

**ON QUASI-HADAMARD PRODUCTS OF P-VALENT FUNCTIONS  
WITH NEGATIVE COEFFICIENTS DEFINED BY USING A  
DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we establish certain results concerning the quasi-Hadamard products of certain p-valent starlike and p-valent convex functions with negative coefficients defined by using a differential operator.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $T(p)$  denote the class of functions of the form :

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

which are analytic and p-valent in the open unit disc  $U = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ . In [3], Chen et al. investigated various interesting properties and characteristics of functions belonging to two subclasses  $S(p, q, \alpha)$  and  $C(p, q, \alpha)$  of the class  $T(p)$ , where  $S(p, q, \alpha)$  and  $C(p, q, \alpha)$  are defined as follows:

$$S(p, q, \alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in T(p) : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f^{(1+q)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \right. \\ \left. (z \in U; 0 \leq \alpha < p - q; p \in N; p > q; q \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}) \right\} \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$C(p, q, \alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in T(p) : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f^{(2+q)}(z)}{f^{(1+q)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \right.$$

$$(z \in U; 0 \leq \alpha < p - q; p \in N; p > q; q \in N_0) \} , \quad (1.3)$$

where, for each  $f(z) \in T(p)$ , we have (see [3])

$$f^{(j)}(z) = \frac{p!}{(p-j)!} z^{p-j} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p)!}{(n+p-j)!} a_{n+p} z^{n+p-j} \quad (j \in N_0; p > j). \quad (1.4)$$

We note that :

(i)  $S(p, 0, \alpha) = T^*(p, \alpha)$ , is the class of  $p$ -valently starlike functions of order  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < p$  ;

(ii)  $C(p, 0, \alpha) = C(p, \alpha)$ , is the class of  $p$ -valently convex functions of order  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < p$ .

The classes  $T^*(p, \alpha)$  and  $C(p, \alpha)$  are studied by Owa [13] and Salagean et al. [14].

In [3], Chen et al. obtained the following results.

**Lemma 1 [3].** *A function  $f(z) \in T(p)$  is in the class  $S(p, q, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-q-\alpha)\delta(n+p, q)a_{p+n} \leq (p-q-\alpha)\delta(p, q) \quad (1.5)$$

$$(0 \leq \alpha < p - q; p \in N; p > q; q \in N_0),$$

where

$$\delta(p, q) = \frac{p!}{(p-q)!} = \begin{cases} p(p-1)\dots(p-q+1) & (q \neq 0) \\ 1 & (q = 0). \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

**Lemma 2 [3].** *A function  $f(z) \in T(p)$  is in the class  $C(p, q, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right) (n+p-q-\alpha)\delta(n+p, q)a_{p+n} \leq (p-q-\alpha)\delta(p, q). \quad (1.7)$$

Let  $T_0(p)$  denote the class of functions of the form :

$$f(z) = a_p z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n} z^{p+n} \quad (a_p > 0; a_{p+n} \geq 0; p \in N) \quad (1.8)$$

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in  $U$ . Furthermore, let  $T_0^*(p, q, \alpha)$  and  $C_0(p, q, \alpha)$  be the subclasses of  $T_0(p)$  defined as follows :

$$T_0^*(p, q, \alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in T_0(p) : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f^{(1+q)}(z)}{f^{(q)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha \right\} ,$$

$$(z \in U; 0 \leq \alpha < p - q; p \in N; p > q; q \in N_0) \},$$

and

$$C_0(p, q, \alpha) = \left\{ f(z) \in T_0(p) : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf^{(2+q)}(z)}{f^{(1+q)}(z)} \right\} > \alpha \right\},$$

$$(z \in U; 0 \leq \alpha < p - q; p \in N; p > q; q \in N_0) \}.$$

For these classes, by using Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we easily obtain the following theorems :

**Theorem 1.** A function  $f(z) \in T_0(p)$  is in the class  $T_0^*(p, q, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n + p - q - \alpha)\delta(n + p, q)a_{p+n}] \leq (p - q - \alpha)\delta(p, q)a_p.$$

**Theorem 2.** A function  $f(z) \in T_0(p)$  is in the class  $C_0(p, q, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{n + p - q}{p - q} \right) (n + p - q - \alpha)\delta(n + p, q)a_{p+n} \right] \leq (p - q - \alpha)\delta(p, q)a_p.$$

We now introduce a subclass  $S_0(k, p, q, \alpha)$  of the class  $T_0(p)$ . We say that a function  $f(z)$  belongs to the class  $S_0(k, p, q, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{n + p - q}{p - q} \right)^k (n + p - q - \alpha)\delta(n + p, q)a_{p+n} \right] \leq$$

$$(p - q - \alpha)\delta(p, q)a_p \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p - q), \quad (1.9)$$

where  $k$  is any fixed non-negative real number.

We note that for every nonnegative real number  $k$ , the class  $S_0(k, p, q, \alpha)$  is nonempty as the functions of the form

$$f(z) = a_p z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p - q - \alpha)\delta(p, q)a_p}{\left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^k (n + p - q - \alpha)\delta(n + p, q)} \lambda_{p+n} z^{p+n},$$

where  $a_p > 0$ ,  $\lambda_{p+n} > 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+n} \leq 1$ , satisfy the inequality (1.9). Evidently,  $S_0(0, p, q, \alpha) \equiv T_0^*(p, q, \alpha)$  and  $S_0(1, p, q, \alpha) \equiv C_0(p, q, \alpha)$ . Further,  $S_0(k, p, q, \alpha) \subset S_0(c, p, q, \alpha)$  if  $k > c \geq 0$ , the containment being proper. Hence, for any positive integer  $k$ , we have the inclusion relation

$$S_0(k, p, q, \alpha) \subset S_0(k - 1, p, q, \alpha) \dots \subset S_0(2, p, q, \alpha) \subset C_0(p, q, \alpha) \subset T_0^*(p, q, \alpha).$$

Finally, let the functions of the class  $T_0(p)$  be of the forms :

$$f_i(z) = a_{p,i}z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n,i}z^{p+n} \quad (a_{p,i} > 0; a_{p+n,i} \geq 0)$$

and

$$g_j(z) = b_{p,j}z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{p+n,j}z^{p+n} \quad (b_{p,j} > 0; b_{p+n,j} \geq 0),$$

and define the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_i * g_j(z)$  of the functions  $f_i(z)$  and  $g_j(z)$  by

$$f_i * g_j(z) = a_{p,i}b_{p,j}z^p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{p+n,i}b_{p+n,j}z^{p+n} \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Similarly, we can define the quasi-Hadamard product of more than two functions.

The quasi-Hadamard product of two or more functions has recently been defined and used by Owa ([10], [11] and [12]), Kumar ([7], [8] and [9]), Sekine [15], Aouf [1], Aouf et al. [2], Frasin and Aouf [5], Hossen [6] and Darwish [4].

In this paper we establish certain results concerning the quasi-Hadamard product of functions in the classes  $S_0(k, p, q, \alpha)$ ,  $T_0(p, q, \alpha)$  and  $C_0(p, q, \alpha)$  analogous to the results due to Kumar ([8] and [9]) and Sekine [15].

## 2. RESULTS INVOLVING QUASI-HADAMARD PRODUCTS

**Theorem 3.** *Let the functions  $f_i(z)$  belong to the classes  $T_0^*(p, q, \alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ ) and let the functions  $g_j(z)$  belong to the classes  $C_0(p, q, \beta_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, d$ ). Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * f_3 * \dots * f_m * g_1 * g_2 * g_3 * \dots * g_d(z)$  belongs to the class  $S_0(m + 2d - 1, p, q, \gamma)$ , where*

$$\gamma = \max\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_d\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f_i(z) \in T_0^*(p, q, \alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), by Theorem 1, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n + p - q - \alpha_i)\delta(n + p, q)a_{p+n,i} \leq (p - q - \alpha_i)\delta(p, q)a_{p,i}. \quad (2.1)$$

which yields

$$a_{p+n,i} \leq \left(\frac{p - q}{n + p - q}\right) a_{p,i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq m). \quad (2.2)$$

Also, since  $g_j(z) \in C_0(p, q, \beta_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, d$ ), by Theorem 2, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n + p - q}{p - q}\right) (n + p - q - \beta_j)\delta(n + p, q)b_{p+n,j} \leq (p - q - \beta_j)\delta(p, q)b_{p,j}. \quad (2.3)$$

which yields

$$b_{p+n,j} \leq \left( \frac{p-q}{n+p-q} \right)^2 b_{p,j} \quad (1 \leq j \leq d). \quad (2.4)$$

It is sufficient to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m+2d-1} (n+p-q-\gamma)\delta(n+p,q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p+n,i} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p+n,j} \right\} \\ & \leq (p-q-\gamma)\delta(p,q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j}. \end{aligned}$$

The following two cases will arise :

(i) When  $\gamma = \max \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ , we may assume that  $\gamma = \alpha_m$ . Then, by using (2.2) for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$  and (2.4) for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m+2d-1} (n+p-q-\gamma)\delta(n+p,q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p+n,i} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p+n,j} \right\} \\ & \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m+2d-1} (n+p-q-\alpha_m)\delta(n+p,q) \right. \\ & \quad \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{p-q}{n+p-q} \right)^{m-1} \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \left( \frac{p-q}{n+p-q} \right)^{2d} \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right] a_{p+n,m} \left. \right\} \\ & = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-q-\alpha_m)\delta(n+p,q) a_{p+n,m} \\ & \leq (p-q-\alpha_m)\delta(p,q) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right] \\ & = (p-q-\gamma)\delta(p,q) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) When  $\gamma = \max \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_d\}$ , we may assume that  $\gamma = \beta_d$ . Then, by using

(2.2) for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and (2.4) for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m+2d-1} (n+p-q-\gamma)\delta(n+p, q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p+n,i} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p+n,j} \right\} \\
 & \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m+2d-1} (n+p-q-\beta_d)\delta(n+p, q) \cdot \right. \\
 & \quad \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{p-q}{n+p-q} \right)^m \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \left( \frac{p-q}{n+p-q} \right)^{2(d-1)} \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} b_{p,j} \right] b_{p+n,d} \left. \right\} \\
 & = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} b_{p,j} \right] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right) (n+p-q-\beta_d)\delta(n+p, q) b_{p+n,d} \\
 & \leq (p-q-\beta_d)\delta(p, q) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right] \\
 & = (p-q-\gamma)\delta(p, q) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \right] \left[ \prod_{j=1}^d b_{p,j} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

In both cases we conclude that

$$f_1 * f_2 * f_3 * \dots * f_m * g_1 * g_2 * g_3 * \dots * g_d(z) \in S_0(m + 2d - 1, p, q, \gamma).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Now we discuss the applications of Theorem 3. Taking into account the quasi-Hadamard product of functions  $f_1(z), f_2(z), \dots, f_m(z)$  only, in the proof of Theorem 3, and using (2.2) for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ , and (2.1) for  $i = m$ , we are led to

**Corollary 1.** *Let the functions  $f_i(z)$  belong to the classes  $T_0^*(p, q, \alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ). Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * f_3 * \dots * f_m(z)$  belongs to the class  $S_0(m - 1, p, q, \beta)$ , where  $\beta = \max\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ .*

Next, taking into account the quasi-Hadamard product of the functions  $g_1(z), g_2(z), \dots, g_d(z)$  only, in the proof of Theorem 3, and using (2.4) for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d - 1$ , and (2.3) for  $j = d$ , we are led to

**Corollary 2.** *Let the functions  $g_j(z)$  belong to the classes  $C_0(p, q, \alpha_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ). Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $g_1 * g_2 * g_3 * \dots * g_d(z)$  belongs to the class  $S_0(2d - 1, p, q, \beta)$ , where  $\beta = \max\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_d\}$ .*

**Theorem 4.** Let the functions  $f_i(z)$  belong to the class  $C_0(p, q, \alpha)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ ), and let  $0 \leq \alpha \leq r_0$ , where  $r_0$  is a root of the equation

$$(p - q + 1)^m(p - q - mr) - (p - q)(p - q - r)^m = 0$$

in the open interval  $(0, \frac{p-q}{m})$ . Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * f_3 * \dots * f_m(z)$  belongs to the class  $S_0(m - 1, p, q, m\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f_i(z) \in C_0(p, q, \alpha)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ ), by Theorem 2, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n + p - q}{p - q} \right) (n + p - q - \alpha) \delta(n + p, q) a_{p+n, i} \leq (p - q - \alpha) \delta(p, q) a_{p, i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq m).$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n + p - q - \alpha) \delta(n + p, q) a_{n+p, i} \leq \left( \frac{p - q}{1 + p - q} \right) (p - q - \alpha) \delta(p, q) a_{p, i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq m), \quad (2.5)$$

which evidently yields

$$(n + p - q - \alpha) \delta(n + p, q) a_{p+n, i} \leq \left( \frac{p - q}{1 + p - q} \right) (p - q - \alpha) \delta(p, q) a_{p, i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq m). \quad (2.6)$$

By mathematical induction on  $m$ , we can get the inequality

$$(n + p - q)^{m-1} (n + p - q - m\alpha) \leq (n + p - q - \alpha)^m, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < p - q$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and  $m\alpha < p - q$ . Using (2.7), (2.6) for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$ , and using (2.5) for  $i = m$ , we also get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{n+p-q}{p-q} \right)^{m-1} (n+p-q-m\alpha)\delta(n+p, q) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p+n,i} \right\} \\
 \leq & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{p-q} \right)^{m-1} (n+p-q-\alpha)^m \delta(n+p, q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p+n,i} \right\} \\
 \leq & \left\{ \left( \frac{p-q-\alpha}{1+p-q} \right)^{m-1} \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{p,i} \right\} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-q-\alpha)\delta(n+p, q) a_{p+n,m} \\
 \leq & (p-q) \left( \frac{p-q-\alpha}{1+p-q} \right)^m \delta(p, q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} \\
 \leq & (p-q-m\alpha)\delta(p, q) \prod_{i=1}^m a_{p,i} .
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves that

$$f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_m(z) \in S_0(m-1, p, q, m\alpha) ,$$

as asserted by Theorem 4.

**Remark.** Putting  $q = 0$  in the above results we obtain the results obtained by Sekine [15].

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