1^2) - 8\{B - G + 2|K|\}d_1^2 \\
& -12\{B - G + 2|K|\}d_1^2 + 126\{|C| + |E|\}(4 - d_1^2) - 126\{|C| + |E|\}d_1^3 \\
& -16\{|C| + |E|\}d_1^3 + 2|C|d_1(4 - d_1^2)^2 - 4|C|d_1^3(4 - d_1^2)^2 - 8|C|d_1(4 - d_1^2) \\
& +8|C|d_1^3 - 2B(4 - d_1^2) + 4Bd_1^2 + 6Bd_1^2 - 4G(4 - d_1^2) + 8Gd_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

For maximum value of  $J(d_1)$ , clearly  $J'(d_1) = 0$  for  $d_1 = 0$  and  $J''(0) < 0$ , so  $J(d_1)$  has maximum value at  $d_1 = 0$  hence

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq \left[ \frac{4|b|c(c+1)(1-\beta)}{(p+1)(a+1)} \right]^2.$$

□

### 3. Subordination Results for the Function Class $\mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$

Given functions  $f, g \in A$ ,  $f$  is said to subordinate to  $g$  denoted by  $f < g$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , if there exist a function  $w \in V$ , where

$$V = \{w \in A : w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1, z \in \mathbb{U}\}$$

such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** [18]. Let  $q(z)$  be convex in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\mu_1 q(z) + \mu_2) > 0$ , where  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . If  $h(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = h(0)$  and

$$h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\mu_1 h(z) + \mu_2} < q(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{U},$$

then  $h(z) < q(z)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** A function  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^\lambda(a, b, c, \beta)$ , if and only if

$$e^{i\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} \right) < q(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{U},$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\cos \lambda - \{2\beta \cos \lambda + i \sin \lambda - \cos \lambda\} z}{1 - z}. \quad (3.1)$$

for some real  $\lambda$  ( $|\lambda| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and  $\beta > p$ .

The proof of above lemma is similier to that of Theorem 1 in [22] so we omit the proof.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\beta > p$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1\}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{SC}_p^0(a+1, b, c, \beta) \subset \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b+1, c, \beta_1),$$

where

$$\beta_1 = \frac{b(a+1)}{a(b+1)}\beta - \frac{b-a}{a(b+1)}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a+1, b, c, \beta)$  and set

$$1 - \frac{2}{b+1} + \frac{2}{b+1} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} = h(z), \quad (3.2)$$

where  $h$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $h(0) = 1$ .

Logarithmic differentiation of (3.2), gives

$$\frac{z(\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z))'}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)} - \frac{z(\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z))'}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} = \frac{(b+1)zh'(z)}{(b+1)\{h(z)-1\}+2}.$$

Using the identity(1.6) we have

$$1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)} = 1 - \frac{a}{a+1} \frac{b+1}{b} + \frac{a}{a+1} \frac{b+1}{b} h(z) + \frac{2}{b(a+1)} \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)-1+\frac{2}{b+1}}. \quad (3.3)$$

Let

$$1 - \frac{a}{a+1} \frac{b+1}{b} + \frac{a}{a+1} \frac{b+1}{b} h(z) = H(z),$$

where  $H$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $H(0) = 1$ . From (3.3) we have

$$1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)} = H(z) + \frac{zH'(z)}{\mu_1 H(z) + \mu_2},$$

where  $\mu_1 = \frac{b(a+1)}{2}$  and  $\mu_2 = \frac{2a-ab-b}{2}$ . Since  $f(z) \in VD_p^0(a+1, b, c, \beta)$ , so from Lemma 3.2 we have

$$H(z) + \frac{zH'(z)}{\mu_1 H(z) + \mu_2} = 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)} < q(z),$$

where  $q$  is given by

$$q(z) = \frac{1 - (2\beta - 1)z}{1 - z}. \quad (3.4)$$

Applying Lemma 3.1 we have

$$H(z) < q(z)$$

or equivalently

$$h(z) < \frac{1 - (2\beta_1 - 1)z}{1 - z},$$

where

$$\beta_1 = \frac{b(a+1)}{a(b+1)}\beta - \frac{b-a}{a(b+1)}.$$

This complete the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$ . Then  $F \in \mathcal{SC}_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$ , where  $F$  is Bernardi integral operator defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{p+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt, \quad c > -1. \quad (3.5)$$

*Proof.* Suppose

$$1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)F(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)F(z)} = h(z), \quad (3.6)$$

where  $h$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $h(0) = 1$ .

Now differentiating (3.5) we have

$$(c+p)f(z) = cF(z) + zF'(z)$$

Applying the operator  $\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)$  we have

$$(c+p)\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z) = c\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)F(z) + \mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)F(z) \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$(c+p)\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z) = c\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)F(z) + \mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)F(z) \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.7) and (3.8) we have

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} = \frac{c \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+2, c)F(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)F(z)} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)}}{c + \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)}}. \quad (3.9)$$

Logarithmic differentiation of (3.6), together with (1.6) and (3.9) we have

$$1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\mu_3 h(z) + \mu_4},$$

where  $\mu_3 = \frac{ab}{2}$  and  $\mu_4 = c + p - \frac{ab}{2}$

Since  $f \in SC_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$ , so from Lemma 3.2 we have

$$h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\mu_3 h(z) + \mu_4} = 1 - \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}_p(a, c)f(z)} < q(z),$$

where  $q$  is given by (3.4)

Applying Lemma 3.1 we have

$$h(z) < q(z),$$

which implies that  $F \in SC_p^0(a, b, c, \beta)$ . □

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