

# Differential superordination defined by Sălăgean operator

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## Abstract

By using the Sălăgean operator  $D^n f$ , we introduce a class of holomorphic functions denoted by  $S(\alpha)$ , and we obtain some superordination results related to this class.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be any set in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $p$  be analytic in the unit disk  $U$  and let  $\psi(\gamma, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . In a series of articles the authors and many others [1] have determined properties of functions  $p$  that satisfy the differential subordination

$$\{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p'(z); z) \mid z \in U\} \subset \Omega.$$

In this article we consider the dual problem of determining properties of function  $p$  that satisfy the differential superordination

$$\Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p'(z); z) \mid z \in U\}.$$

This problem was introduced in [2].

We let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  denote the class of holomorphic functions in the unit disk  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U), f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

and

$$A = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U), f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots, z \in U\}.$$

For  $0 < r < 1$ , we let  $U_r = \{z, |z| < r\}$ .

**Definition 1** (see [2]). *Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be analytic in  $U$ . If  $p$  and  $\varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$  are univalent in  $U$  and satisfy the (first-order) differential superordination*

$$(1) \quad h(z) \prec \varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$$

*then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential superordination. An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinated of the solutions of the differential superordination, or more simply a subordinated if  $q \prec p$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1). A univalent subordinated  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all subordinants  $q$  of (1) is said to be the best subordinated. Note that the best subordinated is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .*

For  $\Omega$  a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $\varphi$  and  $p$  as given in Definition 1, suppose (1) is replaced by

$$(1') \quad \Omega \subset \{\varphi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \mid z \in U\}.$$

Although this more general situation is a "differential containment", the condition in (1) will also be referred to as a differential superordination, and the definitions of solution, subordinated and best dominant as given above can be extended to this generalization.

**Definition 2** (see [2]). *We denote by  $Q$  the set of functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where*

$$E(f) = \{\zeta \in \partial U : \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} f(z) = \infty\}$$

*and are such that  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(f)$ .*

The subclass of  $Q$  for which  $f(0) = a$  is denoted by  $Q(a)$ .

**Definition 3** (see [2]). Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $q \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  with  $q'(z) \neq 0$ . The class of admissible functions  $\phi_n[\Omega, q]$ , consist of those functions  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \overline{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the admissibility condition

$$(2) \quad \varphi \left( q(z), \frac{zq'(z)}{m}; \zeta \right) \in \Omega$$

where  $z \in U$ ,  $\zeta \in \partial U$  and  $m \geq n \geq 1$ .

In order to prove the new results we shall use the following lemma:

**Lemma A** (see [2]). Let  $h$  be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = a$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ , and  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, 1] \cap Q$ . If  $p(x) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  is univalent in  $U$ ,

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

then

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

where

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

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.

**Lemma B** (see [2]). Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\gamma}, \quad z \in U,$$

with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, 1] \cap Q$ ,  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  is univalent in  $U$ , and

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

then

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

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subordinant.

**Definition 4.** [G. S. Sălăgean 3] For  $f \in A_n$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $D^n f$  is defined by

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

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

## 2 Main results

If  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $S(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in A$  which satisfy the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} [D^n f(z)]' > \alpha.$$

**Theorem 1.** Let

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 + z}$$

be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ .

Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$ , and suppose that  $[D^{n+1} f(z)]'$  is univalent and  $[D^n f(z)]' \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ .

If

$$(3) \quad h(z) \prec [D^{n+1} f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$q(z) \prec [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

$$(4) \quad q(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1 + t} dt = 2\alpha - 1 + (2 - 2\alpha) \frac{\ln(1 + z)}{z}.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.

**Proof.** Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D^n f(z)$  we have

$$(5) \quad D^{n+1} f(z) = z[D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U.$$

Differentiating (5), we obtain

$$(6) \quad [D^{n+1}]'f(z) = [D^n f(z)]' + z[D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U.$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D^n f(z)]'$  then (6) becomes

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

Then (3) becomes

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

By using Lemma A, we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subordinator.

**Theorem 2.** *Let*

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 + z}$$

*be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ . Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$  and suppose that  $[D^n f(z)]'$  is univalent and  $\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$ .*

*If*

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

*then*

$$q(z) \prec \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0,$$

*where*

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

*The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinator.*

**Proof.** We let

$$p(z) = \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, z \neq 0$$

and we obtain

$$(8) \quad D^n f(z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U, z \neq 0.$$

By differentiating (8) we obtain

$$[D^n f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U, z \neq 0.$$

Then (7) becomes

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U, z \neq 0.$$

By using Lemma A we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, z \neq 0,$$

where

$$q(z) = 2\alpha - 1 + (2 - 2\alpha) \frac{\ln(1+z)}{z}.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subinvariant.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

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

Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$  and suppose that  $[D^{n+1}f(z)]'$  is univalent in  $U$ ,  $[D^n f(z)]' \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$  and

$$(9) \quad h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z) \prec [D^{n+1}f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$q(z) \prec [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subinvariant.

**Proof.** Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D^n f(z)$ , we have

$$(10) \quad D^{n+1}f(z) = z[D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U.$$

Differentiating (10), we obtain

$$(11) \quad [D^{n+1}f(z)]' = [D^n f(z)]' + z[D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U.$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D^n f(z)]'$  then (11) becomes

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

By using Lemma B, we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is best subordinant.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

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

Let  $f \in S(\alpha)$  and suppose that  $[D^n f(z)]'$  is univalent in  $U$ ,  $\frac{D^n f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$  and

$$(12) \quad h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z) \prec [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U$$

then

$$q(z) \prec \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0,$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subordinant.

**Proof.** We let

$$p(z) = \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0$$

and we obtain

$$(13) \quad D^n f(z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0.$$

By differentiating (13), we obtain

$$[D^n f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0.$$

Then (12) becomes

$$q(z) + zq'(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0.$$

By using Lemma B we have

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = \frac{D^n f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0,$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subordinant.

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