# Differential superordination defined by Ruscheweyh derivative

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**Abstract.** By using the Ruscheweyh operator  $D^n f(z)$ ,  $z \in U$ , we obtain sharp superordinations results related to some normalized holomorphic functions in the unit disk U.

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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  $\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \to \mathbb{C}$ . 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 functions 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  $U=\{z\in\mathbb{C}\colon |z|<1\}$ . For  $a\in\mathbb{C}$  and  $n\in\mathbb{N}$  we let

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

and

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

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

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**Definition 1** ([2]) Let  $\varphi \colon \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \to \mathbb{C}$  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

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

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

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

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, subordinant and best dominant as given above can be extended to this generalization.

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

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

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).

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

**Lemma A** ([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  $p(z) + zp'(z)/\gamma$  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** ([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 Re  $\gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, 1] \cap Q$ ,  $p(z) + zp'(z)/\gamma$  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 3** ([3]) For  $f \in A$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $D^n f$  is defined by

$$D^{n}f(z) = f(z) * \frac{z}{(1-z)^{n+1}} = \frac{z}{n!} [z^{n-1}f(z)]^{(n)}, \quad z \in U,$$

where \* stands for convolution.

Remark 1 We have

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

$$D^{1}f(z) = zf'(z)$$

$$\vdots$$

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

### 2. Main results

Theorem 1 Let

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

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

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

If

$$h(z) \prec [D^{n+1}f(z)]', \quad z \in U, \tag{2}$$

then

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

where

$$q(z) = \frac{n+1}{z^{n+1}} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1+t} t^n dt, \quad z \in U.$$
 (3)

The function q is convex and is the best subordinant.

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

$$(n+1)D^{n+1}f(z) = z[D^n f(z)]' + nD^n f(z), \quad z \in U.$$
(4)

Differentiating (4), we obtain

$$(n+1)[D^{n+1}f(z)]' = [D^nf(z)]' + z[D^nf(z)]'' + n[D^nf(z)]'$$

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

If we let  $p(z) = [D^n f(z)]'$  then (5) becomes

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

Then (2) becomes

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{1}{n+1} z p'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma A, we have

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

where q is given by (3).

The function q is the best subordinant.

## Theorem 2 Let

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

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

If

$$h(z) \prec [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$
 (6)

then

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

where

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

The function q is convex and is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* We let

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

and we obtain

$$D^n f(z) = zp(z), \quad z \in U. \tag{7}$$

By differentiating (7) we obtain

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

Then (6) becomes

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

By using Lemma A we have

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

where

$$\begin{split} q(z) &= \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1 + t} dt = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \left[ (2\alpha - 1) + \frac{2 - 2\alpha}{1 + t} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \left[ (2\alpha - 1)t \Big|_0^z + (2 - 2\alpha) \int_0^z \frac{1}{1 + t} dt \right] \\ &= 2\alpha - 1 + (2 - 2\alpha) \frac{\ln(1 + z)}{z}. \end{split}$$

The function q is convex and is the best subordinant.

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

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{n+1}zq'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

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

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{n+1} z q'(z) \prec [D^{n+1} f(z)]', \quad z \in U,$$
(8)

then

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

where

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

The function q is the best subordinant.

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

$$(n+1)[D^{n+1}f(z)]' = (n+1)[D^nf(z)]' + z[D^nf(z)]''.$$
(9)

If we let  $p(z) = [D^n f(z)]'$  then (9) becomes

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

Then (8) becomes

$$q(z) + \frac{1}{n+1}zq'(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{1}{n+1}zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

By using Lemma B, we have

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

where

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

**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  $f \in A$  and suppose that  $[D^n f(z)]'$  is univalent in U,  $D^n f(z)/z \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1] \cap Q$  and

$$h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z) \prec [D^n f(z)]', \quad z \in U$$
 (10)

then

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

where

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

The function q is the best subordinant.

*Proof.* We let

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

and we obtain

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

By differentiating, we obtain

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

Then (10) becomes

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

By using Lemma B we have

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

where

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

The function q is the best subordinant.

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