

**PROPERTIES OF SOME FAMILIES OF MEROMORPHIC  
P-VALENT FUNCTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN DIFFERENTIAL  
OPERATOR**

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ABSTRACT. Making use of a differential operator, which is defined here by means of the Hadamard product (or convolution), we introduce the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  of meromorphically p-valent functions. The main object of this paper is to investigate various important properties and characteristics for this class. Also a property preserving integrals is considered.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and p-valent in the punctured unit disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ . For functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) \in \Sigma_p$  given by

$$g(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (p \in N), \quad (1.2)$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z). \quad (1.3)$$

For complex parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s$  ( $\beta_j \notin Z_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ), we now define the generalized hypergeometric function  ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z)$  by (see, for example, [10] and [11])

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k (1)_k} z^k$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; s, q \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}; z \in U), \quad (1.4)$$

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

$$(\theta)_v = \frac{\Gamma(\theta + v)}{\Gamma(\theta)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (v = 0; \theta \in C^* = C \setminus \{0\}), \\ \theta(\theta + 1) \dots (\theta + v - 1) & (v \in N; \theta \in C). \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to the function  $h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z)$ , defined by

$$h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) = z^{-p} {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z), \quad (1.5)$$

we consider a linear operator

$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) : \Sigma_p \longrightarrow \Sigma_p,$$

which is defined by the following Hadamard product:

$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) f(z) = h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) * f(z)$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; s, q \in N_0; z \in U). \quad (1.6)$$

We observe that, for a function  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1), we have

$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) f(z) = H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_k a_k z^k, \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$\Gamma_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k+p} \dots (\alpha_q)_{k+p}}{(\beta_1)_{k+p} \dots (\beta_s)_{k+p} (1)_{k+p}}. \quad (1.8)$$

Then one can easily verify from (1.7) that

$$z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) f(z))' = \alpha_1 H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1 + 1) f(z) - (\alpha_1 + p) H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) f(z). \quad (1.9)$$

The linear operator  $H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)$  was investigated recently by Liu and Srivastava [9] and Aouf [2]. The operator  $H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)$  contains the operator  $\ell_p(a, c)$  ( see [8] ) for  $q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = a > 0, \beta_1 = c (c \neq 0, -1, \dots)$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$  and also contains the operator  $D^{\nu+p-1}$  ( see [1] and [4] ) for  $q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \nu + p (\nu > -p; p \in N)$  and  $\alpha_2 = \beta_1 = p$ .

For functions  $f, g \in \Sigma_p$ , we define the linear operator  $D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z) : \Sigma_p \longrightarrow \Sigma_p$  ( $\lambda \geq 0$ ;  $p \in N$ ;  $n \in N_0$ ) by

$$D_{\lambda,p}^0(f * g)(z) = (f * g)(z), \quad (1.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda,p}^1(f * g)(z) &= D_{\lambda,p}(f * g)(z) = (1 - \lambda)(f * g)(z) + \lambda z^{-p} (z^{p+1}(f * g)(z))', \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k + p)] a_k b_k z^k \quad (\lambda \geq 0; p \in N), \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda,p}^2(f * g)(z) &= D_{\lambda,p}(D_{\lambda,p}(f * g))(z), \\ &= (1 - \lambda)D_{\lambda,p}(f * g)(z) + \lambda z^{-p} (z^{p+1}D_{\lambda,p}(f * g)(z))' \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k + p)]^2 a_k b_k z^k \quad (\lambda \geq 0; p \in N) \end{aligned} \quad (1.12)$$

and ( in general )

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z) &= D_{\lambda,p}(D_{\lambda,p}^{n-1}(f * g)(z)) \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k + p)]^n a_k b_k z^k \quad (\lambda \geq 0; p \in N; n \in N_0). \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

From (1.13) it is easy to verify that:

$$z(D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z))' = \frac{1}{\lambda} D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z) - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z) \quad (\lambda > 0). \quad (1.14)$$

In this paper, we introduce the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  of the functions  $f, g \in \Sigma_p$ , which satisfy the condition:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z)} - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \right\} < -\beta \quad (z \in U^*; \lambda > 0; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0). \quad (1.15)$$

We note that:

(i) If  $\lambda = 1$  and the coefficients  $b_k = 1$  (or  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)}$ ) in (1.15), the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to the class  $B_n(\beta)$  studied by Aouf and Hossen [3];

(ii) If  $n = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^{\nu+p}}$ , ( $\nu > -p$ ;  $p \in N$ ) in (1.15), the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to the class  $M_{\nu+p-1}(\beta)$ , studied by Aouf [1];

(iii) If  $b_k = 1$  (or  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)}$ ) in (1.15), the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to the class  $K_p^n(\lambda, \beta)$ , where  $K_p^n(\lambda, \beta)$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} f(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n f(z)} - \left( p + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right\} < -\beta \quad (z \in U^*; \lambda > 0; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N; n \in N_0), \quad (1.16)$$

where

$$D_{\lambda,p}^n f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k+p)]^n a_k z^k \quad (\lambda > 0; p \in N; n \in N_0); \quad (1.17)$$

(iv) If  $n = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  and the coefficients  $b_k = \frac{(a)_k}{(c)_k}$  ( $c \neq 0, -1, \dots$ ) in (1.15), the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to  $\Sigma_p^n(a, c; \lambda, \beta)$ , where  $\Sigma_p^n(a, c; \lambda, \beta)$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{a \ell_p(a+1, c) f(z)}{\ell_p(a, c) f(z)} - (a+p) \right\} < -\beta \quad (z \in U^*; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N); \quad (1.18)$$

(v) If  $n = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  and the coefficients  $b_k$  in (1.15) is replaced by  $\Gamma_k$ , where  $\Gamma_k$  is given by (1.8), the class  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to  $\Sigma_{p,q,s}^n(\alpha_1, \beta_1; \lambda, \beta)$ , where  $\Sigma_{p,q,s}^n(\alpha_1, \beta_1; \lambda, \beta)$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\alpha_1 H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1) f(z)}{H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) f(z)} - (\alpha_1 + p) \right\} < -\beta$$

$$(z \in U^*; \alpha_1 \in C^*; 0 \leq \beta < p; p \in N). \quad (1.19)$$

In this paper known results of Bajpai [5], Goel and Sohi [6], Uralegaddi and Somanatha [12] and Aouf and Hossen [3] are extended.

## 2. BASIC PROPERTIES OF THE CLASS $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$

We begin by recalling the following result (Jack's Lemma), which we shall apply in proving our first inclusion theorems (Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 below).

**Lemma 1** [7]. Let the (nonconstant) function  $w(z)$  be analytic in  $U$ , with  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at a point  $z_0 \in U$ , then

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = \xi w(z_0), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\xi$  is a real number and  $\xi \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 1.** For  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < p$ ,  $p \in N$  and  $n \in N_0$ ,

$$\Sigma_p^{n+1}(f, g; \lambda, \beta) \subset \Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta). \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p^{n+1}(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda, p}^{n+2}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda, p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \right\} < -\beta, \quad |z| < 1. \quad (2.3)$$

We have to show that (2.3) implies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda, p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda, p}^n(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \right\} < -\beta. \quad (2.4)$$

Define a regular function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  by

$$\frac{D_{\lambda, p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda, p}^n(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = -\frac{[p + (2\beta - p)w(z)]}{1 + w(z)}. \quad (2.5)$$

Clearly  $w(0) = 0$ . Equation (2.5) may be written as

$$\frac{D_{\lambda, p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda, p}^n(f * g)(z)} = \frac{1 + [1 + 2\lambda(p - \beta)]w(z)}{1 + w(z)}. \quad (2.6)$$

Differentiating (2.6) logarithmically with respect to  $z$  and using (1.14), we obtain

$$\frac{\frac{D_{\lambda, p}^{n+2}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda, p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) + \beta}{(p - \beta)} = \frac{2\lambda z w'(z)}{(1 + w(z))\{1 + [1 + 2\lambda(p - \beta)]w(z)\}} - \frac{1 - w(z)}{1 + w(z)}. \quad (2.7)$$

We claim that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in U$ . Otherwise there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that  $\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$ . Applying Jack's Lemma, we have  $z_0 w'(z_0) = \xi w(z_0)$  ( $\xi \geq$

1). Writing  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ) and putting  $z = z_0$  in (2.7), we get

$$\frac{\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2}(f*g)(z_0)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*g)(z_0)} - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) + \beta}{p - \beta} = \frac{2\lambda\xi w(z_0)}{(1+w(z_0))\{1+[1+2\lambda(p-\beta)]w(z)\}} - \frac{1-w(z_0)}{1+w(z_0)}. \quad (2.8)$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2}(f*g)(z_0)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f*g)(z_0)} - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) + \beta}{p - \beta} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{2[1 + \lambda(p - \beta)]} > 0, \quad (2.9)$$

which obviously contradicts our hypothesis that  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p^{n+1}(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$ . Thus we must have  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ), and so from (2.5), we conclude that  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$ , which evidently completes the proof of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f, g \in \Sigma_p$  satisfy the condition*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z)} - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \right\} < -\beta + \frac{(p - \beta)}{2(p - \beta + c)} \quad (z \in U) \quad (2.10)$$

for  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < p$ ,  $p \in N$ ,  $n \in N_0$  and  $c > 0$ . Then

$$F_{c,p}(f * g)(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} (f * g)(t) dt \quad (2.11)$$

belongs to  $\Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)$ , we have

$$z(D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z))' = c D_{\lambda,p}^n (f * g)(z) - (c + p) D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z) \quad (2.12)$$

and also

$$z(D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z))' = \frac{1}{\lambda} D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z) - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z) \quad (\lambda > 0). \quad (2.13)$$

Using (2.12) and (2.13), the condition (2.10) may be written as

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} + (c - \frac{1}{\lambda})}{1 + (\lambda c - 1) \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}} - (p + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \right\} < -\beta + \frac{p - \beta}{2(p - \beta + c)}. \quad (2.14)$$

We have to prove that (2.14) implies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \right\} < -\beta. \quad (2.15)$$

Define a regular function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  by

$$\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = -\frac{[p + (2\beta - p)w(z)]}{1 + w(z)}. \quad (2.16)$$

Clearly  $w(0) = 0$ . The equation (2.16) may be written as

$$\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} = \frac{1 + [1 + 2\lambda(p - \beta)]w(z)}{1 + w(z)}. \quad (2.17)$$

Differentiating (2.17) logarithmically with respect to  $z$  and using (2.13), we obtain

$$\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} - \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} = \frac{2\lambda(p - \beta)zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))[1 + (1 + 2\lambda(p - \beta))w(z)]}. \quad (2.18)$$

The above equation may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} + \left(c - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)}{1 + (\lambda c - 1) \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \\ & + \left[ \frac{2\lambda(p - \beta)zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))[1 + (1 + 2\lambda(p - \beta))w(z)]} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{1 + (\lambda c - 1) \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

which, by using (2.16) and (2.17), reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{\lambda D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)} + \left(c - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)}{1 + (\lambda c - 1) \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^n F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F_{c,p}(f * g)(z)}} - \left(p + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = - \left[ \beta + (p - \beta) \frac{1 - w(z)}{1 + w(z)} \right] \\ & + \frac{2\lambda(p - \beta)zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))\{c + [c + 2(p - \beta)]w(z)\}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that Theorem 1, so we omit it.

**Remark 1.** (i) For  $\lambda = p = c = a_k = b_k = 1$  and  $n = \beta = 0$ , we note that Theorem 2 extends a results of Bajpai [ 5, Theorem 1 ];

(ii) For  $\lambda = p = a_k = b_k = 1$  and  $n = \beta = 0$ , we note that Theorem 2 extends a results of Goel and Sohi [ 6, Corollary 1 ].

**Theorem 3.**  $(f * g)(z) \in \Sigma_p^n(f, g; \lambda, \beta)$  if and only if

$$F(f * g)(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1+p}} \int_0^z t^p (f * g)(t) dt \in \Sigma_p^{n+1}(f, g; \lambda, \beta). \quad (2.20)$$

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

$$D_{\lambda,p}^n(zF'(f * g)(z)) + (1 + p)D_{\lambda,p}^n F(f * g)(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z),$$

that is,

$$z(D_{\lambda,p}^n F(f * g)(z))' + (1 + p)D_{\lambda,p}^n F(f * g)(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z). \quad (2.21)$$

By using the identity (1.14), (2.21) reduces to  $D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F(f * g)(z)$ . Hence  $D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z) = D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F(f * g)(z)$ , therefore,

$$\frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1}(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^n(f * g)(z)} = \frac{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+2} F(f * g)(z)}{D_{\lambda,p}^{n+1} F(f * g)(z)}$$

and the result follows.

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