

# Sandwich Theorems for Higher-Order Derivatives of $p$ -Valent Functions Involving a Generalized Differential Operator

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to obtain some applications of first order differential subordination, superordination and sandwich results for higher-order derivatives of  $p$ -valent functions involving a generalized differential operator. Some of our results improve and generalize previously known results.

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## 1 Introduction

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

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

For simplicity  $H[a] = H[a, 1]$ . Also, let  $\mathcal{A}(p)$  be the subclass of  $H(U)$  consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are  $p$ -valent in  $U$ . We write  $\mathcal{A}(1) = \mathcal{A}$ .

If  $f, g \in H(U)$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  or  $g$  is superordinate to  $f$ , written  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  if there exists a Schwarz function  $w$ , which (by definition) is analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ ,  $z \in U$ . Furthermore, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $U$ , then we have the following equivalence, (cf., e.g., [9], [17] and [18]):

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

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $h$  be univalent function in  $U$ . If  $\beta$  is analytic function in  $U$  and satisfies the first order differential subordination:

$$\phi\left(\beta(z), z\beta'(z); z\right) \prec h(z), \quad (1.2)$$

then  $\beta$  is a solution of the differential subordination (1.2). The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination (1.2) if  $\beta(z) \prec q(z)$  for all  $\beta$  satisfying (1.2). A univalent dominant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q} \prec q$  for all dominants of (1.2) is called the best dominant. If  $\beta$  and  $\phi$  are univalent functions in  $U$  and if satisfies first order differential superordination:

$$h(z) \prec \phi\left(\beta(z), z\beta'(z); z\right), \quad (1.3)$$

then  $\beta$  is a solution of the differential superordination (1.3). An analytic function  $q$  is called a subordinated of the solutions of the differential superordination (1.3) if  $q(z) \prec \beta(z)$  for all  $\beta$  satisfying (1.3). A univalent subordinated  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q(z) \prec \tilde{q}(z)$  for all subordinants of (1.3) is called the best subordinated.

Using the results of Miller and Mocanu [18], Bulboaca [8] considered certain classes of first order differential superordinations as well as superordination-preserving integral operators [9]. Ali et al. [1], have used the results of Bulboaca [8] to obtain sufficient conditions for normalized analytic functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$

to satisfy:

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q_2(z),$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Also, Tuneski [24] obtained a sufficient condition for starlikeness of  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  in terms of the quantity  $\frac{f''(z)f(z)}{(f'(z))^2}$ . Recently, Shanmugam et al. [22] obtained sufficient conditions for the normalized analytic function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  to satisfy

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)} \prec q_2(z)$$

and

$$q_1(z) \prec \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{\{f(z)\}^2} \prec q_2(z).$$

For functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  given by (1.1) and  $g \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  given by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.4)$$

the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f$  and  $g$  is given by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z). \quad (1.5)$$

Upon differentiating both sides of (1.5)  $j$ -times with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$(f * g)^{(j)}(z) = \delta(p; j) z^{p-j} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \delta(k; j) a_k b_k z^{k-j}, \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\delta(p; j) = \frac{p!}{(p-j)!} \quad (p > j; p \in \mathbb{N}; j \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}). \quad (1.7)$$

For functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}(p)$ , we define the linear operator  $D_{\lambda, p}^n (f * g)^{(j)} : \mathcal{A}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(p)$  by:

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

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

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

and ( in general )

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) &= D(D_p^{n-1} (f * g)^{(j)}(z)) \\ &= \delta(p; j) z^{p-j} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p-j+\lambda(k-p)}{p-j} \right)^n \delta(k; j) a_k b_k z^{k-j} \\ &(\lambda \geq 0; p > j; p \in \mathbb{N}; j, n \in \mathbb{N}_0; z \in U). \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

From (1.8), we can easily deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda z}{p-j} \left( D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) \right)' &= D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * g)^{(j)}(z) - (1-\lambda) D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) \\ &(\lambda > 0; p > j; p \in \mathbb{N}; n, j \in \mathbb{N}_0; z \in U). \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

We observe that the linear operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z)$  reduces to several interesting many other linear operators considered earlier for different choices of  $j, n, \lambda$  and the function  $g$ :

(i) For  $j = 0$ ,  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)(z)$ , where the operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)$  ( $\lambda \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) was introduced and studied by Selvaraj et al. [21] (see also [7]), and  $D_{\lambda,1}^n (f * g)(z) = D_{\lambda}^n (f * g)(z)$ , where the operator  $D_{\lambda}^n (f * g)$  was introduced by Aouf and Mostafa [6];

(ii) For

$$g(z) = \frac{z^p}{1-z} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}; z \in U) \quad (1.10)$$

we have  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n f^{(j)}(z)$ ,  $D_{\lambda,p}^n f^{(0)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n f(z)$ , where the operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n$  is the  $p$ -valent Al-Oboudi operator which was introduced by El-Ashwah and Aouf [12],  $D_{1,p}^n f^{(j)}(z) = D_p^n f^{(j)}(z)$ , where the operator  $D_p^n f^{(j)}$  ( $p > j, p \in \mathbb{N}, n, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) was introduced and studied by Aouf [3,4], and  $D_{1,p}^n f^{(0)}(z) = D_p^n f(z)$ , where the operator  $D_p^n$  is the  $p$ -valent Sălăgean operator which was introduced and studied by Kamali and Orhan [13] (see also [5]);

(iii) For

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-p} \cdots (\alpha_q)_{k-p}}{(\beta_1)_{k-p} \cdots (\beta_s)_{k-p} (1)_{k-p}} z^k \quad (z \in U), \quad (1.11)$$

(for complex parameters  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  ( $\beta_j \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, s$ );  $q \leq s+1; p \in \mathbb{N}; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) where  $(\nu)_k$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined in terms to the Gamma function  $\Gamma$ , by

$$(\nu)_k = \frac{\Gamma(\nu + k)}{\Gamma(\nu)} = \begin{cases} 1, & (k = 0), \\ \nu(\nu + 1)(\nu + 2)\dots(\nu + k - 1), & (k \in \mathbb{N}). \end{cases}$$

we have  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n (H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f)^{(j)}(z)$ , and  $D_{\lambda,p}^0 (f * g)^{(0)}(z) = H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)$ , where the operator  $H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) = H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)$  is the Dziok-Srivastava operator which was introduced and studied by Dziok and Srivastava [11] and which contains in turn many interesting operators;

(iv) For

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p+l+\alpha(k-p)}{p+l} \right)^m z^k \quad (1.12)$$

( $\alpha \geq 0$ ;  $l \geq 0$ ;  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ;  $z \in U$ ),

we have  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n (I_p(m, \alpha, l)f)^{(j)}(z)$ , and  $D_{\lambda,p}^0 (f * g)^{(0)}(z) = I_p(m, \alpha, l)f(z)$ , where the operator  $I_p(m, \alpha, l)$  was introduced and studied by Cătas [10] which contains in turn many interesting operators such as,  $I_p(m, 1, l) = I_p(m, l)$ , where  $I_p(m, l)$  was investigated by Kumar et al. [14];

(v) For

$$g(z) = z^p + \frac{\Gamma(p+\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(p+\beta)} \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(k+\beta)}{\Gamma(k+\alpha+\beta)} z^k \quad (1.13)$$

( $\alpha \geq 0$ ;  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $\beta > -1$ ;  $z \in U$ )

we have  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n (Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f)^{(j)}(z)$ , and  $D_{\lambda,p}^0 (f * g)^{(0)}(z) = Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z)$ , where the operator  $Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha$  was introduced and studied by Liu and Owa [15];

(vi) For  $j = 0$  and  $g$  of the form (1.11) with  $p = 1$ , we have  $D_{\lambda,1}^n (f * g)(z) = D_\lambda^n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)(z)$ , where the operator  $D_\lambda^n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)$  was introduced and studied by Selvaraj and Karthikeyan [20];

(vii) For  $j = 0$ ,  $p = 1$  and

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(2-m)}{\Gamma(k+1-m)} \right]^n z^k$$

( $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ;  $0 \leq m < 1$ ;  $z \in U$ )

we have  $D_{\lambda,1}^n (f * g)(z) = D_\lambda^{n,m} f(z)$ , where the operator  $D_\lambda^{n,m}$  was introduced and studied by Al-Oboudi and Al-Amoudi [2].

In this paper, we will derive several subordination, superordination and sandwich results involving the operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}$ .

## 2 Definitions and preliminarie

In order to prove our subordinations and superordinations, we need the following definition and lemmas.

**Definition 2.1** [18]. Denote by  $Q$ , the set of all functions  $f$  that are analytic and injective on  $\bar{U} \setminus E(f)$ , where

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

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

**Lemma 2.1** [18]. Let  $q$  be univalent in  $U$  and  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$  with  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(U)$ . Set

$$\psi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) \quad \text{and} \quad h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + \psi(z). \quad (2.1)$$

Suppose that

(i)  $\psi(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ ,

(ii)  $\Re \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{\psi(z)} \right\} > 0$  for  $z \in U$ .

If  $\beta$  is analytic with  $\beta(0) = q(0)$ ,  $\beta(U) \subset D$  and

$$\theta(\beta(z)) + z\beta'(z)\varphi(\beta(z)) \prec \theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)), \quad (2.2)$$

then  $\beta(z) \prec q(z)$  and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Lemma 2.2** [8]. Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  containing  $q(U)$ . Suppose that

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

(ii)  $\Psi(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ .

If  $\beta(z) \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $\beta(U) \subseteq D$ , and  $\theta(\beta(z)) + z\beta'(z)\phi(\beta(z))$  is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) \prec \theta(\beta(z)) + z\beta'(z)\phi(\beta(z)), \quad (2.3)$$

then  $q(z) \prec \beta(z)$  and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

## 3 Subordination results

Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume throughout this paper that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), such that  $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma_3, \mu \in \mathbb{C}^* (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\delta(p; j)$  is given by (1.7),  $p > j$ ;  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and the powers are understood as the principle values.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q(z) + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \quad (3.1)$$

If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Proof.** Define a function  $\varrho$  by

$$\varrho(z) = \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \quad (z \in U). \quad (3.2)$$

Then the function  $\varrho$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $\varrho(0) = 1$ . Therefore, differentiating (3.2) logarithmically with respect to  $z$  and using the identity (1.9) in the resulting equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \varrho(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z\varrho'(z)}{\varrho(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \varrho(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z\varrho'(z)}{\varrho(z)} \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

By setting

$$\theta(w) = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 w \text{ and } \varphi(w) = \frac{\gamma_3}{w},$$

it can be easily observed that  $\theta$  is analytic function in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi$  is analytic function in  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$ . Also we see that

$$\psi(z) = zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) = \gamma_3 \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and

$$h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + \psi(z) = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)},$$

it is clear that  $\psi$  is starlike univalent in  $U$  and

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{zh'(z)}{\psi(z)} \right\} = \Re \left\{ \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q(z) + 1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right\} > 0$$

Therefore, Theorem 3.1 now follows by applying Lemma 2.1. ■

Putting  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  in Theorem 3.1, it easy to check that the assumption (3.1) holds whenever  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , hence we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$  and assume that

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + \frac{1-Bz}{1+Bz} - \frac{(A-B)z}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U), \quad (3.3)$$

holds. If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} + \gamma_3 \frac{(A-B)z}{(1+Az)(1+Bz)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$

and the function  $\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $j = 0$  in Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that (3.1) holds. If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  satisfy the following subordination



condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z^p} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{p}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $p = \lambda = 1$  and  $n = 0$  in Corollary 3.2, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result of Magesh et al. [16, Theorem 3.1].

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that (3.1) holds. If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z (f * \Phi)'(z) + \beta z (f * \Psi)'(z)}{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $\Phi(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$ , and  $\Psi(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$  in Corollary 3.3, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result of Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.2].

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that (3.1) holds. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z f'(z) + \beta z f'(z) + \beta z^2 f''(z)}{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

and the function  $q$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  in Corollary 3.4, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result of Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.3]

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and (3.1) holds true. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z} \right)^\mu + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{z^2 f''(z) + 2z f'(z)}{f(z) + z f'(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\left( \frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z} \right)^\mu \prec q(z)$$

and the function  $q$  is the best dominant.

**Remark 3.1. (i)** Taking  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 0$  in Corollary 3.4, we obtain the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.4];

**(ii)** Taking  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$  in Corollary 3.4, we obtain the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.5].

Taking  $\gamma_1 = \alpha = 1$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \beta = 0$ ,  $q(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2ab}}$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ),  $\mu = a$  and  $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{ab}$  in Corollary 3.4, we obtain the following corollary obtained by Obradović et al. [19, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and (3.1) holds true. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

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

then

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

and the function  $\frac{1}{(1-z)^{2ab}}$  is the best dominant.

Taking  $\gamma_1 = \beta = 1$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \alpha = 0$ ,  $q(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2b}}$  ( $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ),  $\mu = 1$  and  $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{b}$  in Corollary 3.4, we obtain the following corollary obtained by Srivastava and Lashin [23, Theorem 3].

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ , and (3.1) holds true. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:

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

then

$$f'(z) \prec \frac{1}{(1-z)^{2b}}$$

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

## 4 Superordination results

Now, by appealing to Lemma 2.2 it can be easily prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that  $\Re \left( \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q(z) \right) > 0$ . If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  such that  $\left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

is univalent in  $U$  and the following superordination condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

holds, then

$$q(z) \prec \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

**Proof.** Define a function  $\varrho$  by

$$\varrho(z) = \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \quad (z \in U). \quad (4.2)$$

Then the function  $\varrho$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $\varrho(0) = 1$ . Therefore, differentiating (4.2) logarithmically with respect to  $z$  and using the identity (1.9) in the resulting equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \varrho(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z \varrho'(z)}{\varrho(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \varrho(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z \varrho'(z)}{\varrho(z)}.$$

By setting

$$\theta(w) = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 w \text{ and } \varphi(w) = \frac{\gamma_3}{w},$$

it can be easily observed that  $\theta$  is analytic function in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Also,  $\varphi$  is analytic function in  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$ . Also we see that

$$\psi(z) = z q'(z) \varphi(q(z)) = \gamma_3 \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\varphi(q(z))} \right\} = \Re \left\{ \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q(z) \right\} > 0 \text{ for } z \in U,$$

it is clear that  $\psi$  is starlike univalent in  $U$ .

Therefore, Theorem 4.1 now follows by applying Lemma 2.2. ■

Taking  $q(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  ( $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 4.1, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $\Re \left( \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \right) > 0$ . If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  such that  $\left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is univalent in  $U$ , and the following superordination condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} + \gamma_3 \frac{(A - B)z}{(1 + Bz)^2} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p - j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

holds, then

$$\frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \prec \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu$$

and  $\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$  is the best subordinant.

Taking  $p = \lambda = 1$  and  $j = n = 0$  in Theorem 4.1, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Theorem 3.15].

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that  $\Re \left( \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q(z) \right) > 0$ . If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\left( \frac{\alpha(f*\Phi)(z) + \beta(f*\Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z} \right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z (f * \Phi)'(z) + \beta z (f * \Psi)'(z)}{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and the following superordination condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z (f * \Phi)'(z) + \beta z (f * \Psi)'(z)}{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

holds, then

$$q(z) \prec \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu$$

and  $q$  is the best subordinant.

Taking  $\Phi(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$ , and  $\Psi(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$  in Corollary 4.2, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.16].

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that  $\Re\left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3}q(z)\right) > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\left(\frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z}\right)^\mu + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z f'(z) + \beta z f'(z) + \beta z^2 f''(z)}{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)} - 1 \right\}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} < \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z}\right)^\mu \\ + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z f'(z) + \beta z f'(z) + \beta z^2 f''(z)}{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$q(z) < \left(\frac{\alpha f(z) + \beta z f'(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z}\right)^\mu$$

and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

Taking  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  in Corollary 4.3, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Corollary 3.17].

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $q$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and assume that  $\Re\left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3}q(z)\right) > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\left(\frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z}\right)^\mu + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{z^2 f''(z) + 2z f'(z)}{f(z) + z f'(z)} - 1 \right\}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q(z) + \gamma \frac{z q'(z)}{q(z)} < \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z}\right)^\mu + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{z^2 f''(z) + 2z f'(z)}{f(z) + z f'(z)} - 1 \right\},$$

then

$$q(z) < \left(\frac{f(z) + z f'(z)}{2z}\right)^\mu$$

and  $q$  is the best subdominant.

## 5 Sandwich results

Combining Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.1, we get the following sandwich theorem for the linear operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)^{(j)}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $q_1(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = 1$ ,  $\Re\left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3}q_1(z)\right) > 0$ ,  $q_2(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  with  $q_2(0) = 1$  and satisfies (3.1). If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  such that  $\left(\frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q_1(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q_1'(z)}{q_1(z)} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ & \prec \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q_2(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q_2'(z)}{q_2(z)} \end{aligned}$$

holds, then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

Taking  $q_i(z) = \frac{1+A_i z}{1+B_i z}$  ( $i = 1, 2, -1 \leq B_2 \leq B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ ) in Theorem 5.1, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.1.** Let  $\Re\left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} \frac{1+A_1 z}{1+B_1 z}\right) > 0$  and  $q_2(z)$  satisfies (3.3). If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}(p)$  such that  $\left(\frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)\delta(p;j)z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n(f*\Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z} + \gamma_3 \frac{(A_1 - B_1) z}{(1 + B_1 z)^2} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \frac{(p-j)}{\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z} + \gamma_3 \frac{(A_2 - B_2) z}{(1 + B_2 z)^2} \end{aligned}$$

holds, then

$$\frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z} \prec \left( \frac{\alpha D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}} \right)^\mu \prec \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z}$$

and  $\frac{1+A_1z}{1+B_1z}$  and  $\frac{1+A_2z}{1+B_2z}$  are, respectively, the best subdominant and the best dominant.

Taking  $p = \lambda = 1$  and  $j = n = 0$  in Theorem 5.1, we obtain the following corollary which improves the result obtained by Magesh et al. [16, Theorem 4.1].

**Corollary 5.2.** Let  $q_1(z)$  be convex univalent in  $U$  with  $q_1(0) = 1$ ,  $\Re\left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3} q_1(z)\right) > 0$ ,  $q_2(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  with  $q_2(0) = 1$ , and satisfies (3.1). If  $f, \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\left(\frac{\alpha(f*\Phi)(z)+\beta(f*\Psi)(z)}{(\alpha+\beta)z}\right)^\mu \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z (f * \Phi)'(z) + \beta z (f * \Psi)'(z)}{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is univalent in  $U$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q_1(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q_1'(z)}{q_1(z)} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta) z} \right)^\mu \\ & + \gamma_3 \mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha z (f * \Phi)'(z) + \beta z (f * \Psi)'(z)}{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)} - 1 \right\} \\ \prec & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 q_2(z) + \gamma_3 \frac{z q_2'(z)}{q_2(z)} \end{aligned}$$



holds, then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left( \frac{\alpha (f * \Phi)(z) + \beta (f * \Psi)(z)}{(\alpha + \beta)z} \right)^\mu \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

## 6 Open Problem

Consider the function

$$\left( \frac{(\alpha + \beta) \delta(p; j) z^{p-j}}{\alpha D_{\lambda, p}^n (f * \Phi)^{(j)}(z) + \beta D_{\lambda, p}^n (f * \Psi)^{(j)}(z)} \right)^\mu$$

( $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), such that  $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$ ;  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ;  $\lambda > 0$ ;  $p > j$ ;  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $n, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ).

So, derive the subordination, superordination and sandwich results.

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