

# DIFFERENTIAL SANDWICH THEOREMS FOR CERTAIN ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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## Abstract

Let  $q_1, q_2$  be univalent in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . We give some applications of first order differential subordinations to obtain sufficient conditions for normalized analytic functions  $f(z)$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec zf'(z)/f(z) \prec q_2(z).$$

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of analytic functions in  $\Delta := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}(a, n)$  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  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of all analytic functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ). Let  $p, h \in \mathcal{H}$  and let  $\phi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . If  $p$  and  $\phi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2 p''(z); z)$  are univalent and if  $p$  satisfies the second order superordination

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

then  $p$  is a solution of the differential superordination (1.1). subordinate to  $F$ , then  $F$  is superordinate to  $f$ .) An analytic function called a *subordinant* if  $q \prec p$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1.1). A *univalent* subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all subordinants  $q$  of (1.1) is called *best subordinant*. Recently Miller and Mocanu [3] obtained conditions on  $h$ ,  $q$  and  $\phi$  for which the following implication holds:

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

Using the results of Miller and Mocanu [3], Bulboacă [2] have considered certain classes of first order differential subordinations as  $\phi$ -superordination-preserving integral operators [1]. In the present paper we give some applications of first order differential subordinations to functions in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

In our present investigation, we shall need the following:

**Definition 1.1** [3, Definition 2, p. 817]. Denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$ , the set of functions  $f(z)$  that are analytic and injective on  $\bar{\Delta} - E(f)$ , where

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

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

**Lemma 1.2** [2]. Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in the unit disk  $\Delta$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(\Delta)$ . Suppose that

$$(1) \Re[\mathfrak{S}'(q(z))/\phi(q(z))] \geq 0 \text{ for } z \in \Delta,$$

$$(2) zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) \text{ is starlike univalent in } \Delta.$$

If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}(q(0), 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , with  $p(\Delta) \subseteq D$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z))$  univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\mathfrak{S}(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) \prec \mathfrak{S}(p(z)) + zp'(z)\phi(p(z))$$

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

## 2. Sandwich Theorems

By making use of Lemma 1.2, we obtain the following results.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ . Further assume that*

$$\Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{2\beta}{\gamma} q(z) \right] \geq 0.$$

If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}(q(0), 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\alpha p(z) + \beta p^2(z) + \gamma zp'(z)$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta q^2(z) + \gamma zq'(z) \prec \alpha p(z) + \beta p^2(z) + \gamma zp'(z)$$

implies  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** Define the functions  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\varphi$  by

$$\mathfrak{S}(w) := \alpha w + \beta w^2 \text{ and } \varphi(w) := \gamma.$$

Clearly,  $\mathfrak{S}(w)$  and  $\varphi(w)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Also

$$\Re \frac{\mathfrak{S}'(q(z))}{\varphi'(q(z))} = \Re \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{2\beta}{\gamma} q(z) \right] \geq 0$$

and the function  $\gamma zq'(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . Lemma 2.1 now follows by an application of Lemma 1.2.

**Remark 1.** When  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 0$ , Lemma 2.1 reduces to [3, Theorem 8, p. 822]. When  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $\gamma = 1$  Lemma 2.1 reduces to [3, Theorem 9, p. 823].

By making use of Lemma 2.1, we now prove the following:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $\Re q(z) \geq \Re \frac{\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $zf'(z)/f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then*

$$(1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha q^2(z) + \alpha zq'(z) \prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)}$$

implies

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

and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) := \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}.$$

Then a computation shows that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} = (1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha p^2(z) + \alpha zp'(z).$$

By using Lemma 2.1, we have the result.

Together with the corresponding result for differential subordination (see Ravichandran [4]), we obtain the following “sandwich result”

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Assume that  $\Re q_i(z) \geq \Re \frac{\alpha - 1}{2\alpha}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $zf'(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)q_1(z) + \alpha q_1^2(z) + \alpha zq_1'(z) &\prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{f(z)} \\ &\prec (1 - \alpha)q_2(z) + \alpha q_2^2(z) + \alpha zq_2'(z) \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subdominant and dominant.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Assume that  $\Re[\alpha\bar{\beta}q(z)] \geq 0$  and  $zq'(z)/q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}(q(0), 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $p(z) \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha p(z) + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ ,

$$\alpha q(z) + \beta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \alpha p(z) + \beta \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}$$

implies  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** The Lemma 2.4 follows from Lemma 1.2 when the functions  $\vartheta$  and  $\phi$  are given by  $\vartheta(w) := \alpha w$  and  $\phi(w) := \beta/w$ .

By making use of Lemma 2.4, we now prove the following:

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further assume that  $\Re[\overline{\alpha}q(z)] \geq 0$  and  $zq'(z)/q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq zf'(z)/f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right)$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

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

implies

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

and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** Theorem 2.5 follows from Lemma 2.4 by taking  $p(z)$  to be the function given by  $p(z) := zf'(z)/f(z)$ .

Together with the corresponding result for differential subordination (see Ravichandran and Darus [6]), we obtain the following:

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $q_i(z) \neq 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be univalent in  $\Delta$ . Further assume that  $\Re[\overline{\alpha}q_i(z)] \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $zq'_i(z)/q_i(z)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq zf'(z)/f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right)$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$q_1(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \prec q_2(z) + \alpha \frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)}$$

implies

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subordinant and dominant.

By making use of Lemma 2.4, we obtain the following:

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $zq'(z)/q(z)$  be univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq z^2f'(z)/f^2(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\frac{(zf)''(z)}{f'(z)} - 2\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \frac{(zf)''(z)}{f'(z)} - 2\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec \frac{z^2f'(z)}{f^2(z)}$$

and  $q(z)$  is the best subordinant.

Together with the corresponding result for differential subordinant (see Ravichandran [4]), we obtain the following:

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $q_i(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $zq'_i(z)/q_i(z)$  starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq z^2f'(z)/f^2(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1)$ ,  $\frac{(zf)''(z)}{f'(z)} - 2\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\frac{zq'_1(z)}{q_1(z)} \prec \frac{(zf)''(z)}{f'(z)} - 2\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{zq'_2(z)}{q_2(z)},$$

implies

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^2f'(z)}{f^2(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subdominant and best dominant.

**Lemma 2.9.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $zq'(z)/q^2(z)$  be starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}(q(0), 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $p(z) \neq 0$ ,  $zp'(z)/p^2(z)$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} \prec \frac{zp'(z)}{p^2(z)}$$

implies  $q(z) \prec p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** Lemma 2.9 follows from Lemma 1.2 when  $\vartheta(w) := 0$  and  $\varphi(w) := 1/w^2$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $q(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $zq'(z)/q^2(z)$  starlike univalent in  $\Delta$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq zf'(z)/f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$1 + \frac{zq'(z)}{q^2(z)} \prec \frac{1 + z''f(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)}$$

implies  $q(z) \prec zf'(z)/f(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** The result follows from Lemma 2.9 by taking  $p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z)$ .

Together with the corresponding result for differential subordinations (see Ravichandran and Darus [5]), we obtain the following:

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $q_i(z) \neq 0$  be univalent in  $\Delta$  and  $zq_i'(z)/q_i^2(z)$  starlike univalent in  $\Delta$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $0 \neq zf'(z)/f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(1, 1) \cap \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)}$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then

$$1 + \frac{zq_1'(z)}{q_1^2(z)} \prec \frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{zq_2'(z)}{q_2^2(z)}$$

implies  $q_1(z) \prec zf'(z)/f(z) \prec q_2(z)$  and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subdominant and the best dominant.

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