

# A note on a differential superordination defined by a generalized Sălăgean operator<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

The object of this paper is to obtain a certain superordination using a generalized form of the Sălăgean differential operator.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Omega$  be any set in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $p$  be analytic in the unit disc  $U$  and let  $\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Many research mathematicians 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

$$\Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) : z \in U\}.$$

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This problem was introduced in [3]. More information related to this subject can be obtained from [2].

We will denote by  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  the set of analytic functions in the unit disc  $U$ , i.e.  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we denote by

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

and

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots\},$$

so  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1$ .

**Definition 1.1.** (see [3]) Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be analytic in  $U$ . If  $p$  and  $\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$  are univalent in  $U$  and satisfy the first-order differential superordination

$$(1.1) \quad h(z) \prec \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential superordination. An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinator of the solutions of the differential superordination, or more simply a subordinator if  $q \prec p$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1.1). An univalent subordinator  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all subordinants  $q$  of (1.1) is said to be the best subordinator. The best subordinator is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .

For  $\Omega$  a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $\psi$  and  $p$  as given in Definition 1.1, suppose (1.1) is replaced by

$$(1.2) \quad \Omega \subset \{\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \mid z \in U\}.$$

Although this more general situation is a differential containment, the condition in (1.2) will also be referred to as a differential superordination, and the definitions of solution, subordinator and the best subordinator as given above can be extended to this generalization.

We denote by  $Q$  the set of functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\bar{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where

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

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  $Q(a)$  (see [3]).

We will use the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** (see [3]) *Let  $h$  be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = a$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ , and  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n] \cap Q$ . If  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  is univalent in  $U$ ,*

$$(1.3) \quad h(z) \prec p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$$

then

$$(1.4) \quad q(z) \prec p(z),$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subinvariant.

**Lemma 1.2.** (see [3]) *Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by*

$$(1.5) \quad h(z) = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\gamma}, \quad z \in U$$

with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n] \cap Q$ ,  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma}$  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

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $q$  is the best subinvariant.

We will use also the following operator.

F.M. Al-Oboudi in [1] defined, for a function in  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , the following differential operator:

$$(1.6) \quad D^0 f(z) = f(z)$$

$$(1.7) \quad D_\lambda^1 f(z) = D_\lambda f(z) = (1 - \lambda)f(z) + \lambda z f'(z)$$

$$(1.8) \quad D_\lambda^m f(z) = D_\lambda(D_\lambda^{m-1} f(z)), \quad \lambda > 0.$$

When  $\lambda = 1$ , we get the Sălăgean operator [5]

$$(1.9) \quad D_\lambda^m f(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} [1 + (k-1)\lambda]^m a_k z^k$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .

## 2 Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}(U)$  be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ .*

*Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and suppose that  $[D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)]'$  is univalent and  $[D_\lambda^m f(z)]' \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q$ .*

*If*

$$(2.1) \quad h(z) \prec [D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)]'$$

*then*

$$(2.2) \quad q(z) \prec [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

*where*

$$(2.3) \quad q(z) = \frac{1}{nz^{1/\lambda n}} \int_0^z h(t) t^{\frac{1}{\lambda n} - 1} dt.$$

*The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinant.*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D_\lambda^m$  we have

$$(2.4) \quad D_\lambda^{m+1}f(z) = D_\lambda(D_\lambda^m f(z)) = (1 - \lambda)D_\lambda^m f(z) + \lambda z[D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

Differentiating (2.4) we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad [D_\lambda^{m+1}f(z)]' = [D_\lambda^m f(z)]' + \lambda z[D_\lambda^m f(z)]''$$

If we let  $p(z) = [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$  then (2.5) becomes

$$(2.6) \quad [D_\lambda^{m+1}f(z)]' = p(z) + \lambda z p'(z)$$

By using Lemma 1.1, for  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ , we have

$$(2.7) \quad q(z) \prec p(z) = [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}(U)$  be convex in  $U$ , with  $h(0) = 1$  and let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ,

$[D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$  is univalent and  $\frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ .

If

$$(2.8) \quad h(z) \prec [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

then

$$(2.9) \quad q(z) \prec \frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z}$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** We set

$$(2.10) \quad p(z) = \frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z}$$

and we have

$$(2.11) \quad D_\lambda^m f(z) = zp(z).$$

By differentiating (2.11) we obtain

$$[D_\lambda^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z),$$

and (2.8) becomes

$$h(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z)$$

Using Lemma 1.1 we get

$$q(z) \prec p(z) = \frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z}$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is convex and is the best subordinated.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by*

$$(2.12) \quad h(z) = q(z) + \lambda zq'(z), \quad z \in U, \quad \lambda > 0.$$

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

$$(2.13) \quad h(z) = q(z) + \lambda zq'(z) \prec [D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)]'$$

*then*

$$(2.14) \quad q(z) \prec [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

*where*

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

*The function  $q$  is the best subordinated.*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ . By using the properties of the operator  $D_\lambda^m f$  we have

$$[D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)]' = [D_\lambda^m f(z)]' + \lambda z [D_\lambda^m f(z)]''$$

and by denoting

$$p(z) = [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

then we obtain

$$[D_\lambda^{m+1} f(z)]' = p(z) + \lambda z p'(z)$$

By using Lemma 1.2 we have

$$q(z) \prec [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

where

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

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $q$  be convex in  $U$  and let  $h$  be defined by

$$(2.15) \quad h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z).$$

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and suppose that  $[D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$  is univalent in  $U$ ,  $\frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, n] \cap Q$  and

$$(2.16) \quad h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z) \prec [D_\lambda^m f(z)]'$$

then

$$(2.17) \quad q(z) \prec \frac{D_\lambda^m f(z)}{z}$$

where

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

The function  $q$  is the best subdominant.

**Proof.** If we let

$$p(z) = \frac{D_{\lambda}^m f(z)}{z}$$

we obtain

$$[D_{\lambda}^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z).$$

Then (2.16) becomes

$$q(z) + zq'(z) \prec p(z) + zp'(z).$$

By using Lemma 1.2 we get

$$q(z) \prec \frac{D_{\lambda}^m f(z)}{z}$$

where

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

**Remark 2.1.** For the function

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

and  $\lambda = 1$ , similar results were obtained in [4].

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