

## Subordination by $p$ -valent convex functions <sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

We obtain an interesting subordination relation for analytic  $p$ -valent functions by using subordinating factor sequence  $(b_k)_1^\infty$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $A(p)$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$(1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^{p+k-1},$$

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which are analytic in the open unit disk  $D = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}; |z| < 1\}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider also its subclasses  $C(p), S^*(p)$  consisting of  $p$ -valent convex and starlike functions respectively, where  $C(1) \equiv C, S^*(1) \equiv S^*$ , the classes of univalent convex and starlike functions .

For  $f(z)$  given by (1) and  $g(z)$  given by

$$(2) \quad g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} g_k z^{p+k-1},$$

the convolution (or Hadamard product) of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted by  $f * g$ , is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k g_k z^{p+k-1}.$$

Let  $g(z)$  given by (2) be a fixed function, with  $g_k \geq g_2 > 0$  ( $k \geq 2$ ),  $\gamma < 1$ , and let

$$T_g(\gamma) := \{f(z) \in A(p) : \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k g_k| < p(p - \gamma)\}.$$

**Definition 1** A sequence  $(b_k)_1^{\infty}$  of complex numbers is said to be a subordinating factor sequence if for every convex  $p$ -valent function  $f(z)$  given by (1)

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^{p+k-1} \prec f(z) \quad (\prec \text{ means subordinate}).$$

**Theorem 1** A sequence  $(b_k)_1^{\infty}$  of complex numbers is a subordinating factor sequence if and only if

$$(3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^{k+p-1} \right\} > 0.$$

**Proof.** Assume that the sequence  $(b_k)_1^\infty$  of complex numbers is a subordinating factor sequence. Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^{p+k-1} \prec \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^{p+k-1} = z^p \frac{z}{(1-z)},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^{p+k-1} \right) \geq \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z^p}{(1-z)} \right),$$

and since

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z^p}{(1-z)} \right) \geq \left( -\frac{\cos p\pi}{2} \right), \quad -1 \leq \cos p\pi \leq 1$$

which is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^{p+k-1} \right\} > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad (|z| < 1).$$

## 2 Subordination with convex functions

We begin with the following subordination result.

**Theorem 2** *If  $f(z) \in T_g(\gamma)$  and  $h(z) \in C(p)$ , then*

$$(4) \quad \frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} (f * h)(z) \prec h(z),$$

$$(5) \quad \operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > -\frac{(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))}{g_2}, \quad z \in D.$$

*The constant factor*

$$\frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))}$$

*in the subordination result (4) cannot be replaced by a larger number.*

**Proof.** Let  $G(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} g_2 z^{p+k-1}$ . Since  $T_g(\gamma) \subseteq T_G(\gamma)$ , our result follows if we prove the result for the class  $T_G(\gamma)$ . Let  $f(z) \in T_G(\gamma)$  and suppose that

$$h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_k z^{p+k-1} \in C(p).$$

In this case,

$$\frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} (f * h)(z) = \frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} \left( z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k c_k z^{p+k-1} \right).$$

Observe that the subordination result (4) holds true if

$$\left( \frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} a_k \right)_1^{\infty}$$

is a subordinating factor sequence (with  $a_1 = 1$ ). In view of Theorem 2, this is equivalent to the condition that

$$(6) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{g_2}{(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} a_k z^{p+k-1} \right) > 0.$$

Since  $g_k \geq g_2 > 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{g_2}{(g_2 + p(p - \gamma))} a_k z^{p+k-1} \right) = \\ & \operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} z^p + \frac{1}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} g_2 a_k z^{p+k-1} \right) \\ & \geq 1 - \left( \frac{g_2}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} r^p + \frac{1}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |g_2 a_k| r^{p+k-1} \right) \\ & > 1 - \left( \frac{g_2}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} r^p + \frac{p(p - \gamma)}{g_2 + p(p - \gamma)} r^p \right) > 0, \quad (|z| = r < 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus(6) holds true in  $D$ , and proves (4). The inequality (5) follows by taking

$$h(z) = p \int_0^z \frac{t^{p-1}}{(1-t)^{2p}} dt = z^p + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} B_k z^{p+k-1}, B_k = \frac{(2p)_{k-p}}{k(k-p)!}$$

in (4).

Now consider the function

$$F(z) = z^p - \frac{p(p-\gamma)}{g_2} z^2, (\gamma < 1).$$

Clearly,  $F(z) \in T_g(\gamma)$ . For this function  $F(z)$ , (4) becomes

$$\frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p-\gamma))} F(z) \prec h(z) = p \int_0^z \frac{t^{p-1}}{(1-t)^{2p}} dt,$$

It is easily verified that

$$\min \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p-\gamma))} F(z) \right) \right\} = \frac{-1}{2}, z \in D.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{g_2}{2(g_2 + p(p-\gamma))}$$

cannot be replaced by any larger constant.

**Corollary 1** *If  $f(z) \in T_p(j, \lambda, \alpha, n)$ , (Alkharsani and Alhajry [1]); and  $h(z) \in C(p)$ , then*

$$(7) \quad \frac{2^n (2p - \alpha) (\lambda (2p - 1) + 1)}{2 (2^n (2p - \alpha) (\lambda (2p - 1) + 1) + (p - \alpha) (\lambda (p - 1) + 1))} (f * h)(z) \prec h(z),$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > -\frac{(2^n(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1) + (p-\alpha)(\lambda(p-1)+1))}{2^n(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1)}, z \in D.$$

The constant factor

$$\frac{2^n(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1)}{2(2^n(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1) + (p-\alpha)(\lambda(p-1)+1))}$$

in the subordination result (7) cannot be replaced by a larger number.

**Corollary 2** If  $f(z) \in T(j, p, \lambda, \alpha)$  (Altintas et al. [2]); and  $h(z) \in C(p)$ , then

$$(8) \quad \frac{(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1)}{2((2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1) + (p-\alpha)(\lambda(p-1)+1))} (f * h)(z) \prec h(z),$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > -\frac{(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1) + (p-\alpha)(\lambda(p-1)+1)}{(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1)}, z \in D.$$

The constant factor

$$\frac{(2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1)}{2((2p-\alpha)(\lambda(2p-1)+1) + (p-\alpha)(\lambda(p-1)+1))}$$

in the subordination result (8) cannot be replaced by a larger number.

**Remark 1** The case  $\lambda = 1$  and  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2 was obtained by Rosihan et al. [6]

**Corollary 3** If  $f(z) \in T^*(p, j, \alpha)$  (Owa [5]); and  $h(z) \in C(p)$ , then

$$(9) \quad \frac{(2p-\alpha)}{2(3p-2\alpha)} (f * h)(z) \prec h(z),$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > -\frac{(3p-2\alpha)}{(2p-\alpha)}, z \in D.$$

The constant factor

$$\frac{(2p-\alpha)}{2(3p-2\alpha)}$$

in the subordination result (9) cannot be replaced by a larger number.

**Remark 2** The case  $\alpha = 0$  and  $p = 1$  in Corollary 3 was obtained by Singh [7].

**Corollary 4** If  $f(z) \in p(j, \lambda, \alpha, n)$ , (Aouf and Srivastava [3]); and  $h(z) \in C$ , then

$$(10) \quad \frac{2^{n-1} (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1)}{(2^n (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1) + (1 - \alpha))} (f * h)(z) \prec h(z),$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > -\frac{(2^n (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1) + (1 - \alpha))}{2^{n-1} (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1)}, z \in D.$$

The constant factor

$$\frac{2^{n-1} (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1)}{(2^n (2 - \alpha) (\lambda + 1) + (1 - \alpha))}$$

in the subordination result (10) cannot be replaced by a larger number.

**Remark 3** The case  $\lambda = 0$  in Corollary 4 was obtained by Eker et al. [4].

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