



## ON $q$ -HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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### Abstract

In this article, we study some results on meromorphic functions defined by  $q$ -hypergeometric functions. In addition, certain sufficient conditions for these meromorphic functions to satisfy a subordination property are also pointed out. In fact, these results extend known results of starlikeness, convexity, and close to convexity.

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### 1. Introduction

In the present paper, we initiate the study of functions which are meromorphic in the punctured disk  $\mathbf{U}^* = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$  with a Laurent expansion about the origin, see [8].

Let  $A$  be the class of analytic functions  $h(z)$  with  $h(0) = 1$ , which are convex and univalent in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^* \cup \{0\}$  and for which

$$\Re\{h(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}^*). \quad (1.1)$$

For functions  $f$  and  $g$  analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$ , we say that  $f$  is *subordinate to*  $g$  and write

$$f \prec g \text{ in } U \text{ or } f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}) \quad (1.2)$$

if there exists an analytic function  $\omega(z)$  in  $\mathbf{U}$  such that

$$|\omega(z)| \leq |z|, \quad f(z) = g(\omega(z)) \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}). \quad (1.3)$$

Furthermore, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbf{U}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \prec g(z) &\Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0), \\ f(\mathbf{U}) &\subseteq g(\mathbf{U}) \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of meromorphic functions  $f(z)$  normalized by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n, \quad (2.1)$$

which are analytic in the punctured unit disk  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . For  $0 \leq \beta$ , we denote by  $S^*(\beta)$  and  $K(\beta)$  the subclasses of  $\Sigma$  consisting of all meromorphic functions which are, respectively, starlike of order  $\beta$  and convex of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ .

For functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by

$$f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_{n,j} z^n, \quad (2.2)$$

we denote the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  by

$$(f_1 * f_2) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_{n,1} d_{n,2} z^n. \quad (2.3)$$

Cho et al. [3] and Ghanim and Darus [6] studied the following function:

$$q_{\lambda,\mu}(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\lambda}{n+1+\lambda} \right)^{\mu} z^n \quad (\lambda > 0, \mu \geq 0). \quad (2.4)$$

Corresponding to the function  $q_{\lambda,\mu}(z)$  and using the Hadamard product for  $f(z) \in \Sigma$ , Ghanim and Darus [7] defined a linear operator  $L(\lambda, \mu)$  on  $\Sigma$  by

$$L_{\lambda,\mu}f(z) = (f(z) * q_{\lambda,\mu}(z)) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\lambda}{n+1+\lambda} \right)^{\mu} |d_n| z^n. \quad (2.5)$$

As for the result of this paper on applications involving generalized hypergeometric functions, we need to utilize the well-known  $q$ -hypergeometric function.

For complex parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_l$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  ( $b_j \neq 0, -1, \dots; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), the  $q$ -hypergeometric function  ${}_l\Psi_m(z)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} {}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) &:= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, q)_n \dots (a_l, q)_n}{(q, q)_n (b_1, q)_n \dots (b_m, q)_n} \\ &\times [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+m-l} z^n, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

with  $\binom{n}{2} = n(n-1)/2$ , where  $q \neq 0$  when  $l > m+1$  ( $l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in \mathbb{U}$ ).

The  $q$ -shifted factorial is defined for  $a, q \in \mathbb{C}$  as a product of  $n$  factors by

$$(a; q)_n = \begin{cases} (1-a)(1-aq) \cdots (1-aq^{n-1}) & (n \in \mathbb{N}) \\ 1 & (n = 0) \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

and in terms of basic analogue of the gamma function

$$(q^a; q)_n = \frac{\Gamma_q(a+n)(1-q)^n}{\Gamma_q(a)}, \quad n > 0. \quad (2.8)$$

It is of interest to note that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow -1} ((q^a; q)_n / (1-q)^n) = (a)_n = a(a+1) \cdots (a+n-1)$$

is the familiar Pochhammer symbol and

$${}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n \cdots (a_l)_n}{(b_1)_n \cdots (b_m)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (2.9)$$

Now for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $0 < |q| < 1$  and  $l = m+1$ , the basic hypergeometric function defined in (2.9) takes the form

$${}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, q)_n \cdots (a_l, q)_n}{(q, q)_n (b_1, q)_n \cdots (b_m, q)_n} z^n, \quad (2.10)$$

which converges absolutely in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ .

Corresponding to the function  ${}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z)$  recently for meromorphic functions  $f \in \Sigma$  consisting functions of the form (2.1), Aldweby and Darus [1] introduced  $q$ -analogue of Liu-Srivastava operator as

below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & {}_l\Upsilon_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) * f(z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{z} {}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) * f(z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^l (a_i, q)_{n+1}}{(q, q)_{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^m (b_i, q)_{n+1}} d_n z^n \quad (z \in \mathbf{U}^*), \quad (2.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\prod_{k=1}^s (a_k, q)_{n+1} = (a_1, q)_{n+1} \dots (a_s, q)_{n+1}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_l\Upsilon_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) &= \frac{1}{z} {}_l\Psi_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^l (a_i, q)_{n+1}}{(q, q)_{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^m (b_i, q)_{n+1}} z^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Corresponding to the functions  ${}_l\Upsilon_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z)$  and  $q_{\lambda, \mu}(z)$  given in (2.4) and using the Hadamard product for  $f(z) \in \Sigma$ , we will define a new linear operator as  $L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m; q)$  on  $\Sigma$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m; q) f(z) \\
 &= (f(z) * {}_l\Upsilon_m(a_1, \dots, a_l; b_1, \dots, b_m; q, z)) * q_{\lambda, \mu}(z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^l (a_i, q)_{n+1}}{(q, q)_{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^m (b_i, q)_{n+1}} \left( \frac{\lambda}{n+1+\lambda} \right)^{\mu} |d_n| z^n, \quad (2.12)
 \end{aligned}$$

and for convenience, we shall henceforth denote

$$L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m; q) f(z) = L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q) f(z). \quad (2.13)$$

**Remark 2.1.** (i) For  $\mu = 0$ ,  $a_i = q^{a_i}$ ,  $b_j = q^{b_j}$ ,  $a_i > 0$ ,  $b_j > 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $l = m + 1$ ),  $q \rightarrow 1$ , the operator  $L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z) = H_m^l[a_l]f(z)$  which was investigated by Liu and Srivastava [11].

(ii) For  $\mu = 0$ ,  $l = 2$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $a_2 = q$ ,  $q \rightarrow 1$ , the operator  $L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, q, b_m, q)f(z) = L(a_l, b_m)f(z)$  was introduced and studied by Liu and Srivastava [10].

(iii) For  $\mu = 0$ ,  $l = 1$ ,  $m = 0$ ,  $a_i = \gamma + 1$ ,  $q \rightarrow 1$ , the operator  $L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\gamma + 1, b_m, q)f(z) = D^{\gamma}f(z) = \frac{1}{z(1-z)^{\gamma+1}} * f(z)$  ( $\gamma > -1$ ), where  $D^{\gamma}$  is the differential operator which was introduced by Ganigi and Uralegaddi [4] and then it was generalized by Yang [13].

For a function  $f \in L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)$ , we define

$$I^0(L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)) = L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z),$$

and for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I^k(L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)) &= z(I^{k-1}L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z))' + \frac{2}{z}, \\ I^k(L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k \frac{\prod_{i=1}^l (a_i, q)_{n+1}}{(q, q)_{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^m (b_i, q)_{n+1}} \left( \frac{\lambda}{n+1+\lambda} \right)^{\mu} |d_n| z^n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

We note that  $I^k$  in (2.14) was studied by Ghanim and Darus [5], and Challab and Darus [2, 14]. Also, it follows from (2.12) that

$$z(L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z))' = nL_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z) - \frac{n+1}{z}, \quad (2.15)$$

also, from (2.15), we get

$$z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z))' = nI^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z) - \frac{n+1}{z}. \quad (2.16)$$

We obtain certain sufficient conditions for a function  $f \in \Sigma$  to satisfy either of the following subordinations:

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z},$$

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1-z},$$

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}.$$

To prove our main results, we need the following:

**Lemma 2.1** (cf. Miller and Mocanu [12, Theorem 3.4h, p. 132]). *Let  $q(z)$  be univalent in the unit disk  $\mathbf{U}$  and let  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  be analytic in a domain  $q(\mathbf{U}) \subset D$ , with  $\varphi(\omega) \neq 0$  when  $q(\mathbf{U}) \in \omega$ . Set*

$$Q(z) := zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)), \quad h(z) := \vartheta(q(z)) + Q(z).$$

Suppose that

(1)  $Q(z)$  is starlike univalent in  $\mathbf{U}$ , and

(2)  $\Re\left(\frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)}\right) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbf{U}$ .

If  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbf{U}$  with  $p(0) = q(0)$ ,  $p(\mathbf{U}) \subset D$  and

$$\vartheta(p(z)) + zp'(z)\varphi(p(z)) \prec \vartheta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)), \quad (2.17)$$

then  $p(z) \prec q(z)$  and  $q(z)$  is the best dominant.

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $-1 \leq a \leq 1$  and  $\gamma > 1$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies  $z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbf{U}^*$  and

$$\left( \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)} \right)^a \left( \frac{n+1}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z))} \right) \prec h(z), \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z} \right)^{a+1} \left( \frac{n+1}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z))} - \frac{(\gamma-1)z}{\gamma(1-z)^2} \right),$$

then

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}.$$

**Proof.** The condition (3.1) and  $z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbf{U}^*$  imply that  $z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) := \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}.$$

Clearly,  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . A computation shows that

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{z[I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)]'}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z)} - \frac{z[I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)]'}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}. \quad (3.2)$$

By using the identities (2.16) and (3.2), we get

$$\frac{n+1}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z))} = \frac{(n+1)p(z)}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l + 1, b_m, q)f(z))} - \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}. \quad (3.3)$$



Using (3.3) in (3.1), we get

$$\frac{(n+1)(p(z))^{a+1}}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z))} - zp'(z)(p(z))^{a-1} \prec h(z). \quad (3.4)$$

Let  $q(z)$  be the function defined by

$$q(z) := \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}.$$

It is clear that  $q$  is convex univalent in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . Since

$$h(z) = \frac{(n+1)(q(z))^{a+1}}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z))} - zq'(z)(q(z))^{a-1},$$

we see that (3.4) can be written as (2.17) when  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\phi$  are given by

$$\mathfrak{g}(\omega) = \frac{(n+1)}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z))} \omega^{a+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\omega) = \omega^{a-1}.$$

Clearly,  $\phi$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &:= zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = zq'(z)(q(z))^{a-1} = \frac{(1-\gamma)z\gamma^a(1-z)^{a-1}}{(\gamma-z)^{1+a}}, \\ h(z) &:= \mathfrak{g}(q(z)) + Q(z) \\ &= \left( \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z} \right)^{1+a} \left( \frac{(n+1)}{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z))} - \frac{(\gamma-1)z}{\gamma(1-z)^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By our assumptions on the parameters  $a$  and  $\gamma$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} &= \Re \left( 1 + \frac{z(1-a)}{1-z} + (1+a) \frac{z}{\gamma-z} \right) \\ &> 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1-a) - \frac{(1+a)\gamma}{1+\gamma} \\ &= \frac{(1+a)(\gamma-1)}{2(1+\gamma)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $Q(z)$  is starlike. Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \\ &= (n+1) \Re \frac{\gamma(z-1)[z(\gamma-z)(1+a) - (1-z)((\gamma-z)(n+1) - z(1+a))]}{z^2(\gamma-z)(1-\gamma)(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z))} \\ &+ \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

By an application of Lemma 2.1, we have  $p(z) \prec q(z)$  or

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z)}{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $-1 < a < 0$  and  $-1 < A < 1$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition  $\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $\mathbf{U}^*$  and

$$\left( \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \right)^a \left( \frac{n+1}{z^2} \right) \prec h(z), \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$h(z) = \left( \frac{1+Az}{1-z} \right)^{a+1} \left( (n-1) + \frac{(1+A)z}{(1-z)(1+Az)} \right),$$

then

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1-z}.$$

**Proof.** Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) := \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z}. \quad (3.6)$$

It is clear that  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . By using the identity (2.16), we get from (3.6),

$$\frac{n+1}{z^2} = (n-1)p(z) - zp'(z). \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.7) in (3.5), we see that the subordination becomes

$$(n-1)p(z)^{1+a} - z(p(z))^a p'(z) \prec h(z).$$

Define the function  $q(z)$  by

$$q(z) := \frac{1 + Az}{1 - z}.$$

It is clear that  $q(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $q(\mathbf{U})$  is the region  $\Re q(z) > (1-A)/2$ . Define the functions  $\vartheta$  and  $\varphi$  by

$$\vartheta(\omega) = (n-1)\omega^{a+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(\omega) = \omega^a.$$

We observe that (3.5) can be written as (2.17). Note that  $\varphi$  and  $\vartheta$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus 0$ . Also, we see that

$$Q(z) := zq'(z)\varphi(q(z)) = \frac{z(1+A)(1+Az)^a}{(1-z)^{2+a}}$$

and

$$h(z) := \vartheta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \left( \frac{1+Az}{1-z} \right)^{a+1} \left( (n-1) + \frac{(1+A)z}{(1+Az)(1-z)} \right).$$

By our assumptions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} &= \Re \left[ 1 + a \frac{Az}{1+Az} + (2+a) \frac{z}{1-z} \right] \\ &> 1 + \frac{a|A|}{1+|A|} - \frac{2+a}{2} = \frac{-a(1-|A|)}{2(1+|A|)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} = \Re \left[ \frac{g'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} + \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \right] = (n-1)(1+a) + \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \geq 0.$$

The results now follow by an application of Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $a \geq -1$ ,  $\gamma > 1$ ,  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)/z \neq 0$  in  $U^*$ . If  $f$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \right)^a \left( \frac{n+1}{z^2} \right) \\ & \prec \left( \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{(\gamma-z)} \right)^{1+a} \left( (n-1) - \frac{z(1-\gamma)}{(1-z)(\gamma-z)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

then

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z} \quad (z \in U^*).$$

**Proof.** Define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) = \frac{I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z}. \quad (3.9)$$

Clearly,  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $U^*$ , we can compute to show

$$zp'(z) = \frac{z(I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z))' - I^k L_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a_l, b_m, q)f(z)}{z}. \quad (3.10)$$

By using the identity (2.16), we can get from (3.10),

$$\frac{n+1}{z^2} = (n-1)p(z) - zp'(z). \quad (3.11)$$

Using (3.11) in (3.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (n-1)(p(z))^{a+1} - zp'(z)(p(z))^a \\ & \prec \left( \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{(\gamma-z)} \right)^{1+a} \left( (n-1) - \frac{z(1-\gamma)}{(1-z)(\gamma-z)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Define the function  $q(z)$  by

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}$$

which is univalent in  $\mathbf{U}^*$ . We see that (3.12) can be written as (2.17) when  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\phi$  are given by  $\mathfrak{g}(\omega) = (n-1)\omega^{a+1}$ ,  $\phi(\omega) = -\omega^a$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\phi$  are analytic in  $\mathbf{C} \setminus 0$ . Now

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{-z\gamma^{a+1}(1-\gamma)(1-z)^a}{(\gamma-z)^{a+z}},$$

$$h(z) = \mathfrak{g}(q(z)) + Q(z) = \left( \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z} \right)^{1+a} \left( (n-1) - \frac{z(1-\gamma)}{(1-z)(\gamma-z)} \right).$$

By our assumptions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} &= \Re \left( 1 + \frac{z(1-a)}{1-z} + (1+a) \frac{z}{\gamma-z} \right) \\ &> 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1-a) - \frac{(1+a)\gamma}{1+\gamma} \\ &= \frac{(1+a)(\gamma-1)}{2(1+\gamma)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $Q(z)$  is starlike. Now

$$\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} = \Re \left[ \frac{\mathfrak{g}'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))} + \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \right] = (1-n)(1+a) + \Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} \geq 0.$$

Now we can apply Lemma 2.1 to get  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ . We have

$$\frac{I^k L_{\mathbf{u}}^\lambda(a_l+1, b_m, q)f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{\gamma(1-z)}{\gamma-z}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.3. □

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