

## APPLICATIONS OF BRIOT - BOUQUET DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATION TO SOME CLASSES OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. The object of this paper is to define and study some classes of meromorphic functions using a new differential operator. Inclusion relations, integral operators, and other results are found by the application of Briot - Boquet differential subordination

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  be the set of all functions analytic in the unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $g, G \in A$ . We say that  $g$  is subordinate to  $G$  written  $g \prec G$ , if  $G$  is univalent,  $g(0) = G(0)$  and  $g(E) \subset G(E)$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  be the set of all meromorphic functions  $f$  in  $E$  and having in  $D = E \setminus \{0\}$ , the the Laurent expansion  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . The convolution or Hadamard Product  $f * g$  of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  in  $\Sigma$  is defined as follows

If  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ , then

$$(f * g)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

It follows from the definition of the Hadamard Product that

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$$z(f * g)'(z) = (zf' * g)(z) = (f * zg')(z).$$

In [1], the first author defined the operator  $D_\lambda^n f$ , which generalizes the well-known Salagean operator [7]. In this paper we modify the operator  $D_\lambda^n f$  for meromorphic functions as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_\lambda^0 f(z) &= f(z), \\
 D_\lambda^1 f(z) &= (1 - \lambda)f(z) + \lambda \frac{(z^2 f(z))'}{z}, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \\
 &= D_\lambda f(z), \\
 D_\lambda^2 f(z) &= D_\lambda(D_\lambda^1 f(z)), \dots \\
 D_\lambda^n f(z) &= D_\lambda(D_\lambda^{n-1} f(z)) = (1 - \lambda)D_\lambda^{n-1} f(z) \\
 &\quad + \lambda \frac{(z^2 D_\lambda^{n-1} f(z))'}{z}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.1}$$

Using the operator  $D_\lambda^n f$ , we introduce three subclasses  $\Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ ,  $Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$  and  $T(m; n; \lambda; h)$  of meromorphic functions and investigate certain properties of functions belonging to these classes. We require the following lemmas to prove the results of this paper.

**Lemma 1.1** ([3]). *Let  $\beta, \sigma \in C$ . Let  $h \in A$  be convex univalent in  $E$  with  $\operatorname{Re}[\beta h(z) + \sigma] > 0$ ,  $z \in E$ ,  $h(0) = 1$  and  $P \in A$  with  $P(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$  is analytic in  $E$ , then*

$$P(z) + \frac{zP'(z)}{\beta P(z) + \sigma} \prec h(z) \rightarrow P(z) \prec h(z).$$

**Lemma 1.2** ([5]). *Let  $\beta, \sigma \in C$ . Let  $h \in A$  be convex univalent in  $E$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}[\beta h(z) + \sigma] > 0$ ,  $z \in E$ , and  $q \in A$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $q(z) \prec h(z)$ ,  $z \in E$ . If  $P(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$  is analytic in  $E$ , then*

$$P(z) + \frac{zP'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \sigma} \prec h(z) \rightarrow P(z) \prec h(z)$$

2. THE CLASS  $\Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\}$ ,  $f_i \in \Sigma$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  be such that

$$\frac{-z[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)} \prec h(z), \quad z \in E, \quad i = \overline{1, m},$$

where  $z \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$ ,  $h$  is convex univalent in  $E$  with  $h(0) = 1$ .

We say that  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\}$  belongs to the class  $\Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** If  $m = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$  or  $n = 0$  and  $h(z) = \frac{1-z}{1+z}$ , then  $D_\lambda^n f(z) = f(z)$  and  $\Sigma(1; n; 0; h) = \Sigma^*$ , the class of meromorphic starlike functions which has been studied by Clunie [2], Pommerenke [6] and others.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  and  $F(z) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(z)$ .

Then  $F$  satisfies the condition

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{-z[D_\lambda^n F(z)]'}{D_\lambda^n F(z)} \prec h(z), \quad z \in E$$

*Proof.* Let  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ . Then for any  $z_0 \in E$ ,

$$\frac{-z_0[D_\lambda^n f_i(z_0)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z_0)} \in h(E)$$

and hence equal  $h(w_i)$  (say) for some  $w_i \in E$ ,  $i = \overline{1, m}$ . Hence

$$-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m z_0[D_\lambda^n f_i(z_0)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z_0)} = \sum_{i=1}^m h(w_i).$$

Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . Then, from (1,1) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} D_\lambda^n f &= f(z) * \left\{ \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k+1)]^n z^k \right\} \\ &= (f * k_n)(z), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad k_n(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k+1)]^n z^k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Hence

$$\frac{-z_0[D_\lambda^n F(z_0)]'}{D_\lambda^n F(z_0)} = \frac{-z_0[k_n * \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(z_0)]'}{k_n * \sum_{j=1}^m f_j(z_0)}.$$

Since

$$D_\lambda^n \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(z) = \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_i(z),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-z_0[D_\lambda^n F(z_0)]'}{D_\lambda^n F(z_0)} &= \frac{1}{m} \left[ \frac{-z_0 \sum_{i=1}^m [D_\lambda^n f_i(z_0)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_i(z_0)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h(w_i) = h(w_0). \end{aligned}$$

for some  $w_0 \in E$ , since  $h$  is convex in  $E$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** If  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  and  $h(z) = \frac{1-z}{1+z}$ , then Theorem 2.1 shows that  $D_\lambda^n F \in \Sigma^*$ , where  $F(z) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(z)$ , and hence  $D_\lambda^n f_i$  are close-to-convex meromorphic functions [4].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ . Define

$$F_i(z) = \frac{\gamma+1}{z^{\gamma+2}} \int_0^z t^{\gamma+1} f_i(t) dt, \quad (\gamma \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0), \quad i = \overline{1, m}.$$

If  $\operatorname{Re} h$  is bounded in  $E$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma+2) > \max_{z \in E} \operatorname{Re} h(z)$ , then  $F = \{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $F_i(z)$  it follows that

$$zF_i'(z) + (\gamma+2)F_i(z) = (\gamma+1)f_i(z)$$

and on taking convolution with  $k_n$ , given by (2.2), we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad z[D_\lambda^n F_i(z)]' + (\gamma + 2)D_\lambda^n F_i(z) = (\gamma + 1)D_\lambda^n f_i(z), \quad i = \overline{1, m}.$$

Let

$$(2.4) \quad P_i(z) = \frac{mz[D_\lambda^n F_i(z)]'}{\sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)}.$$

From (2.3) we get

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{P_i(z)}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z) + (\gamma + 2)D_\lambda^n F_i(z) = (\gamma + 1)D_\lambda^n f_i(z)$$

Differentiating the equality (2.5) with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_i'(z)}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z) + \frac{P_i(z)}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m [D_\lambda^n F_j(z)]' + (\gamma + 2)[D_\lambda^n F_i(z)]' \\ = (\gamma + 1)[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_i'(z) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)}{m} + \frac{P_i(z)}{m} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)}{mz} + (\gamma + 2) \frac{P_i(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)}{mz} \\ = (\gamma + 1)[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$P_i'(z) + \frac{P_i(z)}{mz} \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) + (\gamma + 2) \frac{P_i(z)}{z} = \frac{(\gamma + 1)[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-zP_i'(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) + \gamma + 2} - P_i(z) &= \frac{-(\gamma + 1)z[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) + \gamma + 2} \\ &= \frac{-(\gamma + 1)z[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) + (\gamma + 2) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z) \right]}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.5) we have

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{-zP'_i(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z) + \gamma + 2} - P_i(z) = \frac{-(\gamma + 1)z[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m}(\gamma + 1) \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_i(z)} \prec h(z),$$

since  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ . Now we can write for any  $z_0 \in E$ ,

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{m}z_0P'_i(z_0)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m P_j(z_0) + \gamma + 2} - \frac{1}{m}P_i(z_0) = \frac{1}{m}h(w_i),$$

for some  $w_0 \in E$ . This is true for  $i = \overline{1, m}$ . Since  $h$  is convex, there exists a  $w_i \in E$  such that

$$\frac{z_0Q'(z_0)}{-Q(z_0) + \gamma + 2} + Q(z_0) = h(w_0),$$

where  $Q(z) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m P_i(z)$ .

Hence

$$\frac{zQ'(z)}{-Q(z) + \gamma + 2} + Q(z) \prec h(z).$$

Since  $\operatorname{Re} h$  is bounded and  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda + 2) > \max \operatorname{Re} h(z)$ , it follows by Lemma 1.1 that  $Q(z) \prec h(z)$ ,  $z \in E$ .

From (2.6) we have

$$\frac{z[-P_i(z)]'}{-Q(z) + \gamma + 2} + [-P_i(z)] \prec h(z),$$

where  $Q(z) \prec h(z)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, m}$ . An application of Lemma 1.2 gives  $-P_i(z) \prec h(z)$ ,  $z \in E$ ,  $i = \overline{1, m}$ .

That is

$$\frac{-z[D_\lambda^n F_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_j(z)} \prec h(z),$$

Now

$$F_i(z) = \frac{\gamma + 1}{z^{\gamma+2}} \int_0^z t^{\gamma+1} f_i(t) dt, \quad \gamma \in C, \operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0.$$

It can be proved, easily, that, for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$D_\lambda^n F_i(z) = \frac{\gamma + 1}{z^{\gamma+2}} \int_0^z t^{\gamma+1} D_\lambda^n f_i(t) dt,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_i(z) &= \frac{\gamma+1}{z^{\gamma+2}} \int_0^z t^{\gamma+1} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_i(t) dt \\ &= \frac{\gamma+1}{z^{\gamma+2}} \int_0^z t^\gamma g(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(t) = t \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_i(t) \neq 0$ , for  $t \in E$  by assumption.

Now define

$$\Omega(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma+n} z^{n-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0,$$

Then an easy calculations shows that

$$z \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n F_i(z) = (\Omega * g)(z) \neq 0.$$

Thus  $F = \{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ . □

**Theorem 2.3.** *if  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n+1; \lambda; h)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} h$  is bounded in  $E$ , then  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  holds for  $(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) > d = \max_{z \in E} \operatorname{Re} h(z)$  in  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.7) \quad p_i(z) = \frac{mz[D_\lambda^n f_i(z)]'}{\sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)}, \quad z \in E.$$

From (1.1), we know that

$$(2.8) \quad z (D_\lambda^n f_i(z))' = \frac{1}{\lambda} D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z) - (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) D_\lambda^n f_i(z).$$

From (2.7) and (2.8), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{m} p_i(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z) = \frac{1}{\lambda} D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z) - (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) D_\lambda^n f_i(z).$$

Differentiating with respect to  $z$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z}{m} p_i'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z) + \frac{z}{m} p_i(z) \sum_{j=1}^m (D_\lambda^n f_j(z))' \\ = \frac{z}{\lambda} (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))' - z(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) (D_\lambda^n f_i(z))'. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z}{m} p_i'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z) + p_i(z) \left[ \frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (D_\lambda^n f_j(z))' + \frac{1}{m} (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z) \right] \\ = \frac{z}{\lambda} (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))'. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{z}{m} p_i'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)}{\frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (D_\lambda^n f_j(z))' + \frac{1}{m} (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)} + p_i(z) \\ = \frac{\frac{z}{\lambda} (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))'}{\frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (D_\lambda^n f_j(z))' + \frac{1}{m} (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.8), we get

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{\frac{z}{m} p_i'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)}{\frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (D_\lambda^n f_j(z))' + \frac{1}{m} (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n f_j(z)} + p_i(z) = \frac{z (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} f_j(z)}.$$

Using (2.7) in the left hand side of (2.9), we have

$$\frac{-z p_i'(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m p_j(z) + 1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}} - p_i(z) = \frac{-z (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} f_j(z)}.$$

Since  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n+1; \lambda; h)$ , then

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{-z p_i'(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m p_j(z) + 1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}} - p_i(z) = \frac{-z (D_\lambda^{n+1} f_i(z))'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} f_j(z)} \prec h(z),$$



for  $i = \overline{1, m}$ .

Therefore for any  $z_0 \in E$ , we have

$$\frac{-\frac{z_0}{m} p_i'(z_0)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m p_j(z_0) + (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda})} - \frac{1}{m} p_i(z_0) = \frac{1}{m} h(w_i),$$

for some  $w_0 \in E$ . Since  $h$  is convex, there exists a  $w_i \in E$ , such that

$$\frac{-\frac{z_0}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m p_i'(z_0)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m p_j(z_0) + (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda})} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m p_i(z_0) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h(w_i) = h(w_0).$$

Setting  $Q(z) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m p_i(z)$ , we have

$$\frac{zQ'(z)}{-Q(z) + (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda})} + Q(z) \prec h(z).$$

Which by Lemma 1.1, implies that  $Q(z) \prec h(z)$ .

From (2.10), we have

$$\frac{-z p_i'(z)}{-Q(z) + (1 + \frac{1}{\lambda})} - p_i(z) \prec h(z),$$

where  $Q(z) \prec h(z)$ . An application of Lemma 1.2 gives  $-p_i(z) \prec h(z)$ , which implies that  $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  □

### 3. THE CLASS $Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$  denote the class of all functions  $f \in \Sigma$  such that

$$\frac{-mz[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_j(z)} \prec h(z), \quad z \in E.$$

where  $g = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f \in Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$ . If  $\text{Re } h$  is bounded in  $E$  and  $\text{Re}(c + 2) > \max_{z \in E} \text{Re } h(z)$ , then

$$F(z) = \frac{c + 1}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} f(t) dt, \quad z \in E, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{Re } c > 0,$$

also belongs to  $Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f \in Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$ , there exists a  $g = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  such that

$$\frac{-z[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_j(z)} \prec h(z), \quad z \in E.$$

Let

$$G_i(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^{c+2}} \int_0^z t^{c+1} g_i(t) dt, \quad c > 0.$$

Then by Theorem 2.2  $G = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

Let

$$(3.1) \quad P(z) = \frac{z[D_\lambda^n F(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n G_j(z)}.$$

Now, from the definition of  $G_i$  and  $F$ , we have

$$(3.2) \quad z[D_\lambda^n G_i(z)]' + (c+2)D_\lambda^n G_i(z) = (c+1)D_\lambda^n g_i(z),$$

and

$$(3.3) \quad z[D_\lambda^n F(z)]' + (c+2)D_\lambda^n F(z) = (c+1)D_\lambda^n f(z).$$

From (3.1) into (3.3), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{m} P(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n G_j(z) + (c+2)D_\lambda^n F(z) = (c+1)D_\lambda^n f(z).$$

Differentiating with respect to  $z$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} P'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n G_j(z) + \frac{1}{m} P(z) \sum_{j=1}^m [D_\lambda^n G_j(z)]' + (c+2)[D_\lambda^n F(z)]' \\ & = (c+1)[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{z}{m} P'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_\lambda^n G_j(z) + \frac{z}{m} P(z) \sum_{j=1}^m [D_\lambda^n G_j(z)]' + z(c+2)[D_\lambda^n F(z)]' \\ & = z(c+1)[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.1) into (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{z}{m} P'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z) + \frac{z}{m} P(z) \sum_{j=1}^m [D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)]' + (c+2) \frac{P(z)}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z) \\ & = z(c+1)[D_{\lambda}^n f(z)]'. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{z}{m} P'(z) \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)}{\frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m [D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)]' + \frac{c+2}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)} + P(z) \\ & = \frac{(c+1)z[D_{\lambda}^n f(z)]'}{\frac{z}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m [D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)]' + \frac{(c+2)}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2) we get

$$\frac{-zP'(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m Q_j(z) + c+2} - P(z) = \frac{-z[D_{\lambda}^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n g_j(z)} \prec h(z),$$

where  $Q_j(z) = \frac{z[D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{\lambda}^n G_j(z)}$ .

Now  $(-Q_j(z)) \prec h(z)$ ,  $j = \overline{1, m}$ , since  $G = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  and  $h$  is a convex function. Since  $\text{Re}(c+2) > \text{Re} h$ , an application of Lemma 1.2 implies that  $-P(z) \prec h(z)$ , hence  $F \in Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $f \in Q(m; n+1; \lambda; h)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\text{Re} h$  is bounded in  $E$ , then  $f \in Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$  holds for  $(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) > d = \max_{z \in E} \text{Re} h(z)$  in  $E$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to that of Theorem 2.3 and is therefore omitted.  $\square$

4. THE CLASS  $T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h)$ 

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  denote the class of functions  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfying the condition

$$S(\alpha; f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m) = \left\{ \frac{-\alpha z [D_\lambda^{n+1} f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} g_i(z)} + \frac{-(1-\alpha) z [D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z)} \right\} \prec h(z),$$

where  $g = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\} \in \Sigma(m; n; \lambda; h)$  and  $z \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} g_i(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$ .

**Remark 4.1.** If we put  $\alpha = 0$ , we get  $T(m; n; \lambda; 0; h) = Q(m; n; \lambda; h)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $f \in T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\text{Re } h$  is bounded in  $E$ , then  $f \in T(m; n; \lambda; 0; h)$  hold for  $(\frac{1}{\lambda} + 1) \geq d = \max_{z \in E} \text{Re } h(z)$ .

*Proof.* For  $\alpha = 0$ , the theorem is trivial and hence we can assume that  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Let

$$P(z) = \frac{z [D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z)}.$$

Then an easy calculations shows that

$$\frac{z P'(z)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m q_i(z) + \frac{1}{\lambda} + 1} + P(z) = \frac{z [D_\lambda^{n+1} f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} g_i(z)},$$

where  $q_i(z) = \frac{z [D_\lambda^n g_i(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z)}$ . Also  $-\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m q_i(z) \prec h(z)$ .

Hence

$$S(\alpha; f; g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m) = \frac{-\alpha z P'(z)}{-\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m q_i(z) + \frac{1}{\lambda} + 1} - P(z) \prec h(z),$$

since  $f \in T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h)$ . Now an application of Lemma 1.2 gives  $-P(z) \prec h(z)$  which complete the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** For  $\alpha > \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\text{Re } h$  is bounded in  $E$  and  $(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \geq d = \max_{z \in E} \text{Re } h(z)$ ,  $T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h) \subset T(m; n; \lambda; \beta; h)$ .

*Proof.* The case  $\beta = 0$  was treated in the previous theorem. Hence we assume that  $\beta \neq 0$ ,  $f \in T(m; n; \lambda; \alpha; h)$  implies that

$$(4.1) \quad S(\alpha; f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m) \prec h(z).$$

By Theorem 4.1, we have

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{-z[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z)} \prec h(z).$$

Now

$$S(\beta; f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m) = -\left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) \frac{z[D_\lambda^n f(z)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z)} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} S(\alpha; f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m).$$

From (4.1) and (4.2) it follows that

$$\frac{-z[D_\lambda^n f(z_1)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z_1)} \in h(E)$$

and

$$\frac{-\alpha z_1 [D_\lambda^{n+1} f(z_1)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^{n+1} g_i(z_1)} - (1 - \alpha) \frac{z_1 [D_\lambda^n f(z_1)]'}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m D_\lambda^n g_i(z_1)} \in h(E).$$

Now  $h$  is convex and  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} < 1$ , hence we have  $S(\beta; f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m)(z_1) \in h(E)$ , showing that  $f \in T(m; n; \lambda; \beta; h)$ . □

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