# ON A NEW STRONG DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we define some new classes of analytic functions on  $U \times \overline{U}$ , which have as coefficients holomorphic functions in  $\overline{U}$ . Using those new classes, we give a new approach to the notion of strong subordination and we study certain strong differential subordinations.

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### INTRODUCTIONAND PRELIMINARIES

The concept of differential subordination was introduced in [2], [3] and developed in [4], by S.S. Miller and P.T. Mocanu. The concept of differential superordination was introduced in [5] as a dual problem of the differential subordination, by S.S. Miller and P.T. Mocanu. The concept of strong differential subordination was introduced in [1] by J.A. Antonino and S. Romaguera, and developed in [6], [7].

Denote by  $\mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$  the class of analytic functions in  $U \times \overline{U}$ ,

$$U = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1 \}, \ \overline{U} = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \le 1 \}, \ \partial U = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1 \}.$$

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and n a positive integer, we denote by

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

with  $z \in U$ ,  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ ,  $a_k(\xi)$  holomorphic functions in  $\overline{U}$ ,  $k \ge n$ . Let

$$A\xi_n = \{f(z,\xi) \in \mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U}) : f(z,\xi) = z + a_{n+1}(\xi)z^{n+1} + \ldots\},\$$

with  $z \in U$ ,  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ ,  $a_k(\xi)$  holomorphic functions in  $\overline{U}$ ,  $k \ge n+1$ , and  $A\xi_1 = A\xi$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}\xi_u(U) = \{ f(z,\xi) \in \mathcal{H}\xi[a,n] : f(z,\xi) \text{ is univalent in } U \text{ for all } \xi \in \overline{U} \},\$$

 $S\xi = \{f(z,\xi) \in A\xi_n : f(z,\xi) \text{ univalent in } U \text{ for all } \xi \in \overline{U}\}$ 

denote the class of univalent functions in  $\mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$ ,

$$S^*\xi = \{ f(z,\xi) \in A\xi : \text{ Re } \frac{z\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z,\xi)}{f(z,\xi)} > 0, \quad z \in U \text{ for all } \xi \in \overline{U} \}$$

denote the class of normalized starlike functions in  $\mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$ ,

$$K\xi = \{f(z,\xi) \in A\xi : \text{ Re } \left(\frac{z\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}(z,\xi)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z,\xi)} + 1\right) \ge 0, \quad z \in U \text{ for all } \xi \in \overline{U}\}$$

denote the class of normalized convex functions in  $\mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$ . Let  $A(p)\xi$  denote the subclass of the functions  $f(z,\xi) \in \mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$  of the form

$$f(z,\xi) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k(\xi) z^k, \quad p \in N, \ z \in U \text{ for all } \xi \in \overline{U}$$

and set  $A(1)\xi = A\xi$ .

In order to prove our main results we use the following new definitions, according to [1] and lemma according to [4].

**Definition No. 1.** Let  $H(z,\xi)$ ,  $f(z,\xi)$  be analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$ . The function  $f(z,\xi)$  is said to be strongly subordinate to  $H(z,\xi)$ , or  $H(z,\xi)$  is said to be strongly superordinate to  $f(z,\xi)$ , if there exists a function w analytic in U, with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 such that  $f(z,\xi) = H(w(z),\xi)$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ . In such a case we write  $f(z,\xi) \prec H(z,\xi)$ ,  $z \in U$ ,  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ .

**Remark No. 1.** (i) If  $H(z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and univalent in U, for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ , Definition 1 is equivalent to

$$H(0,\xi) = f(0,\xi)$$
 for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and  $f(U \times \overline{U}) \subset \mathcal{H}(U \times \overline{U})$ .

(ii) If  $H(z,\xi) \equiv H(z)$  and  $f(z,\xi) \equiv f(z)$  then the strong subordination becomes the usual notion of subordination.

**Definition No. 2.** Let  $\Psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h(z,\xi)$  be univalent in U for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ . If  $p(z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and satisfies the (second-order) strong differential subordination

$$\Psi\left(p(z,\xi), z\frac{\partial p(z,\xi)}{\partial z}, z^2\frac{\partial^2 p(z,\xi)}{\partial z^2}; z,\xi\right) \prec \prec h(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \quad \xi \in \overline{U},$$
(1)

then  $p(z,\xi)$  is called a solution of the strong differential subordination. The univalent function  $q(z,\xi)$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the strong differential subordination, or simply a dominant, if  $p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi)$  for all  $p(z,\xi)$  satisfying

(1). A dominant  $\tilde{q}(z,\xi)$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q}(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi)$ , for all dominants  $q(z,\xi)$  of (1) is said to be the best dominant of (1).

Note that the best dominant is unique up to a rotation of  $U \times \overline{U}$ .

**Definition No. 3.** We denote by  $Q_{\xi}$  the set of functions  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  that are analytic and injective, as function of z on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(q(z,\xi))$  where

$$E(q(z,\xi))=\{\zeta\in\partial U:\ \lim_{z\to\zeta}q(z,\xi)=\infty\}$$

and are such that  $q'(\zeta,\xi) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q(z,\xi)), \xi \in \overline{U}$ .

The subclass of Q for which  $q(0,\xi) = a$  is denoted by Q(a).

We mention that all derivatives of first order or second-order that appear are derived in relation to the variable z.

**Lemma No. 1.** (S.S. Miller, P.T. Mocanu, [2], [4], [5, Lemma 9.2.3]) Let  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in Q_{\xi}$ , with  $q(0,\xi) = a$ , and

$$p(z,\xi) = a + a_n(\xi)z^n + a_{n+1}(\xi)z^{n+1} + \dots$$

be analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  with  $p(z,\xi) \not\equiv a$  and  $n \geq 1$ . If  $p(\cdot,\xi)$  is not subordinated to  $q(\cdot,\xi)$ , then there exist points  $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0} \in U$  and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial U \setminus E(q(z,\xi))$  and  $m \geq n \geq 1$  for which  $p(U_{r_0} \times \overline{U}_{r_0}) \subset q(U \times \overline{U})$ .

(i) 
$$p(z_0,\xi) = q(z_0,\xi)$$
  
(ii)  $z_0 p'(z_0,\xi) = m\zeta_0 q'(\zeta_0,\xi)$  and  
(iii) Re  $\frac{z_0 p''(z_0,\xi)}{p'(z_0,\xi)} + 1 \ge m \left[ \text{Re } \frac{\zeta_0 q''(\zeta_0,\xi)}{q'(\zeta_0,\xi)} + 1 \right].$   
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**Definition No. 4.** [6] Let  $\Omega_{\xi}$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in Q_{\xi}$  and n be a positive integer. The class of admissible functions  $\Psi_n[\Omega_{\xi}, q(\cdot,\xi)]$  consists of those functions  $\psi: \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the admissibility condition:

$$(A) \qquad \qquad \psi(r,s,t;z,\xi) \not\in \Omega_{\xi}$$

whenever

$$r = q(\zeta, \xi), \quad s = m\zeta q'(\zeta, \xi),$$
  
Re  $\frac{t}{s} + 1 \ge m$ Re  $\left[\frac{\zeta q''(\zeta, \xi)}{q'(\zeta, \xi)} + 1\right],$   
 $z \in U, \ \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q), \ \xi \in \overline{U} \text{ and } m \ge n.$ 

We write  $\Psi_1[\Omega_{\xi}, q(\cdot, \xi)]$  as  $\Psi[\Omega_{\xi}, q(\cdot, \xi)]$ .

In the special case when  $\Omega_{\xi}$  is a simply connected domain,  $\Omega_{\xi} \neq \mathbb{C}$ , and  $h(\cdot,\xi)$  is a conformal mapping of  $U \times \overline{U}$  onto  $\Omega_{\xi}$  we denote this class by  $\Psi_n[h(\cdot,\xi), q(\cdot,\xi)]$ .

If  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$ , then the admissibility condition (A) reduces to

$$(A')\qquad\qquad\qquad\psi(r,s;z.\xi)\not\in\Omega_{\xi},$$

whenever

$$r = q(\zeta, \xi), \ s = \zeta q'(\zeta, \xi), \quad z \in U, \ \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q(z, \xi)), \ \xi \in \overline{U}, \ \text{and} \ m \ge n.$$

If  $\psi : \mathbb{C} \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$ , then the admissibility condition (A) reduces to

$$(A'') \qquad \qquad \psi(r;z,\xi) \notin \Omega_{\xi}$$

whenever

$$r = q(\zeta, \xi), \quad z \in U, \quad \xi \in \overline{U}, \quad \zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q(z, \xi))$$

2. Main results

**Theorem No. 1.** Let  $\psi \in \Psi_n[\Omega_{\xi}, q(\cdot, \xi)]$  with  $q(0, \xi) = a$ . If  $p(\cdot, \xi) \in \xi[a, n]$  satisfies

(1) 
$$\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi) \in \Omega_{\xi}, \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}$$

then

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

*Proof.* Assume  $p(z,\xi) \not\prec \prec q(z,\xi)$ . By Lemma 1 there exist points  $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0} \in U$ and  $\zeta_0 \in \partial U \setminus E(q(z,\xi))$ , and  $m \ge n \ge 1$  that satisfy (i)-(iii) of Lemma 1.

Using these conditions with  $r = p(z_0,\xi)$ ,  $s = z_0 p'(z_0,\xi)$ ,  $t = z_0^2 p''(z_0,\xi)$  and  $z = z_0$  in Definition 3 we obtain

$$\psi(p(z_0,\xi), z_0 p'(z_0,\xi), z_0^2 p''(z_0,\xi); z_0,\xi) \notin \Omega_{\xi}$$

Since this contradicts (1) we must have  $p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$ . **Remark No. 1.** Upon examining the proof of Theorem 1 it is easy to see that the theorem also holds if condition (1) is replaced by

(1') 
$$\psi(p(w(z),\xi), w(z)p'(w(z),\xi), w^2(z)p''(w(z),\xi); w(z),\xi) \in \Omega_{\xi},$$

 $z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$ , where w(z) is any function mapping U into U.

On checking the definitions of  $Q_{\xi}$  and  $\Psi_n[\Omega_{\xi}, q(\cdot, \xi)]$  we see that the hypothesis of Theorem 1 requires that  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  behave very nicely on the boundary of U. If this is not true or if the behavior of  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  is not known, it may still be possible to prove that  $p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$  by the following limiting procedure.

**Theorem No. 2.** Let  $\Omega_{\xi} \subset \mathbb{C}$  and let  $q(\cdot, \xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ , with  $q(0,\xi) = a$ . Let  $\psi \in \Psi_n[\Omega_{\xi}, q_{\rho}(\cdot, \xi)]$  for some  $\rho \in (0,1)$ , where  $q_{\rho}(z,\xi) = q(\rho z,\xi)$ . If  $p(\cdot,\xi) \in \xi[a,n]$  and

$$\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi) \in \Omega_{\mathcal{E}}$$

then

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

*Proof.* The function  $q_{\rho}(\cdot, \xi)$  is univalent in U for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and therefore  $E(q_{\rho}(z,\xi))$  is empty and  $q_{\rho}(\cdot,\xi) \in Q_{\xi}$ . The class  $\Psi_n[\Omega_{\xi}, q_{\rho}(\cdot,\xi)]$  is an admissible class and from Theorem 1 we obtain  $p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q_{\rho}(z,\xi)$ . Since  $q_{\rho}(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi)$  we deduce

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

We next consider the special situation when  $\Omega_{\xi} \neq \mathbb{C}$  is a simply connected domain. In this case  $\Omega_{\xi} = h(U \times \overline{U})$  where  $h(\cdot, \xi)$  is a conformal mapping of  $U \times \overline{U}$ onto  $\Omega_{\xi}$  and the class  $\Psi_n[h(U \times \overline{U}), q(\cdot, \xi)]$  is written as  $\Psi_n[h(\cdot, \xi), q(\cdot, \xi)]$ .

The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.

**Corollary No. 1.** Let  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h(\cdot,\xi), q(\cdot,\xi)]$  with  $q(0,\xi) = a$ .

If  $p(.,\xi) \in \xi[a,n]$ ,  $\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and

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

then

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

This result can be extended to those cases in which the behavior of  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  on the boundary of U is unknown by the following theorem.

**Theorem No. 3.** Let  $h(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$ , with  $q(0,\xi) = a$  and set  $q_{\rho}(z,\xi) = q(\rho z,\xi)$  and  $h_{\rho}(z,\xi) = h(\rho z,\xi)$ . Let  $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy one of the following conditions:

(i)  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h(\cdot,\xi), q_\rho(\cdot,\xi)]$ , for some  $\rho \in (0,1)$ , or (ii) there exists  $\rho_0 \in (0,1)$  such that  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h_\rho(\cdot,\xi), q_\rho(\cdot,\xi)]$  for all  $\rho \in (\rho_0,1)$ . If  $p(.,\xi) \in \xi[a,n]$ ,  $\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and

(3) 
$$\psi(p(z,\xi),zp'(z,\xi),z^2p''(z,\xi);z,\xi) \prec \prec h(z,\xi)$$

then

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in U.$$

*Proof.* Case (i). By applying Theorem 2 we obtain  $p(z,\xi) \prec q_{\rho}(z,\xi)$ . Since  $q_{\rho}(z,\xi) \prec q_{\rho}(z,\xi)$  we deduce

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

Case (ii). If we let  $p_{\rho}(z,\xi) = p(\rho z,\xi)$ , then

$$\psi(p_{\rho}(z,\xi),zp'_{\rho}(z,\xi),z^2p''_{\rho}(z,\xi);z,\xi)$$

$$=\psi(p(\rho z,\xi),\rho z p'(\rho z,\xi),\rho^2 z^2 p''(\rho z,\xi);\rho z,\xi)\in h_\rho(U\times\overline{U}).$$

By using Theorem 2 and the comment associated with (1'), with  $w(z) = \rho z$ , we obtain

$$p_{\rho}(z,\xi) \prec q_{\rho}(z,\xi)$$

for  $\rho \in (\rho_0, 1)$ . By letting  $\rho \to 1$  we obtain

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

The next two theorems yield best dominants of the strong differential subordination (3).

**Theorem No. 4.** Let  $h(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that the differential equation

(4) 
$$\psi(q(z,\xi), zq'(z,\xi), z^2q''(z,\xi); z,\xi) = h(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}$$

has a solution  $q(\cdot,\xi)$ , with  $q(0,\xi) = a$ , and one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in Q_{\xi}$  and  $\psi \in \Psi[h(\cdot,\xi), q(\cdot,\xi)];$ 

(ii)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and  $\psi \in \Psi[h(\cdot,\xi), q_{\rho}(\cdot,\xi)]$ , for some  $\rho \in (0,1)$  or (iii)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and there exists  $\rho_0 \in (0,1)$  such that  $\psi \in \Psi[h_{\rho}(\cdot,\xi), q_{\rho}(\cdot,\xi)]$  for all  $\rho \in (\rho_0, 1)$ .

If  $p(\cdot,\xi) \in \xi[a,1]$  and  $\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and if  $p(\cdot,\xi)$  satisfies

(5) 
$$\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi) \prec \prec h(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}$$

then  $p(z,\xi) \prec q(z,\xi)$  and  $q(\cdot,\xi)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* By applying Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 we deduce that  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  is a dominant of (5). Since  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  satisfies (4), it is a solution of (5) and therefore q will be dominated by all dominants of (5). Hence  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  will be the best dominant of (5).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem No. 5.** Let  $h(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \times \overline{U} \to \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that the differential equation

(6) 
$$\psi(q(z,\xi), nzq'(z,\xi), n(n-1)zq'(z,\xi) + n^2 z^{2n} q''(z,\xi); z,\xi) = h(z,\xi),$$

 $z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$  has a solution  $q(\cdot, \xi)$ , with  $q(0, \xi) = a$ , and one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in Q_{\xi}$  and  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h(\cdot,\xi), q(\cdot,\xi)];$ 

(ii)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h(\cdot,\xi), q_\rho(\cdot,\xi)]$ , for some  $\rho \in (0,1)$ , or

(iii)  $q(\cdot,\xi) \in S\xi$ , for all  $\xi \in \overline{U}$  and there exists  $\rho_0 \in (0,1)$  such that  $\psi \in \Psi_n[h_\rho(\cdot,\xi), q_\rho(\cdot,\xi)]$  for all  $\rho \in (\rho_0, 1)$ .

If  $p(\cdot,\xi) \in \xi[a,n]$ ,  $\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and  $p(\cdot,\xi)$  satisfies

(7) 
$$\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi) \prec \prec h(z,\xi),$$

 $z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$ , then  $p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi), z \in U, \xi \in \overline{U}$ , and  $q(\cdot,\xi)$  is the best dominant.

*Proof.* By applying Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 we deduce that  $q(\cdot,\xi)$  is a dominant of (7). If we let  $p(z,\xi) = q(z^n,\xi)$ , then

$$zp'(z,\xi) = nz^n q'(z^n,\xi)$$

and

$$z^{2}p''(z,\xi) = n(n-1)z^{n}q'(z^{n}) + n^{2}z^{2n}q''(z^{n},\xi).$$

Therefore from (6) we obtain

$$\psi(p(z,\xi),zp'(z,\xi),z^2p''(z,\xi);z,\xi) = h(z^n,\xi) \prec \prec h(z,\xi), \quad z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}.$$

Since  $p(U \times \overline{U}) = q(U \times \overline{U})$ , we conclude that  $q(\cdot, \xi)$  is best dominant.  $\Box$ Example No. 1. Let  $q(z, \xi) = 1 + \frac{\xi}{2}z$ ,

$$h(z,\xi) = q(z,\xi) + zq'(z,\xi) + z^2q''(z,\xi) = 1 + \xi z$$

If  $\psi(p(z,\xi), zp'(z,\xi), z^2p''(z,\xi); z,\xi) = p(z,\xi) + zp'(z,\xi) + z^2p''(z,\xi)$  is analytic in  $U \times \overline{U}$  and satisfies

$$p(z,\xi) + zp'(z,\xi) + z^2 p''(z,\xi) \prec \prec h(z,\xi) = 1 + \xi z$$

then

$$p(z,\xi) \prec \prec q(z,\xi) = 1 + \xi z, z \in U, \ \xi \in \overline{U}$$

and  $q(\cdot,\xi)$  is the best dominant.

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