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# Differential Subordinations Associated with Multiplier Transformations

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The authors introduce new classes of analytic functions in the open unit disc which are defined by using multiplier transformations. The properties of these classes will be studied by using techniques involving the Briot-Bouquet differential subordinations. Also an integral transform is established.

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## 1. Introduction and definitions

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the class of analytic functions in the open unit disc

$$U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\} \quad (1.1)$$

and let  $\mathcal{L}[a, n]$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{L}$  consisting of functions of the form  $f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}(p, n)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  normalized by

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p, n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}) \quad (1.2)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc. In particular, we set

$$\mathcal{A}(p, 1) := \mathcal{A}_p, \quad \mathcal{A}(1, n) := \mathcal{A}(n), \quad \mathcal{A}(1, 1) := \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1. \quad (1.3)$$

If a function  $f(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ , it has the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}). \quad (1.4)$$

For two functions  $f(z)$  given by (1.4) and for  $g(z)$  given by

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.5)$$

the Hadamard product (or convolution)  $(f * g)(z)$  is defined, as usual, by

$$(f * g)(z) := z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k := (g * f)(z). \quad (1.6)$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic in  $U$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written symbolically as

$$f < g \quad \text{or} \quad f(z) < g(z) \quad (z \in U) \quad (1.7)$$

if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  which is analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ ,  $z \in U$ .

We consider the following multiplier transformations.

*Definition 1.1* (see [1]). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}(p, n)$ . For  $\delta, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ , define the multiplier transformations  $I_p(\delta, \lambda, l)$  on  $\mathcal{A}(p, n)$  by the following infinite series:

$$I_p(\delta, \lambda, l)f(z) := z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{p + \lambda(k-p) + l}{p+l} \right]^{\delta} a_k z^k. \quad (1.8)$$

It follows from (1.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(0, \lambda, l)f(z) &= f(z), \\ (p+l)I_p(2, \lambda, l)f(z) &= [p(1-\lambda) + l]I_p(1, \lambda, l)f(z) + \lambda z(I_p(1, \lambda, l)f(z))', \\ I_p(\delta_1, \lambda, l)(I_p(\delta_2, \lambda, l)f(z)) &= I_p(\delta_2, \lambda, l)(I_p(\delta_1, \lambda, l)f(z)). \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

*Remark 1.2* (see [1]). For  $p = 1$ ,  $l = 0$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\delta = m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the operator  $D_{\lambda}^m := I_1(m, \lambda, 0)$  was introduced and studied by Al-Oboudi [2] which is reduced to the Sălăgean differential operator [3] for  $\lambda = 1$ . The operator  $I_1^m := I_1(m, 1, l)$  was studied recently by Cho and Srivastava [4] and by Cho and Kim [5]. The operator  $I_m := I_1(m, 1, 1)$  was studied by Uralegaddi and Somanatha [6], the operator  $D_{\lambda}^{\delta} := I_1(\delta, \lambda, 0)$  was introduced by Acu and Owa [7] and the operator  $I_p(m, l) := I_p(m, 1, l)$  was investigated recently by Sivaprasad Kumar et al. [8].

If  $f$  is given by (1.2), then we have

$$I_p(\delta, \lambda, l)f(z) = (f * \varphi_{p, \lambda, l}^{\delta})(z), \quad (1.10)$$

where

$$\varphi_{p, \lambda, l}^{\delta}(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{p + \lambda(k-p) + l}{p+l} \right]^{\delta} z^k. \quad (1.11)$$

In particular, we set

$$I_1(\delta, \lambda, l)f(z) := I(\delta, \lambda, l)f(z). \quad (1.12)$$

In order to prove our main results, we will make use of the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.3** (see [9]). For real or complex numbers  $a, b$ , and  $c$  ( $c \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^- := \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ ), the following hold:

$$\int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-tz)^{-a} dt = \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)}{\Gamma(c)} \cdot {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) \quad (\operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0), \quad (1.13)$$

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1-z)^{-a} \cdot {}_2F_1\left(a, c-b; c; \frac{z}{z-1}\right), \quad (1.14)$$

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = {}_2F_1(b, a; c; z), \quad (1.15)$$

$$(b+1) \cdot {}_2F_1(1, b; b+1; z) = (b+1) + bz \cdot {}_2F_1(1, b+1; b+2; z), \quad (1.16)$$

$${}_2F_1\left(a, b; \frac{a+b+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \cdot \Gamma((a+b+1)/2)}{\Gamma((a+1)/2) \Gamma((b+1)/2)}. \quad (1.17)$$

**Lemma 1.4** (see [10]). Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\beta \neq 0$  and let  $h$  be convex in  $\mathcal{U}$ , with

$$\operatorname{Re} [\beta h(z) + \gamma] > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (1.18)$$

If the function  $p \in \mathcal{L}[h(0), n]$ , then

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} < h(z) \implies p(z) < h(z). \quad (1.19)$$

**Lemma 1.5** (see [11]). Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on the unit interval  $I = [0, 1]$ . Let  $g(t, z)$  be a function analytic in  $[0, 1] \times \mathcal{U}$ , for each  $t \in I$  and integrable in  $t$ , for each  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and for almost all  $t \in I$ . Suppose also that

$$\operatorname{Re} \{g(t, z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; t \in I), \quad (1.20)$$

$g(t, -r)$  is real for real  $r$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{g(t, z)} \geq \frac{1}{g(t, -r)} \quad (|z| \leq r < 1, t \in I). \quad (1.21)$$

If

$$g(z) = \int_I g(t, z) d\mu(t), \quad (1.22)$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{g(z)} \right) \geq \frac{1}{g(-r)} \quad (|z| \leq r < 1). \quad (1.23)$$

**Lemma 1.6** (see [12]). Let  $\psi(z)$  be univalent in the unit disc  $\mathcal{U}$  and let  $v$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $D \supset \psi(\mathcal{U})$  with  $\varphi(w) \neq 0$ , when  $w \in \psi(\mathcal{U})$ . Set

$$Q(z) := z\psi'(z)\varphi(\psi(z)), \quad h(z) := v(\psi(z)) + Q(z). \quad (1.24)$$

Suppose that

- (1)  $Q(z)$  is starlike in  $U$  and
- (2)  $\operatorname{Re}(zh'(z)/Q(z)) > 0$  for  $z \in U$ .

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

$$v(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) < v(\psi(z)) + z\psi'(z)\varphi(\psi(z)), \quad (1.25)$$

then  $q(z) < \psi(z)$  and  $\psi(z)$  is the best dominant.

**Lemma 1.7** (see [12, Theorem 3.3d]). Let  $\beta, \gamma, A \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}[\beta + \gamma] > 0$  and let  $B \in [-1, 0]$  satisfy either

$$\operatorname{Re}[\beta(1 + AB) + \gamma(1 + B^2)] \geq |\beta A + \bar{\beta}B + B(\gamma + \bar{\gamma})|, \quad (1.26)$$

when  $B \in (-1, 0]$ , or

$$\beta(1 + A) > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}[\beta(1 - A) + 2\gamma] \geq 0, \quad (1.27)$$

when  $B = -1$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  satisfies

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad (1.28)$$

then

$$p(z) < q(z) = q_n(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad (1.29)$$

where  $q_n$  is the univalent solution of the differential equation

$$q(z) + \frac{nzq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \quad (1.30)$$

In addition, the function  $q_n$  is the best  $(1, n)$ -dominant and the function  $q_n$  is given by

$$q(z) = \frac{\beta + \gamma}{\beta} \left[ \frac{k(z)}{K(z)} \right]^{\beta/n} - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} = \frac{zK'(z)}{K(z)} = \frac{1}{\beta g(z)} - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, \quad (1.31)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} k(z) &= z \exp \int_0^z (h(t) - 1)t^{-1} dt, \\ K(z) &= \left[ \frac{\beta + \gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z k^{\beta/n}(t)t^{(\gamma/n)-1} dt \right]^{n/\beta}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.32)$$

and the univalent function  $g$  is given by

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{k(tz)}{k(z)} \right]^{\beta/n} t^{(\gamma/n)-1} dt. \quad (1.33)$$

Now we define new classes of analytic functions by using the multiplier transformations  $I(m, \lambda, l)$  defined by (1.8) as follows.

## 2. Main results

*Definition 2.1.* Let  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  is said to be in the class  $S(m, \lambda, l; A, B)$  if it satisfies the following subordination:

$$\frac{l+1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)} - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{l+1} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.1)$$

*Remark 2.2.* We note that

$$\begin{aligned} S(0, 1, 0; 1-2\alpha, -1) &\equiv S^*(\alpha), \\ S(1, 1, 0; 1-2\alpha, -1) &\equiv K(\alpha), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $S^*(\alpha)$  and  $K(\alpha)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) denote the subclasses of functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are, respectively, starlike of order  $\alpha$  and convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $U$ . Also we have the class

$$S(m, \lambda, 0; A, B) \equiv S_{\lambda}^m(A, B) \quad (2.3)$$

studied by Patel [13].

Let  $\phi(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  and  $\phi(0) = 1$ . We introduce the following definition.

*Definition 2.3.* A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}(n)$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; \phi)$  if it satisfies the following subordination:

$$\frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)} < \phi(z), \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.4)$$

*Remark 2.4.* We note that the classes  $\mathcal{A}(m, 1, l, n; \phi)$  were investigated recently by Sivaprasad Kumar et al. [8].

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , and

$$(1-B)(1-\lambda+l) + \lambda(1-A) > 0. \quad (2.5)$$

(i) Then

$$S(m+1, \lambda, l; A, B) \subset S(m, \lambda, l; A, B). \quad (2.6)$$

Further, for  $f \in S(m+1, \lambda, l; A, B)$ , the following hold:

$$\frac{l+1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)} - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{l+1} < q(z) < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, \quad (2.7)$$

where

$$q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(1/n) \int_0^1 s^{(l+1)/\lambda n-1} ((1+Bzs)/(1+Bz))^{(1/n)(A/B-1)} ds} - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} & \text{if } B \neq 0, \\ \frac{1}{(1/n) \int_0^1 s^{(l+1)/\lambda n-1} \cdot \exp(Az(s-1)/n) ds} - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} & \text{if } B = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

and  $q$  is the best dominant of (2.7).

(ii) Furthermore, in addition to (2.5), one consider the inequality

$$A \leq -\frac{B[l+1+\lambda(n-1)]}{\lambda}, \quad (2.9)$$

where  $-1 \leq B < 0$ , then

$$S(m+1, \lambda, l; A, B) \subset S(m, \lambda, l; 1-2\eta, -1), \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\eta = \left\{ \left[ {}_2F_1 \left( 1, \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - \frac{A}{B} \right), \frac{l+1}{\lambda n} + 1, \frac{B}{B-1} \right) \right]^{-1} - (1-\lambda+l) \right\} / \lambda. \quad (2.11)$$

The result is the best possible.

*Proof.* Setting

$$\chi(z) := \frac{z(I(m, \lambda, l)f(z))'}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)} \quad (z \in U), \quad (2.12)$$

we note that  $\chi(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  and

$$\chi(z) = 1 + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (2.13)$$

Using the identity

$$(l+1)I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z) = (1-\lambda+l)I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) + \lambda z(I(m, \lambda, l)f(z))' \quad (2.14)$$

in definition of  $\chi(z)$  and carrying out logarithmic differentiation in the resulting equation, one obtains

$$\frac{z(I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z))'}{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)} = \chi(z) + \frac{z\chi'(z)}{\chi(z) + (1-\lambda+l)/\lambda}. \quad (2.15)$$

Since  $f \in S(m+1, \lambda, l; A, B)$ , we get

$$\chi(z) + \frac{z\chi'(z)}{\chi(z) + (1-\lambda+l)/\lambda} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}. \quad (2.16)$$

By applying Lemma 1.4, we obtain that

$$\chi(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \quad (2.17)$$

Hence we have shown the inclusion (2.6). Also, making use of Lemma 1.7 with  $\beta = 1$  and  $\gamma = (1 - \lambda + l)/\lambda$ ,  $q$  is the best dominant of (2.7) and  $q$  is defined by (2.8). This proves part (i) of Theorem 2.5.

To establish (2.10), we need to show that

$$\inf_{|z| < 1} \operatorname{Re} \{q(z)\} = q(-1). \quad (2.18)$$

The proof of the assertion (2.18) will be deduced on the same lines as in [14] making use of Lemma 1.5. If we set  $a = (1/n)(1 - A/B)$ ,  $b = (l + 1)/\lambda n$ ,  $c = (l + 1)/\lambda n + 1$ ,  $B < 0$ , then by using (1.13), (1.14), and (1.15), we find from (2.8) that

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{(1/n)Q(z)} - \frac{1 - \lambda + l}{\lambda}, \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= (1 + Bz)^a \int_0^1 s^{b-1} (1 + Bs z)^{-a} ds \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(c)} {}_2F_1\left(1, a; c; \frac{Bz}{Bz + 1}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

By using (1.13), the above equality yields

$$Q(z) = \int_0^1 g(s, z) d\mu(s), \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g(s, z) &= \frac{1 + Bz}{1 + (1 - s)Bz}, \\ d\mu(s) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c - a)} s^{a-1} (1 - s)^{c-a-1} ds \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

is a positive measure on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ .

For  $-1 \leq B < 1$ , we note that  $\operatorname{Re} g(s, z) > 0$ ,  $g(s, -r)$  is real for  $0 \leq r < 1$  and  $s \in [0, 1]$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{g(s, z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1 - (1 - s)Br}{1 - Br} = \frac{1}{g(s, -r)}, \quad |z| \leq r < 1. \quad (2.23)$$

Therefore, by using Lemma 1.5, one obtains

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{Q(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{Q(-r)}, \quad |z| \leq r < 1 \quad (2.24)$$

which, upon letting  $r \rightarrow 1^{-1}$ , yields

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{Q(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{Q(-1)}. \quad (2.25)$$

Now, the assertion (2.18) follows by using Lemma 1.5. The result is the best possible and  $q$  is the best dominant of (2.7). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

Taking  $m = 0$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $l = 0$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ,  $B = -1$  in Theorem 2.5, we get the following result due to MacGregor [15].

**Corollary 2.6.** For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , one obtains

$$K(\alpha) \subset S^*(\eta_1), \quad (2.26)$$

where

$$\eta_1 = \left[ {}_2F_1\left(1, 2(1-\alpha), 2, \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1-2\alpha}{2^{2(1-\alpha)}(1-2^{2\alpha-1})}, & \alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}, & \alpha = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \quad (2.27)$$

The result is the best possible.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $\psi(z)$  be univalent in  $U$  with  $\psi(0) = 1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(z) > 0$ , and let  $z\psi'(z)/\psi(z)$  be starlike in  $U$ . Let  $\phi(z)$  be defined by

$$\phi(z) := \frac{\lambda}{l+1} \left( \frac{l+1}{\lambda} \psi(z) + \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} \right). \quad (2.28)$$

Then

$$\mathcal{A}(m+1, \lambda, l, n; \phi) \subset \mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; \psi). \quad (2.29)$$

*Proof.* Setting

$$q(z) = \frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)}, \quad (2.30)$$

we note that  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $U$ .

By a simple computation, we observe from (2.30) that

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{z(I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z))'}{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)} - \frac{z(I(m, \lambda, l)f(z))'}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)}. \quad (2.31)$$

Making use of the identity (2.14), one obtains from (2.31)

$$\frac{I(m+2, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)} = \frac{\lambda}{l+1} \left( \frac{l+1}{\lambda} q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right). \quad (2.32)$$

By the hypothesis of Theorem 2.7 that  $f$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}(m+1, \lambda, l, n; \phi)$  and in view of (2.32), we have

$$\frac{\lambda}{l+1} \left( \frac{l+1}{\lambda} q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right) < \frac{\lambda}{l+1} \left( \frac{l+1}{\lambda} \psi(z) + \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} \right). \quad (2.33)$$

If we let

$$Q(z) := z\psi'(z)\psi(\psi(z)), \quad (2.34)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\psi(z)) &= \frac{\lambda}{l+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\psi(z)}, \\ h(z) &:= \psi(z) + Q(z)\end{aligned}\tag{2.35}$$

and since  $Q(z)$  is starlike, our theorem is an immediate consequence of Lemma 1.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $\varphi$  be univalent in  $U$ ,  $\varphi(0) = 1$  and let  $\gamma$  be a complex number. Suppose that*

- (1)  $\operatorname{Re} [\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)\varphi(z)] > 0$  and
- (2)  $z\varphi'(z)/[\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)\varphi(z)]$  is starlike in  $U$ .

*Let the function  $F(z)$  be defined by*

$$F(z) := \frac{\gamma + 1}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} f(t) dt\tag{2.36}$$

and the function

$$h(z) := \psi(z) + \frac{\lambda z \psi'(z)}{\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)\psi(z)},\tag{2.37}$$

then  $f \in \mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; h)$  implies  $F \in \mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; \varphi)$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $F(z)$  and

$$(\gamma + 1)I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) = \frac{l+1}{\lambda}I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z) + \left(\gamma - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda}\right)I(m, \lambda, l)F(z),\tag{2.38}$$

if we let

$$q(z) := \frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)F(z)},\tag{2.39}$$

then we note that  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $U$ . Using (2.38) and (2.39), one obtains

$$(\gamma + 1) \frac{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)F(z)} = \gamma - \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} + \frac{l+1}{\lambda}q(z).\tag{2.40}$$

Differentiating this equality, we obtain

$$\frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)F(z)} = q(z) + \frac{\lambda z q'(z)}{\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)q(z)}.\tag{2.41}$$

For  $f \in \mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; h)$ , we have from (2.41)

$$q(z) + \frac{\lambda z q'(z)}{\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)q(z)} < \psi(z) + \frac{\lambda z \psi'(z)}{\lambda(\gamma + 1) - (l + 1) + (l + 1)\psi(z)}.\tag{2.42}$$

If we let

$$Q(z) := z\psi'(z)\varphi(\psi(z)), \quad (2.43)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\psi(z)) &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda(\gamma+1) - (l+1) + (l+1)\psi(z)}, \\ h(z) &:= v(\psi(z)) + Q(z), \\ v(\psi(z)) &:= \psi(z) \end{aligned} \quad (2.44)$$

and since  $Q(z)$  is starlike in  $U$ , our theorem is an immediate consequence of Lemma 1.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ . Then  $f$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}(m, \lambda, l, n; \chi)$  if and only if  $F(z)$  defined by*

$$F(z) := \frac{l+1}{z^{(1-\lambda+l)/\lambda}} \int_0^z t^{(1-\lambda+l)/\lambda-1} f(t) dt \quad (2.45)$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}(m+1, \lambda, l, n; \chi)$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $F(z)$ , we have

$$\frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} F(z) + zF'(z) = (l+1)f(z). \quad (2.46)$$

By convoluting (2.46) with the function

$$u(m, \lambda, l, n; z) := z + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1 + \lambda(k-1) + l}{l+1} \right]^m z^k \quad (2.47)$$

and using a convolution property

$$z(f * g)'(z) = f(z) * zg'(z), \quad (2.48)$$

one obtains

$$(l+1)I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) = \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} I(m, \lambda, l)F(z) + z(u(m, \lambda, l, n; z) * F(z))', \quad (2.49)$$

that is,

$$(l+1)I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) = \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda} I(m, \lambda, l)F(z) + z(I(m, \lambda, l)F(z))'. \quad (2.50)$$

By using identity (2.14), we get

$$I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) = \frac{1}{\lambda} I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z). \quad (2.51)$$

Also, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(l+1)I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z) &= (1-\lambda+l)I(m, \lambda, l)f(z) + \lambda z(I(m, \lambda, l)f(z))' \\ &= \frac{1-\lambda+l}{\lambda}I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z) + z(I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z))' \\ &= \frac{l+1}{\lambda}I(m+2, \lambda, l)F(z).\end{aligned}\tag{2.52}$$

From (2.51) and (2.52), we get

$$\frac{I(m+2, \lambda, l)F(z)}{I(m+1, \lambda, l)F(z)} = \frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)}.\tag{2.53}$$

By the hypothesis of Theorem 2.9 that

$$\frac{I(m+1, \lambda, l)f(z)}{I(m, \lambda, l)f(z)} < \chi(z)\tag{2.54}$$

and using (2.53), the desired result follows at once.  $\square$

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