

# Sandwich Theorems for Some Subclasses of $p$ -Valent Functions Defined by New Differential Operator

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## Abstract

*The purpose of this paper is to derive some subordination, superordination and sandwich results, which are connected by new differential operator  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m$ .*

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $H = H(U)$  denote the class of analytic functions in the open unit disc  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and  $H[a, p]$  denote the subclass of the functions  $f \in H$  of the form

$$f(z) = a + a_p z^p + a_{p+1} z^{p+1} + \dots \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}; p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}).$$

Also, let  $A(p)$  be the subclass of functions  $f \in H$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1)$$

We write  $A(1) = A$ .

If  $f, g \in H$  are analytic in  $U$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , or  $g$  is superordinate to  $f$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ), such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . In such a case we write  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ). If  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then the following equivalence relationship holds true (cf., e.g., [8] and [14]):

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(U) \subset g(U).$$

Let  $\varphi, h \in H$  and

$$\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

If  $\varphi(z)$  and  $\psi(\varphi(z), z\varphi'(z), z^2\varphi''(z); z)$  are univalent functions in  $U$  and  $\varphi(z)$  satisfies the second-order superordination

$$h(z) \prec \psi(\varphi(z), z\varphi'(z), z^2\varphi''(z); z), \quad (2)$$

then  $\varphi$  is called to be a solution of the differential superordination (2). A function  $q \in H$  is called a subordinant of (2), if  $q(z) \prec \varphi(z)$  for all the functions  $\varphi$  satisfying (2). A univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q(z) \prec \tilde{q}(z)$  for all the subordinants  $q$  of (2), is said to be the best subordinant. Recently, Miller and Mocanu [15] obtained sufficient conditions on the functions  $h, q$  and  $\psi$  for which the following implication holds:

$$h(z) \prec \psi(\varphi(z), z\varphi'(z), z^2\varphi''(z); z) \Rightarrow q(z) \prec \varphi(z).$$

Using these results, Bulboacă [7] considered certain classes of first order differential subordinations, as well as subordination preserving integral operators [6]. Obradović and Owa [17] obtained subordination results for the quantity  $\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\mu$ , where  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

For  $f \in A(p)$  given by (1) and  $g \in A(p)$  defined by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad (3)$$

the Hadamard product or (convolution) is defined by

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

Using the convolution and for  $\lambda, l \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we define the linear operator  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g) : A(p) \rightarrow A(p)$  by:

$$D_{p,l,\lambda}^0(f * g)(z) = (f * g)(z);$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{p,l,\lambda}^1(f * g)(z) &= D_{p,l,\lambda}(f * g)(z) = (1 - \lambda)(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{(p + l)z^{l-1}} (z^l(f * g)(z))' \\ &= z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p + l + \lambda(k - p)}{p + l} \right) a_k b_k z^k; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{p,l,\lambda}^2(f * g)(z) &= (1 - \lambda)D_{p,l,\lambda}(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{(p + l)z^{l-1}} (z^l D_{p,l,\lambda}(f * g)(z))' \\ &= z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p + l + \lambda(k - p)}{p + l} \right)^2 a_k b_k z^k \end{aligned}$$

and (in general)

$$\begin{aligned} D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z) &= (1 - \lambda)D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m-1}(f * g)(z) + \frac{\lambda}{(p + l)z^{l-1}} (z^l D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m-1}(f * g)(z))' \\ &= z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p + l + \lambda(k - p)}{p + l} \right)^m a_k b_k z^k. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (4), we can easily deduce that

$$\lambda z (D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z))' = (p + l)D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z) - [p(1 - \lambda) + l] D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z) \quad (\lambda > 0). \quad (5)$$

We remark that:

(i) For  $g(z) = z^p(1 - z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1$  ( $k \geq p + 1$ ), we have  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z) = I_p^m(\lambda, l)f(z)$ , where the operator  $I_p^m(\lambda, l)$  was introduced and studied by Catas [9] which contains the operators  $D_p^m$  (see [4] and [12]) and  $D_\lambda^m$  (see [1]);

(ii) For  $b_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-p} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-p}}{(\beta_1)_{k-p} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-p} (1)_{k-p}}$ , we have  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z) = I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,l}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)$ ,

where the operator  $I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,l}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  was introduced and studied by El-Ashwah and Aouf [11] ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s$  are real or complex numbers,  $\beta_j \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s, q \leq s + 1, s, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) and

$$(d)_k = \begin{cases} 1 & (k = 0; d \in \mathbb{C}^*) \\ d(d + 1) \dots (d + k - 1) & (k \in \mathbb{N}; d \in \mathbb{C}); \end{cases}$$

(iii) For  $m = 0$  and  $b_k = \frac{\Gamma(p + \alpha + \beta)\Gamma(k + \beta)}{\Gamma(p + \beta)\Gamma(k + \alpha + \beta)}$  ( $\alpha \geq 0, \beta > -p, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ),

we have  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z) = Q_{p,\beta}^\alpha f(z)$ , where the operator  $Q_{p,\beta}^\alpha$  was introduced by Liu and Owa [13] and reduces to the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston operator  $F_{c,p}$  for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = c$  ( $c > -p, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) ( see [10]).

In this paper, we obtain sufficient conditions for analytic functions  $f, g \in A(p)$  defined by using the operator  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m$  to satisfy:

$$q_1(z) \prec \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $U$ .

## 2 Definitions and Preliminaries

To prove our results we shall need the following definition and lemmas.

**Definition 1** [15]. Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the set of all functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where

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

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

**Lemma 1** [14]. Let  $q$  be univalent in the unit disc  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$ , with  $\psi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\psi(q(z))$ ,  $S(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$  and suppose that

(i)  $Q$  is a starlike function in  $U$ ,

(ii)  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zS'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ .

If  $\varphi$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $\varphi(0) = q(0)$ ,  $\varphi(U) \subseteq D$  and

$$\theta(\varphi(z)) + z\varphi'(z)\psi(\varphi(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\psi(q(z)), \quad (6)$$

then  $\varphi(z) \prec q(z)$  and  $q$  is the best dominant of (6).

**Lemma 2** [8]. Let  $q$  be a univalent function in the unit disc  $U$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$ . Suppose that

(i)  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\psi(q(z))} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ ,

(ii)  $zq'(z)\psi(q(z))$  is starlike in  $U$ .

If  $\varphi(z) \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , with  $\varphi(U) \subseteq D$ ,  $\theta(\varphi(z)) + z\varphi'(z)\psi(\varphi(z))$  is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\psi(q(z)) \prec \theta(\varphi(z)) + z\varphi'(z)\psi(\varphi(z)), \quad (7)$$

then  $q(z) \prec \varphi(z)$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant of (7).

**Lemma 3** [18]. The function  $q(z) = (1 - z)^{-2ab}$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) is univalent in  $U$  if and only if  $|2ab - 1| \leq 1$  or  $|2ab + 1| \leq 1$ .

### 3 Subordination results

Unless otherwise mentioned, we shall assume in the reminder of this paper that  $\mu, \delta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $\sigma, v \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ ,  $f, g \in A(p)$  are given by (1) and (3), respectively, and the powers are considered the principal ones.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sigma + 2vq(z)}{\delta} \right\} > 0. \quad (8)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) &= \sigma \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^{2\mu} \\ &\quad + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

If  $q(z)$  satisfies the following subordination:

$$\chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \prec \sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z), \quad (10)$$

then

$$\left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \prec q(z) \quad (11)$$

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

**Proof.** Define  $\varphi(z)$  by

$$\varphi(z) = \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (z \in U). \quad (12)$$

Then the function  $\varphi(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $\varphi(0) = 1$ . Therefore, differentiating (12) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we deduce that

$$\frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} = \mu \left( \frac{z (D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z))'}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - p \right). \quad (13)$$

From (13) and by using (5), a simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \varphi(z) + v(\varphi(z))^2 + \delta z \varphi'(z) &= \sigma \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^{2\mu} \\ &\quad + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

hence the subordination (10) is equivalent to

$$\sigma\varphi(z) + v(\varphi(z))^2 + \delta z\varphi'(z) \prec \sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta zq'(z).$$

The above subordination can be written as (6), when  $\theta(w) = \sigma w + vw^2$  and  $\psi(w) = \delta$ . Note that  $\psi(w) \neq 0$  and  $\theta(w)$ ,  $\psi(w)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Setting

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\psi(q(z)) = \delta zq'(z) \quad (15)$$

and

$$S(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta zq'(z), \quad (16)$$

we can verify that  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zS'(z)}{Q(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sigma + 2vq(z)}{\delta} + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} \right\} > 0. \quad (17)$$

The theorem follows by applying Lemma 1.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  and  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  be starlike univalent in  $U$ . Further assume that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{vq(z)}{\delta} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\} > 0. \quad (18)$$

If

$$\sigma + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \sigma + vq(z) + \delta \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)},$$

then

$$\left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

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

**Proof.** Let  $\theta(w) = \sigma + vw$  and  $\psi(w) = \frac{\delta}{w}$ , we have  $\psi(w) \neq 0$  and  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . Hence the result follows as an application of Lemma 1 for  $\varphi(z) = \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ .

Taking  $q(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2\mu b}}$  ( $\mu, b \in C^*$ ),  $\delta = \frac{1}{\mu b}$ ,  $\lambda = \sigma = p = 1$ ,  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1$  ( $k \geq 2$ ) and  $m = \nu = \ell = 0$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the result obtained by Obradovic et al. [16, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\mu, b \in C^*$  such that  $|2\mu b - 1|$  or  $|2\mu b + 1| \leq 1$ . Let  $f(z) \in A$  and suppose that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ . If

$$1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-z},$$

then

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\mu \prec (1-z)^{-2\mu b}$$

and  $(1-z)^{-2\mu b}$  is the best dominant.

**Remark 1.** For  $\mu = 1$ , Corollary 1, reduces to the recent result of Srivastava and Lashin [19, Corollary1].

Taking  $q(z) = (1+Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}$ ,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1, B \neq 0, \mu \in C^*, \lambda = \sigma = \delta = p = 1, m = \nu = \ell = 0$  and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1 (k \geq 2)$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , with  $B \neq 0$ , and suppose that

$$\left|\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B} - 1\right| \leq 1$$

or

$$\left|\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B} + 1\right| \leq 1.$$

If  $f(z) \in A$  such that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ , and let  $\mu \in C^*$ . If

$$1 + \mu \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right) \prec \frac{1 + [B + \mu(A-B)]z}{1 + Bz},$$

then

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\mu \prec (1+Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}$$

and  $(1+Bz)^{\frac{\mu(A-B)}{B}}$  is the best dominant.

**Remark 2.** For  $\mu = 1$ , Corollary 2, reduces to the recent result of Obradovic and Owa [17].

Putting  $q(z) = (1-z)^{-2\mu b \cos \rho e^{-i\rho}}$  ( $\mu, b \in C^*; |\rho| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ),  $\delta = \frac{e^{i\rho}}{\mu b \cos \rho}, \sigma = p = \lambda = 1, g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1 (k \geq 2)$  and  $m = \nu = \ell = 0$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the next result due to Aouf et al. [2, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 3 [2].** Let  $\mu, b \in C^*$  and  $|\rho| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and suppose that  $|2\mu b \cos \rho e^{-i\rho} - 1| \leq 1$  or  $|2\mu b \cos \rho e^{-i\rho} + 1| \leq 1$ . Let  $f(z) \in A$  such that  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ . If

$$1 + \frac{e^{-i\rho}}{b \cos \rho} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-z},$$

then

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z}\right)^\mu \prec (1-z)^{-2\mu b \cos \rho e^{-i\rho}}$$

and  $(1-z)^{-2\mu b \cos \rho e^{-i\rho}}$  is the best dominant.

Using arguments similar to those of the proof of Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , satisfies (8) and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) &= \sigma \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu + v \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^{2\mu} \\ &+ \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \left( 1 - \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

If

$$\phi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \prec \sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z),$$

then

$$\left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

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

Putting  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $v = 0$  and  $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) in Theorem 3, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\mu}{\beta} \right\} > 0 \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) &= \left( 1 + \frac{\beta(p+l)}{\lambda} \right) \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu + \\ &- \frac{\beta(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

If

$$\psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \prec q(z) + \frac{\beta}{\mu} z q'(z),$$

then

$$\left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

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

## 4 Superordination results

**Theorem 4.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfies (8).

If  $0 \neq \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then

$$\sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z) \prec \chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z), \quad (22)$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu, \quad (23)$$

where  $\chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (9) and  $q(z)$  is the best sub-ordinant.

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi(z)$  defined by (12), we see that (13) holds and the subordination (22) is equivalent to

$$\sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z) \prec \sigma \varphi(z) + v(\varphi(z))^2 + \delta z \varphi'(z),$$

this can be written as (7), when  $\theta(w) = \sigma w + v w^2$  and  $\psi(w) = \delta$ . Note that  $\theta(w), \psi(w)$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Hence the assertion (23) follows by an application of Lemma 2. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  and  $\frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}$  be starlike univalent in  $U$ . Further assume that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{v}{\delta} q(z) \right\} > 0. \quad (24)$$

Let

$$\sigma + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right),$$

is univalent in  $U$ . If  $0 \neq \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , then

$$\sigma + v q(z) + \delta \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \sigma + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right),$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$$

where  $q(z)$  is the best sub-ordinant.

**Proof.** Let  $\theta(w) = \sigma + vw$  and  $\psi(w) = \frac{\delta}{w}$ . Note that  $\psi(w) \neq 0$  ( $w \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . Hence the result follows by an application of Lemma 2 for  $\varphi(z) = \left(\frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f*g)(z)}{z^p}\right)^\mu$ .

Using arguments similar to those of the proof of Theorem 1 and then by applying Lemma 2 we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfies (8).

If  $0 \neq \left(\frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f*g)(z)}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\phi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then

$$\sigma q(z) + v(q(z))^2 + \delta z q'(z) \prec \phi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z),$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec \left(\frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f*g)(z)}\right)^\mu,$$

where  $\phi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (19) and  $q(z)$  is the best subordinant.

Putting  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $v = 0$  and  $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) in Theorem 6, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 5.** Let  $q(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and satisfies

(20). If  $0 \neq \left(\frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f*g)(z)}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then

$$q(z) + \frac{\beta}{\mu} z q'(z) \prec \psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z),$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec \left(\frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f*g)(z)}\right)^\mu,$$

where  $\psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (21) and  $q(z)$  is the best subordinant.

## 5 Sandwich results

By combining Theorem 1 with Theorem 4, we obtain the following sandwich theorem:

**Theorem 7.** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$ , satisfying  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sigma + 2vq_i(z)}{\delta} \right\} > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = q(0) = 1$ . If  $\left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is univalent in  $U$  where  $\chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (9), then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma q_1(z) + v(q_1(z))^2 + \delta z q_1'(z) &< \chi(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \\ &< \sigma q_2(z) + v(q_2(z))^2 + \delta z q_2'(z), \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$q_1(z) < \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < q_2(z),$$

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

By combining Theorem 2 with Theorem 5, we obtain the following sandwich theorem:

**Theorem 8.** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$ , satisfying (24) and (18) respectively such that  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = q(0) = 1$ . Suppose  $\frac{z q_i'(z)}{q_i(z)}$  be starlike univalent in  $U$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let

$$\eta(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) = \sigma + v \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \delta \mu \frac{(p+l)}{\lambda} \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^{m+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} - 1 \right),$$

be univalent in  $U$ . If  $0 \neq \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , then

$$\sigma + v q_1(z) + \delta \frac{z q_1'(z)}{q_1(z)} < \eta(f, g, \sigma, v, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) < \sigma + v q_2(z) + \delta \frac{z q_2'(z)}{q_2(z)},$$

implies

$$q_1(z) < \left( \frac{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu < q_2(z),$$

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

**Remark 3.** Putting  $\sigma = p = 1$ ,  $v = 0$  and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1 (k \geq 2)$  in Theorem 8 we obtain result obtained by Aouf et al. [5; Theorem 6].

By combining Theorem 3 with Theorem 6, we obtain the following sandwich result:

**Corollary 6.** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$ , satisfying (8) such that  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = q(0) = 1$ . Suppose  $\frac{z q_i'(z)}{q_i(z)}$  be starlike univalent in

$U$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $\phi(f, g, \sigma, \nu, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $0 \neq \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma q_1(z) + \nu(q_1(z))^2 + \delta z q_1'(z) &\prec \phi(f, g, \sigma, \nu, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \\ &\prec \sigma q_2(z) + \nu(q_2(z))^2 + \delta z q_2'(z), \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$q_1(z) \prec \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $\phi(f, g, \sigma, \nu, \delta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (19) and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subdominant and best dominant.

**Remark 4.** Putting  $\sigma = p = 1$ ,  $\nu = 0$ ,  $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1$  ( $k \geq 2$ ) in Corollary 6 we obtain the result obtained by Aouf and El-Ashwah [3; Theorem 7].

By combining Corollary 4 and Corollary 5, we obtain the following sandwich result:

**Corollary 7.** Let  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$ , satisfying (20) such that  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = q(0) = 1$ . Suppose  $\frac{z q_i'(z)}{q_i(z)}$  be starlike univalent in  $U$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $\psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $0 \neq \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , then

$$q_1(z) + \frac{\beta}{\mu} z q_1'(z) \prec \psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z) \prec q_2(z) + \frac{\beta}{\mu} z q_2'(z),$$

implies

$$q_1(z) \prec \left( \frac{z^p}{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)} \right)^\mu \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $\psi(f, g, \beta, \mu, p, \lambda, l, m)(z)$  is defined by (21) and  $q_1(z)$  and  $q_2(z)$  are respectively the best subdominant and best dominant.

**Remark 5.** (i) Taking  $g(z) = z^p(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1$  ( $k \geq p+1$ ) in the above results, we obtain the results corresponding to the operator  $I_p^m(\lambda, l)$ ;

$$(ii) \text{ Taking } b_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-p} \cdots (\alpha_q)_{k-p}}{(\beta_1)_{k-p} \cdots (\beta_s)_{k-p} (1)_{k-p}}, \text{ } (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q \text{ and } \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s \text{ are}$$

real or complex numbers,  $\beta_j \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^-, j = 1, 2, \dots, s, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) in the above results, we obtain the results corresponding to the operator  $I_{p,q,s,\lambda}^{m,l}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ ;

$$(iii) \text{ Taking } m = 0 \text{ and } b_k = \frac{\Gamma(p + \alpha + \beta) \Gamma(k + \beta)}{\Gamma(p + \beta) \Gamma(k + \alpha + \beta)} (\alpha \geq 0, \beta >$$

$-1, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ), in the above results, we obtain the results corresponding to the operator  $Q_{p,\beta}^\alpha$ .

**Remark 6.** (i) Putting  $\sigma = p = 1$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1(k \geq 2)$  in Theorems 1, 4 and 7, respectively, we obtain the results obtained by Aouf et. al [5; Theorems 1, 3 and 5, respectively];

(ii) Putting  $\sigma = p = 1$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $\delta = \beta$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1(k \geq 2)$  in Theorems 2 and 5, respectively, we obtain the results obtained by Aouf et. al [5; Theorems 2 and 4, respectively];

(iii) Putting  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$  ( $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ) and  $g(z) = z(1-z)^{-1}$  or  $b_k = 1(k \geq 2)$  in Theorems 3 and 6, respectively, we obtain the results obtained by Aouf and El-Ashwah [3; Theorems 1 and 4, respectively].

## 6 Open Problem

Find sufficient conditions for analytic functions  $f, g \in A(p)$  defined by using the operator  $D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)$  to satisfy:

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^{p+1}(D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z))'}{p\{D_{p,l,\lambda}^m(f * g)(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $U$ .

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