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**Majorization for certain classes  
of meromorphic functions defined  
by integral operator**

ABSTRACT. Here we investigate a majorization problem involving starlike meromorphic functions of complex order belonging to a certain subclass of meromorphic univalent functions defined by an integral operator introduced recently by Lashin.

**1. Introduction and preliminaries.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the open unit disk

$$(1.1) \quad \Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

For analytic functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  in  $\Delta$ , we say that  $f(z)$  is *majorized* by  $g(z)$  in  $\Delta$  (see [9]) and write

$$(1.2) \quad f(z) \ll g(z) \quad (z \in \Delta),$$

if there exists a function  $\phi(z)$ , analytic in  $\Delta$  such that  $|\phi(z)| \leq 1$ , and

$$(1.3) \quad f(z) = \phi(z)g(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of meromorphic functions of the form

$$(1.4) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k,$$

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which are analytic and univalent in the punctured unit disk

$$(1.5) \quad \Delta^* := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\} := \Delta \setminus \{0\}$$

with a simple pole at the origin.

For functions  $f_j \in \Sigma$  given by

$$(1.6) \quad f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \quad (j = 1, 2; z \in \Delta^*),$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  by

$$(1.7) \quad (f_1 * f_2)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} z^k = (f_2 * f_1)(z).$$

Analogously to the operators defined by Jung, Kim and Srivastava [7] on the normalized analytic functions, Lashin [8] introduced the following integral operators

$$\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha : \Sigma \longrightarrow \Sigma$$

defined by

$$(1.8) \quad \mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{1}{z^{\beta+1}} \int_0^z t^\beta \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt$$

( $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0; z \in \Delta^*$ ), where  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the familiar Gamma function.

Using the integral representation of the Gamma function and (1.4), it can be easily shown that

$$(1.9) \quad \mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+k+1}\right)^\alpha a_k z^k, \quad (\alpha > 0, \beta > 0; z \in \Delta^*).$$

Obviously

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{P}_\beta^1 f(z) := \mathcal{J}_\beta.$$

The operator

$$\mathcal{J}_\beta : \Sigma \longrightarrow \Sigma$$

has also been studied by Lashin [8].

It is easy to verify that (see [8]),

$$(1.11) \quad z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))' = \beta \mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} f(z) - (\beta+1) \mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z).$$

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{S}_\beta^{\alpha,j}(\gamma)$  of meromorphic functions of complex order  $\gamma \neq 0$  in  $\Delta$  if and only if

$$(1.12) \quad \Re \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j+1)}}{(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j)}} + j + 1 \right) \right\} > 0$$

( $z \in \Delta, j \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \alpha > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ).

Clearly, we have the following relationships:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \mathcal{S}_\beta^{0,0}(\gamma) &= \mathcal{S}(\gamma) \quad (\gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}), \\ (ii) \quad \mathcal{S}_\beta^{0,0}(1-\eta) &= \mathcal{S}^*(\eta) \quad (0 \leq \eta < 1). \end{aligned}$$

The classes  $\mathcal{S}(\gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^*(\eta)$  are said to be classes of meromorphic starlike univalent functions of complex order  $\gamma \neq 0$  and meromorphic starlike univalent functions of order  $\eta$  ( $\eta \in \mathfrak{R}$  such that  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ ) in  $\Delta^*$ .

A majorization problem for the normalized classes of starlike functions has been investigated by Altinas et al. [1] and MacGregor [9]. In the recent paper Goyal and Goswami [2] generalized these results for the class of multivalent functions, using fractional derivatives operators. Further, Goyal et al. [3], Goswami and Wang [4], Goswami [5], Goswami et al. [6] studied majorization property for different classes. In this paper, we will study majorization properties for the class of meromorphic functions using integral operator  $\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha$ .

## 2. Majorization problems for the class $\mathcal{S}_\beta^{\alpha,j}(\gamma)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let the function  $f \in \Sigma$  and suppose that  $g \in \mathcal{S}_\beta^{\alpha,j}(\gamma)$ . If  $(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j)}$  is majorized by  $(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}$  in  $\Delta^*$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad |(\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} f(z))^{(j)}| \leq |(\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)}| \quad \text{for } |z| \leq r_1(\beta, \gamma),$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad r_1(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{k_1 - \sqrt{k_1^2 - 4\beta|\beta + 2\gamma|}}{2|\beta + 2\gamma|}$$

and

$$k_1 = \beta + 2 + |\beta + 2\gamma|, (\beta > 0, j \in \mathbb{N}_0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}).$$

**Proof.** Since  $g \in \mathcal{S}_\beta^{\alpha,j}(\gamma)$ , we find from (2.1) that if

$$(2.3) \quad h_1(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j+1)}}{(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}} + j + 1 \right)$$

( $\alpha, \beta > 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ), then  $\Re\{h_1(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ) and

$$(2.4) \quad h_1(z) = \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} \quad (w \in \mathcal{P}),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  denotes the well-known class of bounded analytic functions in  $\Delta$  and  $w(z) = c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$  satisfies the conditions

$$w(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |w(z)| \leq |z| \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

Making use of (2.3) and (2.4), we get

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j+1)}}{(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}} = \frac{(1+j-2\gamma)w(z) - (1+j)}{1-w(z)}.$$

By the principle of mathematical induction, and (1.11), we easily get

$$(2.6) \quad z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j+1)} = \beta(\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)} - (\beta+j+1)(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)},$$

( $\alpha > 1, \beta > 0; z \in \Delta^*$ ). Now using (2.6) in (2.5), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta(\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)}}{(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}} &= (\beta+j+1) + \frac{(1+j-2\gamma)w(z) - (1+j)}{1-w(z)} \\ &= \frac{\beta - (\beta+2\gamma)w(z)}{1-w(z)} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(2.7) \quad (\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)} = \frac{\beta(1-w(z))}{\beta - (\beta+2\gamma)w(z)} (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)}.$$

Since  $|w(z)| \leq |z|$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ), the formula (2.6) yields

$$(2.8) \quad \left| (\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)} \right| \leq \frac{\beta[1+|z|]}{\beta - |\beta+2\gamma||z|} \left| (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)} \right|.$$

Next since  $(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j)}$  is majorized by  $(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}$  in the unit disk  $\Delta^*$ , from (1.3), we have

$$(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j)} = \phi(z)(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)}.$$

Differentiating it with respect to  $z$  and multiplying by  $z$ , we get

$$z(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha f(z))^{(j+1)} = z\varphi'(z)(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)} + z\varphi(z)(\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j+1)}.$$

Using (2.7), in the above equality, it yields

$$(2.9) \quad (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} f(z))^{(j)} = \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\beta} (\mathcal{P}_\beta^\alpha g(z))^{(j)} + \varphi(z)(\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)}.$$

Thus, nothing that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfies the inequality (see, e.g. Nehari [6])

$$(2.10) \quad |\varphi'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}$$

and making use of (2.8) and (2.10) in (2.9), we get

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} f(z))^{(j)} \right| \\ &\leq \left( |\varphi(z)| + \frac{1 - |\varphi(z)|^2}{1 - |z|} \frac{|z|}{|\beta - |2\gamma + \beta||z||} \right) \left| (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which upon setting

$$|z| = r \text{ and } |\varphi(z)| = \rho \quad (0 \leq \rho \leq 1),$$

leads us to the inequality

$$\left| \left( (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} f(z))^{(j)} \right) \right| \leq \frac{\Theta(\rho)}{(1-r)(\beta - |2\gamma + \beta|r)} \left| (\mathcal{P}_\beta^{\alpha-1} g(z))^{(j)} \right|,$$

where

$$(2.12) \quad \Theta(\rho) = -r\rho^2 + (1-r)(\beta - |2\gamma + \beta|r)\rho + r$$

takes its maximum value at  $\rho = 1$ , with  $r_2 = r_2(\beta, \gamma)$ , where  $r_2(\beta, \gamma)$  is given by equation (2.2). Furthermore, if  $0 \leq \rho \leq r_2(\beta, \gamma)$ , then the function  $\theta(\rho)$  defined by

$$(2.13) \quad \theta(\rho) = -\sigma\rho^2 + (1-\sigma)(\beta - |2\gamma + \beta|\sigma)\rho + \sigma$$

is an increasing function on the interval  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ , so that

$$(2.14) \quad \theta(\rho) \leq \theta(1) = (1-\sigma)(\beta - |2\gamma + \beta|\sigma),$$

( $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ ;  $0 \leq \sigma \leq r_1(\beta, \gamma)$ ). Hence upon setting  $\rho = 1$  in (2.14), we conclude that (2.1) of Theorem 2.1 holds true for  $|z| \leq r_1(\beta, \gamma)$ , where  $r_1(\beta, \gamma)$  is given by (2.2). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

Setting  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let the function  $f \in \Sigma$  and suppose that  $g \in \mathcal{S}_\beta^{1,j}(\gamma)$ . If  $(\mathcal{J}_\beta f(z))^{(j)}$  is majorized by  $(\mathcal{J}_\beta g(z))^{(j)}$  in  $\Delta^*$ , then*

$$(2.15) \quad |(f(z))^{(j)}| \leq |(g(z))^{(j)}| \quad \text{for } |z| \leq r_2(\beta, \gamma),$$

where

$$r_2(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{k_2 - \sqrt{k_2^2 - 4\beta|\beta + 2\gamma|}}{2|\beta + 2\gamma|}$$

and

$$k_2 = \beta + 2 + |\beta + 2\gamma|, \quad (\beta > 0, j \in \mathbb{N}_0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}).$$

Further putting  $\beta = 1$  and  $\gamma = 1 - \eta$ ,  $j = 0$  in Corollary 2.1, we get

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let the function  $f \in \Sigma$  and suppose that  $g \in \mathcal{S}_1^{1,0}(1 - \eta)$ . If  $(\mathcal{J}_1 f(z))$  is majorized by  $(\mathcal{J}_1 g(z))$  in  $\Delta^*$ , then*

$$(2.16) \quad |f(z)| \leq |g(z)| \quad \text{for } |z| \leq r_3,$$

where

$$r_3 = \frac{3 - \eta - \sqrt{\eta^2 - 4\eta + 6}}{3 - \eta}.$$

For  $\eta = 0$ , the above corollary reduces to the following result:

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let the function  $f(z) \in \Sigma$  and suppose that  $g \in \mathcal{S}_1^{1,0}(1) := \mathcal{S}_1^{1,0}$ . If  $(\mathcal{J}_1 f(z))$  is majorized by  $(\mathcal{J}_1 g(z))$  in  $\Delta^*$ , then*

$$(2.17) \quad |f(z)| \leq |g(z)| \quad \text{for } |z| \leq \frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3}.$$

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