

## CERTAIN CLASSES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX ORDER INVOLVING A FAMILY OF GENERALIZED DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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*Abstract.* A new class of analytic functions of complex order is defined using a generalized differential operator. Coefficient inequalities, sufficient condition and an interesting subordination result are obtained.

### 1. Introduction, definitions and preliminaries

Let  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad a_k \geq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  be the class of function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  which are univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

The Hadamard product of two functions  $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  and  $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  is given by

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k. \quad (1.2)$$

For complex parameters  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  ( $\beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ ;  $\mathbb{Z}_0^- = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, s$ ), we define the generalized hypergeometric function  ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$  by

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k z^k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k k!},$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in \mathcal{U})$$

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where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all positive integers and  $(x)_k$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined, in terms of the Gamma function  $\Gamma$ , by

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

Corresponding to a function  $\mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$  defined by

$$\mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z) := z {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z), \tag{1.3}$$

Recently, the authors [11] defined the linear operator  $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_1$  by

$$D_\lambda^0(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z),$$

$$D_\lambda^1(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = (1-\lambda)(f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)) + \lambda z f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)', \tag{1.4}$$

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = D_\lambda^1(D_\lambda^{m-1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)). \tag{1.5}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_1$ , then from (1.4) and (1.5) we may easily deduce that

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k-1)\lambda]^m \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-1}} \frac{a_k z^k}{(k-1)!}, \tag{1.6}$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$ . We remark that, for a choice of the parameter  $m = 0$ , the operator  $D_\lambda^0(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)$  reduces to the well-known Dziok- Srivastava operator [5], for  $q = 2, s = 1; \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = 1$ , we get the operator introduced by F.M.Al-oboudi [1] and for  $q = 2, s = 1; \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda = 1$ , we get the operator introduced by G. Ş. Sălăgean [9]. Also many (well known and new) integral and differential operators can be obtained by specializing the parameters.

Henceforth, we let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s$  ( $\beta_j \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots; j = 1, \dots, s$ ) to be real.

Using the operator  $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)$ , we define  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  to be the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}_1$  satisfying the inequality

$$1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}, \tag{1.7}$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary fixed numbers,  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

For a choice of the parameter  $\lambda = 1, q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$ , the class  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  reduces to a subclass of analytic function recently introduced and studied by Attiya [4] and for  $m = 0, \lambda = 1, q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1$ , and  $\alpha_2 = 1$ , the class  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  reduces to class of Janowski's starlike functions of complex order, a well known subclass of univalent function. Further, we note that by specializing  $b, m, \lambda, q, s, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B$ , we obtain several subclasses of analytic and univalent functions studied by various authors in earlier papers (see e.g. [2, 3, 7, 8, 10]).

We use  $\Omega$  to denote the class of bounded analytic functions  $w(z)$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  which satisfy the conditions  $w(0) = 1$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

**2. Coefficient estimates**

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$ .*

(a) *If  $(A - B)^2 |b|^2 > (k - 1)\{2B(A - B)\lambda \operatorname{Re}\{b\} + (1 - B^2)\lambda^2(k - 1)\}$ , let*

$$G = \frac{(A - B)^2 |b|^2}{(k - 1)\{2B(A - B)\lambda \operatorname{Re}\{b\} + (1 - B^2)\lambda^2(k - 1)\}}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1,$$

$M = [G]$  (Gauss symbol) and  $[G]$  is the greatest integer not greater than  $G$  and

$$\Gamma_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1} \dots (\beta_s)_{k-1} (k - 1)!}.$$

Then

$$|a_j| \leq \frac{1}{[1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda^{j-1} (j - 1)! \Gamma_j} \prod_{k=2}^j |(A - B)b - (k - 2)B| \quad (2.1)$$

$j = 2, 3, \dots, M + 2;$

and

$$|a_j| \leq \frac{1}{[1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda^{j-1} (j - 1) (M + 1)! \Gamma_j} \prod_{k=2}^{M+3} |(A - B)b - (k - 2)B| \quad (2.2)$$

$j > M + 2.$

(b) *If  $(A - B)^2 |b|^2 > (k - 1)\{2B(A - B)\lambda \operatorname{Re}\{b\} + (1 - B^2)\lambda^2(k - 1)\}$ , then*

$$|a_j| \leq \frac{(A - B) |b|}{\lambda (j - 1) [1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^m \Gamma_j} \quad j \geq 2. \quad (2.3)$$

The bounds in (2.1) and (2.3) are sharp for all admissible  $A, B, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and for each  $j$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$ , the inequality (1.7) gives

$$|D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)| \quad (2.4)$$

$$= \{(A - B)b + B\}D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - BD_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) \}w(z).$$

Equation (2.4) may be written as

$$\sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k z^k \quad (2.5)$$

$$= \left\{ (A - B)bz + \sum_{k=2}^\infty [(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda][1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right\} w(z).$$

Or equivalently

$$\sum_{k=2}^j [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k z^k + \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} c_k z^k = \left\{ (A - B)bz + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} [(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda][1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right\} w(z), \tag{2.6}$$

for certain coefficients  $c_k$ . Explicitly  $c_k = [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k - [(A - B)b - B(k - 2)\lambda][1 + (k - 2)\lambda]^m \Gamma_{k-1} a_{k-1} z^{-1}$ .

Since  $|w(z)| < 1$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_{k=2}^j [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k z^k + \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} c_k z^k \right| \leq \left| (A - B)bz + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} [(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda][1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right|. \tag{2.7}$$

Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $r < 1$ , applying the Parseval’s formula (see [6] p.138) on both sides of the above inequality and after simple computation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^j [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \lambda^2 (k - 1)^2 \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 r^{2k} + \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 r^{2k} \\ \leq (A - B)^2 |b|^2 r^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 \\ \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 r^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , then on some simplification we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \lambda^2 (j - 1)^2 \Gamma_j^2 |a_j|^2 \\ \leq (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\ \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 \quad j \geq 2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Now the following two cases arises:

(a) Let  $(A - B)^2 |b|^2 > (k - 1)\lambda \{ 2B(A - B)Re(b) + (1 - B^2)\lambda(k - 1) \}$ , suppose that  $j \leq M + 2$ , then for  $j = 2$ , (2.8) gives

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{(A - B) |b|}{(1 + \lambda)^m \lambda \Gamma_2},$$

which gives (2.1) for  $j = 2$ . We establish (2.1) for  $j \leq M + 2$  from (2.8), by mathematical induction. Suppose (2.1) is valid for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, (k - 1)$ . Then it

follows from (2.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \lambda^2 (j - 1)^2 \Gamma_j^2 |a_j|^2 \\
 & \leq (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\
 & \quad \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 \\
 & \leq (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\
 & \quad \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{[1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 \{\lambda^{k-1} (k - 1)!\}^2} \prod_{n=2}^k |(A - B)b - (n - 2)B|^2 \right\} \\
 & = (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\{\lambda^{k-1} (k - 1)!\}^2} \prod_{n=2}^k |(A - B)b - (n - 2)B|^2 \right\} \\
 & = (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + (|(A - B)b - B\lambda|^2 - \lambda^2) \frac{1}{\lambda^2 (1!)^2} (A - B)^2 |b|^2 \\
 & \quad + (|(A - B)b - 2B\lambda|^2 - 4\lambda^2) \frac{1}{\lambda^4 (2!)^2} ((A - B)^2 |b|^2 |(A - B)b - B\lambda|^2) + \dots \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{up to } (k = j - 1) \\
 & = \frac{1}{\{\lambda^{j-2} (j - 2)!\}^2} \prod_{k=2}^j |(A - B)b - (k - 2)B|^2 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$|a_j| \leq \frac{1}{[1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda^{j-1} (j - 1)! \Gamma_j} \prod_{k=2}^j |(A - B)b - (k - 2)B| ,$$

which completes the proof of (2.1).

Next, we suppose  $j > M + 2$ . Then (2.8) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \lambda^2 (j - 1)^2 \Gamma_j^2 |a_j|^2 \\
 & \leq (A - B)^2 |b|^2 + \sum_{k=2}^{M-2} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\
 & \quad \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k=M+3}^{j-1} \{ |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda|^2 - (k - 1)^2 \lambda^2 \} \\
 & \quad \times [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \Gamma_k^2 |a_k|^2 .
 \end{aligned}$$

On substituting upper estimates for  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{M+2}$  obtained above and simplifying, we obtain (2.2).

(b) Let  $(A - B)^2 | b |^2 \leq (k - 1)\lambda \{2B(A - B)Re(b) + (1 - B^2)\lambda(k - 1)\}$ , then it follows from (2.8)

$$[1 + (j - 1)\lambda]^{2m} \lambda^2 (j - 1)^2 \Gamma_j^2 | a_j |^2 \leq (A - B)^2 | b |^2 \quad (j \geq 2),$$

which proves (2.3)

The bounds in (2.1) are sharp for the functions  $f(z)$  given by

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = \begin{cases} z(1 + Bz)^{\frac{(A-B)b}{B}} & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ z \exp(Abz) & \text{if } B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Also, the bounds in (2.3) are sharp for the functions  $f_k(z)$  given by

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_k(z) = \begin{cases} z(1 + Bz)^{\frac{(A-B)b}{B\lambda(k-1)}} & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ z \exp\left(\frac{Ab}{\lambda(k-1)} z^{k-1}\right) & \text{if } B = 0. \end{cases}$$

□

REMARK 2.1. Putting  $\lambda = 1, q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we get the result due to Attiya [4].

### 3. A sufficient condition for a function to be in $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$

THEOREM 3.1. Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) and let

$$\sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \{ (k - 1)\lambda + | (A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda | \} \lambda \Gamma_k | a_k | \leq (A - B) | b | \quad (3.1)$$

holds, then  $f(z)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that the inequality holds. Then we have for  $z \in \mathcal{U}$

$$\begin{aligned} & | D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) | \\ & \quad - | (A - B)bD_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - B[D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)] | \\ & = \left| \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right| \\ & \quad - \left| (A - B)b \left[ z + \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right] - B \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda (k - 1) \Gamma_k a_k z^k \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \{ (k - 1)\lambda + | (A - B)b - B(k - 1)\lambda | \} \Gamma_k | a_k | r^k - (A - B) | b | r. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)| \\ & - |(A - B)bD_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - B[D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) - D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)]| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^\infty [1 + (k-1)\lambda]^m \{ (k-1)\lambda + |(A - B)b - B(k-1)\lambda| \} \Gamma_k |a_k| - (A - B) |b| \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that

$$\frac{\left| \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} - 1 \right|}{\left| B \left[ \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} - 1 \right] - (A - B)b \right|} < 1, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Letting

$$w(z) = \frac{\frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} - 1}{B \left[ \frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} - 1 \right] - (A - B)b},$$

then  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $|z| < 1$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ . Hence we have

$$\frac{D_\lambda^{m+1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)} = \frac{1 + [B + b(A - B)]w(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}$$

which shows that  $f(z)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$ . □

#### 4. Subordination results for the class $\mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$

DEFINITION 4.1. A sequence  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of complex numbers is called a subordinating factor sequence if, whenever  $f(z)$  is analytic, univalent and convex in  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have the subordination given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty b_k a_k z^k \prec f(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}, a_1 = 1). \tag{4.1}$$

LEMMA 4.1. [12] The sequence  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a subordinating factor sequence if and only if

$$Re \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^\infty b_k z^k \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \tag{4.2}$$

For convenience, we shall henceforth denote

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_k(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B) \\ & = [1 + (k - 1)\lambda]^m \lambda \{ (k - 1) + |(A - B)b - B(k - 1)| \} \\ & \times \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1}, (\alpha_2)_{k-1}, \dots, (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1}, (\beta_2)_{k-1}, \dots, (\beta_s)_{k-1} (k - 1)!}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  whose coefficients satisfy the conditions (3.1).

We note that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B) \subseteq \mathcal{H}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  where  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . Also let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the familiar class of functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  which are also univalent and convex in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then*

$$\frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} (f * g)(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; g \in \mathcal{C}), \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\Re(f(z)) > -\frac{(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (4.5)$$

The constant  $\frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]}$  is the best estimate.

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  and let  $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} (f * g)(z) \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} \left( z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Definition (4.1), the assertion of the theorem will hold if the sequence

$$\left\{ \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} a_k \right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$$

is a subordinating factor sequence, with  $a_1 = 1$ . In view of Lemma (4.1), this will be true if and only if

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} a_k z^k \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (4.6)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \right\} \\ &= \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} a_1 z \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{(A-B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B) a_k z^k \right\} \end{aligned}$$



$$\geq 1 - \left\{ \left| \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \right| r + \frac{1}{|(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sigma_k(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B) |a_k| r^k \right\}.$$

Since  $\sigma_k(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)$  is a real increasing function of  $k$  ( $k \geq 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \left\{ \left| \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \right| r + \frac{1}{|(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sigma_k(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B) |a_k| r^k \right\} \\ & > 1 - \left\{ \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} r + \frac{(A - B)|b|}{(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} r \right\} \\ & = 1 - r > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (4.6) holds true in  $\mathcal{U}$ . This proves the inequality (4.4). The inequality (4.5) follows by taking the convex function  $g(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} z^k$  in (4.4). To prove the sharpness of the constant  $\frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]}$ , we consider  $f_0(z) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\lambda}^m(b; \alpha_1, \beta_1; A, B)$  given by

$$f_0(z) = z - \frac{(A - B)|b|}{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)} z^2 \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1).$$

Thus from (4.4), we have

$$\frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} f_0(z) \prec \frac{z}{1 - z}. \tag{4.7}$$

It can be easily verified that

$$\min \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]} f_0(z) \right) \right\} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

This shows that the constant  $\frac{\sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)}{2[(A - B)|b| + \sigma_2(b, \lambda, m, \alpha_1, \beta_1, A, B)]}$  is best possible. □

REMARK 4.1. By specializing the parameters, the above result reduces to various other results obtained by several authors.

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