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# On some applications of the Briot–Bouquet differential subordination

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## Abstract

Recently Srivastava et al. [J. Dziok, H.M. Srivastava, Certain subclasses of analytic functions associated with the generalized hypergeometric function, *Integral Transforms Spec. Funct.* 14 (2003) 7–18; J. Dziok, H.M. Srivastava, Classes of analytic functions associated with the generalized hypergeometric function, *Appl. Math. Comput.* 103 (1999) 1–13; Y.C. Kim, H.M. Srivastava, Fractional integral and other linear operators associated with the Gaussian hypergeometric function, *Complex Var. Theory Appl.* 34 (1997) 293–312] introduced and studied a class of analytic functions associated with the generalized hypergeometric function. In the present paper, by using the Briot–Bouquet differential subordination, new results in this class are obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions which are *analytic* in  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}(1)$ , where

$$\mathcal{U}(r) = \{z: z \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } |z| < r\}.$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{A}_0$  the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  with the normalization  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ .

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We say that a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is *subordinate* to a function  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  and write  $f(z) \prec F(z)$ , if and only if there exists a function  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\omega(0) = 0, \quad |\omega(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

such that

$$f(z) = F(\omega(z)) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Moreover, we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $F$  in  $\mathcal{U}(r)$ , if  $f(rz) \prec F(rz)$ . We shall write

$$f(z) \prec_r F(z)$$

in this case. In particular, if  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have the following equivalence (cf. [10]):

$$f(z) \prec F(z) \iff f(0) = F(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathcal{U}) \subset F(\mathcal{U}).$$

For analytic functions

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \text{and} \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n,$$

by  $f * g$  we denote the *Hadamard product or convolution* of  $f$  and  $g$ , defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

Let  $q, s \in \mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $q \leq s + 1$ . For complex parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_q$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_s$  ( $b_j \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, s$ ), we define the *generalized hypergeometric function*  ${}_qF_s(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z)$  by

$${}_qF_s(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n \cdots (a_q)_n z^n}{(b_1)_n \cdots (b_s)_n n!} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

where  $(\lambda)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined, in terms of the Gamma function  $\Gamma$ , by

$$(\lambda)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + n)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (n = 0), \\ \lambda(\lambda + 1) \cdots (\lambda + n - 1) & (n \in \mathbf{N}). \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to a function  $h(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z)$  defined by

$$h(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z) = z {}_qF_s(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z),$$

we consider a linear operator

$$H(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s) : \mathcal{A}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_0,$$

defined by the convolution:

$$H(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s) f(z) = h(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; z) * f(z).$$

In particular, for  $s = 1$  and  $q = 2$  and  $a_2 = 1$ , we have the Carlson–Shaffer operator

$$\mathcal{L}(a_1, b_1) f(z) = H_1(a_1, 1; b_1) f(z),$$

which was introduced by Carlson and Shaffer [1] (see also [8]).

After some calculations we obtain

$$aH(a + 1) f(z) = zH'(a) f(z) + (a - 1)H(a) f(z), \tag{1}$$

where, for convenience,

$$H(a_1)f(z) = H(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s)f(z).$$

The linear operator  $H(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s)$  and some other linear operators and fractional calculus was investigated by many mathematicians (cf. [2,3,9,11,12]).

Now suppose that the parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_q$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_s$  are positive real numbers. Also let

$$0 \leq B \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -B \leq A < B.$$

We denote by

$$V(a_1; A, B) = V(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; A, B)$$

the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  which satisfy the following condition:

$$a_1 \frac{H(a_1 + 1)f(z)}{H(a_1)f(z)} + 1 - a_1 < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \tag{2}$$

The class  $V(a_1, \dots, a_q; b_1, \dots, b_s; A, B)$  for functions with negative coefficients was introduced and studied by Dziok and Srivastava [5] (see also [4,6]). The class  $V(a, 1; c; 2\alpha - 1, 1)$  was investigated by Kim and Srivastava [8].

Let  $h$  and  $q$  be analytic functions in  $U$  with  $h(0) = q(0) = 1$  and let  $h$  be univalent. The first-order differential subordination

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} < h(z) \tag{3}$$

is called the Briot–Bouquet differential subordination. This particular differential subordination has a surprising number of important applications in the theory of analytic functions (for details see [10]).

In the paper we present one more application of the Briot–Bouquet differential subordination.

## 2. Main results

Eenigenburg et al. [7] proved, that for convex function  $h$ , with  $\text{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) \geq 0$ , the Briot–Bouquet differential subordination (3) implies  $p(z) < h(z)$ . Thus we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *If  $q$  is an analytic function in  $\mathcal{U}(r)$ ,  $q(0) = 1$  and*

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + \gamma} <_r \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad \left( \gamma + \frac{1 + A}{1 + B} \geq 0 \right),$$

then

$$q(z) <_r \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Making use of the above lemma, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $a \geq \frac{B-A}{1+B}$ , then*

$$V(a + m; A, B) \subset V(a; A, B) \quad (m \in \mathbf{N}).$$

**Proof.** It is clear that it is sufficient to prove the theorem for  $m = 1$ . Let a function  $f$  belong to the class  $V(a + 1; A, B)$  or equivalently

$$(a + 1) \frac{H(a + 2)f(z)}{H(a + 1)f(z)} - a < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \tag{4}$$

It is sufficient to verify condition (2). If we put

$$R = \sup\{r: H(a)f(z) \neq 0, z \in \mathcal{U}(r)\},$$

then the function

$$q(z) = a \frac{H(a + 1)f(z)}{H(a)f(z)} + 1 - a \tag{5}$$

is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}(R)$  and  $q(0) = 1$ . Taking the logarithmic derivative of (5) we get

$$\frac{z[H(a + 1)f(z)]'}{H(a + 1)f(z)} - \frac{z[H(a)f(z)]'}{H(a)f(z)} = \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + a - 1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}(R)).$$

Applying (1) and (5) we obtain

$$(a + 1) \frac{H(a + 2)f(z)}{H(a + 1)f(z)} - a = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + a - 1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}(R)). \tag{6}$$

Thus by (4) we have

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z) + \gamma} <_R \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Lemma 1 now yields

$$q(z) <_R \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \tag{7}$$

By (5) it suffices to verify that  $R = 1$ . From (7), (5) and (1) we conclude that  $H(a)f(z)$  is starlike in  $\mathcal{U}(R)$  and consequently it is univalent in  $\mathcal{U}(R)$ . Thus we see that  $H(a)f(z)$  cannot vanish on  $|z| = R$  if  $R < 1$ . Hence  $R = 1$  and this proves Theorem 1.  $\square$

Using Lemma 1 we show the following sufficient conditions for functions to belong to the class  $V(a; A, B)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B - A \leq (1 + B)a$ ,  $2B^2a \leq (2B + 1)(B - A)$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:*

$$\left| \frac{H(a + m + 1)f(z)}{H(a + m)f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{2B - A}{(a + m)(1 + B)} + \frac{B - A - aB}{(a + m)(B - A + a - aB)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}), \tag{8}$$

then  $f$  belongs to the class  $V(a; A, B)$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 1 it is sufficient to consider the case  $m = 1$ . Let a function  $f$  belong to the class  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . Putting

$$q(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}(R)) \tag{9}$$

in (6), we obtain

$$(a + 1) \frac{H(a + 2)f(z)}{H(a + 1)f(z)} - a = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)} + \frac{(aB + A - B)zw'(z)}{a + (aB + A - B)w(z)} - \frac{Bzw'(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$F(z) = w(z) \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \left( \frac{aB + A - B}{a + (aB + A - B)w(z)} - \frac{B}{1 + Bw(z)} \right) - \frac{B - A}{1 + Bw(z)} \right\}, \tag{10}$$

where

$$F(z) = (a + 1) \frac{H(a + 2)f(z)}{H(a + 1)f(z)} - a - 1.$$

By (2), (5) and (9) it is sufficient to verify that  $w$  is analytic in  $U$  and

$$|w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Now, suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}(R)$ , such that

$$|w(z_0)| = 1, \quad |w(z)| < 1 \quad (|z| < |z_0|).$$

Then, applying Lemma 1, we can write

$$z_0w'(z_0) = kw(z_0), \quad w(z_0) = e^{i\theta} \quad (k \geq 1).$$

Combining these with (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z_0)| &= \left| k \left( \frac{B - A - aB}{a + (aB + A - B)e^{i\theta}} + \frac{B}{1 + Be^{i\theta}} \right) + \frac{B - A}{1 + Be^{i\theta}} \right| \\ &\geq k \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{B - A - aB}{a + (aB + A - B)e^{i\theta}} + \frac{B}{1 + Be^{i\theta}} \right) + \frac{B - A}{1 + B} \\ &\geq k \left( \frac{B - A - aB}{a + B - A - aB} + \frac{B}{1 + B} \right) + \frac{B - A}{1 + B} \\ &\geq \frac{2B - A}{1 + B} + \frac{B - A - aB}{a + B - A - aB}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this result contradicts (8) we conclude that  $w$  is the analytic function in  $\mathcal{U}(R)$  and  $|w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}(R))$ . Applying the same methods as in the proof of Theorem 1 we obtain  $R = 1$ , which completes the proof of Theorem 2.  $\square$

Putting  $A = 2\alpha - 1$  and  $B = 1$  in Theorems 1 and 2 we obtain the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $a \geq 1 - \alpha$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (a + m) \frac{H(a + m + 1)f(z)}{H(a + m)f(z)} + 1 - a - m \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ a \frac{H(a + 1)f(z)}{H(a)f(z)} + 1 - a \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $1 - \alpha \leq a \leq 3(1 - \alpha)$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$\left| \frac{H(a+m+1)f(z)}{H(a+m)f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{2(1-\alpha)^2 + 3(1-\alpha) - a}{2(a+m)(1-\alpha)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ a \frac{H(a+1)f(z)}{H(a)f(z)} + 1 - a \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Putting  $s = 1$ ,  $q = 2$ ,  $b_1 = b$  and  $a_2 = 1$ , in Theorems 1 and 2 we obtain the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 3.** If  $a \geq \frac{B-A}{1+B}$  and

$$(a+m) \frac{\mathcal{L}(a+m+1, b)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}(a+m, b)f(z)} + 1 - a - m < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz},$$

then

$$a \frac{\mathcal{L}(a+1, b)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}(a, b)f(z)} + 1 - a < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

**Remark 1.** Putting  $m = a = B = 1$  and  $A = 2\beta - 1$  in Corollary 3 we have the result of Kim and Srivastava [8], obtained by using another methods.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $B - A \leq (1 + B)a$ ,  $2B^2a \leq (2B + 1)(B - A)$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$\left| \frac{\mathcal{L}(a+m+1, b)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}(a+m, b)f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{2B - A}{(a+m)(1+B)} + \frac{B - A - aB}{(a+m)(B - A + a - aB)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$a \frac{\mathcal{L}(a+1, b)f(z)}{\mathcal{L}(a, b)f(z)} + 1 - a < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Putting  $a = b = m = 1$  in Corollary 4 we obtain the sufficient condition for starlikeness.

**Corollary 5.** Let  $B - A \geq 2AB$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| < \frac{2B - A}{1 + B} - \frac{A}{1 - A} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz},$$

i.e., the function  $f$  is starlike in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Putting  $a = 2$  and  $b = m = 1$  in Corollary 4 we obtain the sufficient condition for convexity.

**Corollary 6.** Let  $B - B^2 - 2AB - A \geq 0$ . If a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$\left| \frac{z^3 f'''(z) + 4z^2 f''(z) + 2zf'(z)}{z^2 f''(z) + 2f'(z)} \right| < \frac{2B - A}{1 + B} - \frac{B + A}{2 - (B + A)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz},$$

i.e., the function  $f$  is convex in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Remark 2.** Putting  $B = 1$  and  $A = 2\alpha - 1$  in Corollaries 5 and 6 we obtain the sufficient conditions for starlikeness of order  $\alpha$  and convexity of order  $\alpha$ , respectively.

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