# Differential sandwich results for Wanas operator of analytic functions

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ABSTRACT. In the present article, we determine some subordination and superordination results involving Wanas operator for certain normalized analytic functions defined in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ . These results are applied to establish sandwich results. Our results extend corresponding previously known results.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Denote by  $H = H(\mathbb{U})$  the collection of analytic functions in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and assume that H[a, n] be the subclass of H consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}, \ n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}).$$

Also, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the subclass of H consisting of functions of the form:

(1) 
$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n.$$

Now we recall the principal of subordination between analytic functions, let the functions f and g be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , we say that the function f is subordinate to g, if there exists a Schwarz function w analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) such that f(z) = g(w(z)). This subordination is indicated by  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). Furthermore, if the function g is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have the following equivalent (see [8]),  $f(z) \prec g(z) \iff f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U})$ .

Let  $\xi, h \in H$  and  $\psi(r, s, t; z) : \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{U} \to \mathbb{C}$ . If  $\xi$  and

$$\psi\left(\xi\left(z\right),z\xi'\left(z\right),z^{2}\xi''\left(z\right);z\right)$$

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are univalent functions in  $\mathbb U$  and if  $\xi$  satisfies the second-order differential superordination

(2) 
$$h(z) \prec \psi\left(\xi(z), z\xi'(z), z^2\xi''(z); z\right),$$

then  $\xi$  is called a solution of the differential superordination (2). (If f is subordinate to g, then g is superordinate to f). An analytic function q is called a subordinat of (2), if  $q \prec \xi$  for all  $\xi$  satisfying (2). An univalent subordinant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $q \prec \tilde{q}$  for all the subordinates q of (2) is called the best subordinant.

For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$  with  $\alpha + \beta > 0$ ,  $m, \delta \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , the Wanas operator  $W^{k,\delta}_{\alpha,\beta} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  (see [24]) is defined by

(3) 
$$W^{k,\delta}_{\alpha,\beta}f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\frac{\alpha^m + n\beta^m}{\alpha^m + \beta^m}\right)\right]^{\delta} a_n z^n$$

**Remark 1.** It should be remarked that the operator  $W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}$  generalizes some known operators considered earlier:

- (1) For k = 1, the operator  $W_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,\delta} \equiv I_{\alpha,\beta}^{\delta}$  was introduced and studied by Swamy [22],
- (2) For  $k = \beta = 1$ ,  $\delta = -\mu$ ,  $Re(\mu) > 1$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ , the operator  $W_{\alpha,1}^{1,-\mu} \equiv J_{\mu,\alpha}$  was investigated by Srivastava and Attiya [16]. The operator  $J_{\mu,\alpha}$  is now popularly known in the literature as the Srivastava-Attiya operator. Various applications of the Srivastava-Attiya operator are found in [15, 17, 18, 19, 20] and in the references cited in each of these earlier works,
- (3) For  $k = \beta = 1$  and  $\alpha > -1$ , the operator  $W_{\alpha,1}^{1,\delta} \equiv I_{\alpha}^{\delta}$  was investigated by Cho and Srivastava [6],
- (4) For  $k = \alpha = \beta = 1$ , the operator  $W_{1,1}^{1,\delta} \equiv I^{\delta}$  was considered by Uralegaddi and Somanatha [23],
- (5) For  $k = \alpha = \beta = 1$ ,  $\delta = -\sigma$  and  $\sigma > 0$ , the operator  $W_{1,1}^{1,-\sigma} \equiv I^{\sigma}$  was introduced by Jung et al. [7]. The operator  $I^{\sigma}$  is the Jung-Kim-Srivastava integral operator,
- (6) For  $k = \beta = 1$ ,  $\delta = -1$  and  $\alpha > -1$ , the operator  $W_{\alpha,1}^{1,-1} \equiv L_{\alpha}$  was studied by Bernardi [4],
- (7) For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $k = \beta = 1$  and  $\delta = -1$ , the operator  $W_{0,1}^{1,-1} \equiv u$  was investigated by Alexander [1],
- (8) For k = 1,  $\alpha = 1 \beta$  and  $\beta \ge 0$ , the operator  $W_{1-\beta,\beta}^{1,\delta} \equiv D_{\beta}^{\delta}$  was given by Al-Oboudi [2],
- (9) For k = 1,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ , the operator  $W_{0,1}^{1,\delta} \equiv S^{\delta}$  was considered by Sălăgean [13].

It is readily verified from (3) that

(4) 
$$z\left(W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)\right)' = \left[\sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1\right)\right] W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f(z) \\ - \left[\sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m}\right] W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z).$$

Very recently, Rahrovi [12], Attiya and Yassen [3], Seoudy [14], Wanas and Majeed [25] and Srivastava and Wanas [21] have obtained sandwich results for certain classes of analytic functions. Motivated by aforementioned works to investigate sufficient condition for f based on Wanas differential operator we define a new subclasses of normalized analytic functions satisfying the following:

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{W^{k,\delta}_{\alpha,\beta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q_2(z)$$

and

$$q_{1}\left(z\right) \prec \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q_{2}\left(z\right),$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are given univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . To establish our main results, we need the following definition and lemmas.

**Definition 1** ([8]). Denote by Q the set of all functions f that are analytic and injective on  $\overline{\mathbb{U}} \setminus E(f)$ , where

$$E\left(f\right) = \left\{\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{U} : \lim_{z \to \zeta} f\left(z\right) = \infty\right\}$$

and are such that  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{U} \setminus E(f)$ .

**Lemma 1** ([8]). Let q be univalent in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain D containing  $q(\mathbb{U})$  with  $\phi(w) \neq 0$  when  $w \in q(\mathbb{U})$ . Set  $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z))$  and  $h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z)$ . Suppose that

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

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

If  $\xi$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $\xi(0) = q(0), \xi(\mathbb{U}) \subset D$  and

(5) 
$$\theta\left(\xi\left(z\right)\right) + z\xi'\left(z\right)\phi\left(\xi\left(z\right)\right) \prec \theta\left(q\left(z\right)\right) + zq'\left(z\right)\phi\left(q\left(z\right)\right),$$

then  $\xi \prec q$  and q is the best dominant of (5).

**Lemma 2** ([9]). Let q be a convex univalent function in U and let  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  with

$$\Re\left(1+\frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)}\right) > \max\left\{0, -Re\left(\frac{\mu}{\nu}\right)\right\}.$$

If  $\xi$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and

(6) 
$$\mu\xi(z) + \nu z\xi'(z) \prec \mu q(z) + \nu zq'(z),$$

then  $\xi \prec q$  and q is the best dominant of (6).

**Lemma 3** ([9]). Let q be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  and let  $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ . Further assume that  $\Re(\nu) > 0$ . If  $\xi \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$  and  $\xi(z) + \nu z \xi'(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then

(7) 
$$q(z) + \nu z q'(z) \prec \xi(z) + \nu z \xi'(z),$$

which implies that  $q \prec \xi$  and q is the best subordinant of (7).

**Lemma 4** ([5]). Let q be convex univalent in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  and let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be analytic in a domain D containing q ( $\mathbb{U}$ ). Suppose that

(1)  $\Re\left(\frac{\theta'(q(z))}{\phi(q(z))}\right) > 0 \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{U},$ 

(2)  $Q(z) = zq'(z\phi(q(z)))$  is starlike univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

If  $\xi \in H[q(0), 1] \cap Q$ , with  $\xi(\mathbb{U}) \subset D$ ,  $\phi(\xi(z)) + z\xi'(z)\phi(\xi(z))$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  and

(8) 
$$\theta(q(z)) + zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) \prec \theta(\xi(z)) + z\xi'(z)\phi(\xi(z)),$$

then  $q \prec \xi$  and q is the best subordinant of (8).

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 1.** Let q be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1,  $\sigma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  and suppose that q satisfies

(9) 
$$\Re\left(1 + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)}\right) > \max\left\{0, -\Re\left(\frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right)\right\}.$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the subordination

$$(10) \quad \left[1 - \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \right] \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \\ + \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}\right) \\ \prec q(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q'(z) ,$$

then

(11) 
$$\left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant of (10).

*Proof.* Define the function  $\xi$  by

(12) 
$$\xi(z) = \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Differentiating (12) logarithmically with respect to z, we get

$$\frac{z\xi'(z)}{\xi(z)} = \gamma \left( \frac{z\left(W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)\right)'}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)} - 1 \right).$$

Now, in view of (4), we obtain the following subordination

$$\frac{z\xi'(z)}{\xi(z)} = \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^m + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)} - 1 \right).$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{z\xi'(z)}{\gamma} = \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \times \\ \times \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)} - 1 \right).$$

The subordination (10) from the hypothesis becomes

$$\xi(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z \xi'(z) \prec q(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q'(z).$$

Hence, an application of Lemma 2 with  $\mu = 1$  and  $\nu = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}$ , we obtain (11).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\eta, \tau \in \mathbb{C}, \gamma > 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and q be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q(0) = 1, q(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) and assume that q satisfies

(13) 
$$\Re\left(1+\frac{\tau}{\lambda}q\left(z\right)+\frac{zq''\left(z\right)}{q'\left(z\right)}-\frac{zq'\left(z\right)}{q\left(z\right)}\right)>0.$$

Suppose that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in U. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

(14) 
$$\Omega\left(\eta,\tau,\gamma,\lambda,k,\delta,\alpha,\beta;z\right) \prec \eta + \tau q\left(z\right) + \lambda \frac{zq'\left(z\right)}{q\left(z\right)},$$

where

(15)

$$\begin{split} &\Omega\left(\eta,\tau,\gamma,\lambda,k,\delta,\alpha,\beta;z\right) = \eta + \tau \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma} \\ &+ \gamma\lambda\sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} \left(-1\right)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1\right) \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+2}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)} - \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right), \end{split}$$

then

$$\left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q\left(z\right)$$

and q is the best dominant of (14).

*Proof.* Define the function  $\xi$  by

(16) 
$$\xi(z) = \left(\frac{W^{k,\delta+1}_{\alpha,\beta}f(z)}{W^{k,\delta}_{\alpha,\beta}f(z)}\right)^{\gamma}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

By a straightforward computation and using (4), we have

(17) 
$$\eta + \tau \xi \left( z \right) + \lambda \frac{z\xi'\left( z \right)}{\xi \left( z \right)} = \Omega \left( \eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z \right),$$

where  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is given by (15). From (14) and (17), we obtain

$$\eta + \tau \xi(z) + \lambda \frac{z\xi'(z)}{\xi(z)} \prec \eta + \tau q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

By setting

$$\theta\left(w\right) = \eta + \tau w \text{ and } \phi\left(w\right) = \frac{\lambda}{w}, \ w \neq 0,$$

we see that  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\phi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}$  and that  $\phi(w) \neq 0, w \in \mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}$ . Also, we get

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and

$$h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = \eta + \tau q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

It is clear that Q(z) is starlike univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,

$$\Re\left(\frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)}\right) = \Re\left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\lambda}q(z) + \frac{zq''(z)}{q'(z)} - \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}\right) > 0.$$

Thus, by Lemma 1, we get  $\xi(z) \prec q(z)$ . By using (16), we obtain the desired result.

**Theorem 3.** Let q be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1,  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\Re(\sigma) > 0$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}{z}\right)^{\gamma}\in H\left[q\left(0\right),1\right]\cap Q$$

and

$$\left[1 - \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \right] \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma}$$

$$+ \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)^{\gamma} \left($$

be univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . If

$$(18) \qquad q(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q'(z) \\ \prec \left[ 1 - \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{m} + 1 \right) \right] \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \\ + \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{m} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \\ \times \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right),$$

then

(19) 
$$q(z) \prec \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma}$$

and q is the best subordinant of (18).

*Proof.* Let  $\xi$  be defined by (12), then differentiating  $\xi$  with respect to z, we get

(20) 
$$\frac{z\xi'(z)}{\xi(z)} = \gamma \left(\frac{z\left(W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)\right)'}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)} - 1\right).$$

By using (4) for  $\left(W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)\right)'$ , in (20), we have

(21) 
$$\left[ 1 - \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} {k \choose m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{m} + 1 \right) \right] \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \\ + \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} {k \choose m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{m} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \\ \times \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right) = \xi(z) + \frac{\sigma}{p\gamma} z \xi'(z) .$$

From (18) and (21), we get

$$q(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q'(z) \prec \xi(z) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z \xi'(z).$$

Hence, by using Lemma 3 with  $\mu = 1$  and  $\nu = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}$ , we obtain (19).

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and q be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1,  $q(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) and assume that q satisfies

(22) 
$$\Re\left(\frac{\tau}{\lambda}q\left(z\right)\right) > 0.$$

Suppose that  $\frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}$  is starlike univalent in U. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma}\in H\left[q\left(0\right),1\right]\cap Q$$

and  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is given by (15). If

(23) 
$$\eta + \tau q(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \prec \Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z),$$

then

$$q\left(z\right) \prec \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma}$$

and q is the best subordinant of (23).

*Proof.* Assume that the function  $\xi$  be defined by (16). By a straightforward computation, we have

(24) 
$$\Omega\left(\eta,\tau,\gamma,\lambda,k,\delta,\alpha,\beta;z\right) = \eta + \tau\xi\left(z\right) + \lambda \frac{z\xi'\left(z\right)}{\xi\left(z\right)},$$

where  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is given by (15). From (23) and (24), we obtain

$$\eta + \tau q\left(z\right) + \lambda \frac{zq'\left(z\right)}{q\left(z\right)} \prec \eta + \tau \xi\left(z\right) + \lambda \frac{z\xi'\left(z\right)}{\xi\left(z\right)}.$$

By setting  $\theta(w) = \eta + \tau w$  and  $\phi(w) = \frac{\lambda}{w}$ ,  $w \neq 0$ , we see that  $\theta(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\phi(w)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and that  $\phi(w) \neq 0$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Also, we get

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \lambda \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

It is clear that Q(z) is starlike univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,

$$\Re\left(\frac{\theta'\left(q\left(z\right)\right)}{\phi\left(q\left(z\right)\right)}\right) = \Re\left(\frac{\tau}{\lambda}q\left(z\right)\right) > 0.$$

Thus, by Lemma 4, we get  $q(z) \prec \xi(z)$ . By using (16), we obtain the desired result.

Concluding the results of differential subordination and superordination, we state the following "sandwich results".

**Theorem 5.** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Suppose  $q_2$  satisfies (9),  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\Re(\sigma) > 0$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{W^{k,\delta}_{\alpha,\beta}f\left(z\right)}{z}\right)^{\gamma}\in H\left[1,1\right]\cap Q$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \\ + \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \left( \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma} \left( \frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f(z)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f(z)} \right)$$

be univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . If

$$\begin{split} q_{1}\left(z\right) &+ \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q_{1}'\left(z\right) \\ &\prec \left[1 - \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} \left(-1\right)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1\right)\right] \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f\left(z\right)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \\ &+ \sigma \sum_{m=1}^{k} \binom{k}{m} \left(-1\right)^{m+1} \left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{m} + 1\right) \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f\left(z\right)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1} f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta} f\left(z\right)}\right) \\ &\prec q_{2}\left(z\right) + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} z q_{2}'\left(z\right), \end{split}$$

then

$$q_1(z) \prec \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f(z)}{z}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q_2(z)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 1$ . Suppose  $q_1$  satisfies (22) and  $q_2$  satisfies (13). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma} \in H\left[1,1\right] \cap Q$$

and  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $\Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$  is given by (15). If

$$\eta + \tau q_{1}(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'_{1}(z)}{q_{1}(z)} \prec \Omega(\eta, \tau, \gamma, \lambda, k, \delta, \alpha, \beta; z)$$
$$\prec \eta + \tau q_{2}(z) + \lambda \frac{zq'_{2}(z)}{q_{2}(z)},$$

then

$$q_{1}\left(z\right) \prec \left(\frac{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta+1}f\left(z\right)}{W_{\alpha,\beta}^{k,\delta}f\left(z\right)}\right)^{\gamma} \prec q_{2}\left(z\right)$$

and  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are, respectively, the best subordinant and the best dominant.

**Remark 2.** By selecting the particular values of  $\delta$ , k,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we can derive a number of known results. Some of them are given below:

- (1) Taking  $\delta = 0$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the results obtained by Murugusundaramoorthy and Magesh [10, Corollary 3.3],
- (2) Putting k = 1,  $\alpha = 1 \beta$  and  $\beta \ge 0$  in Theorems 1, 3 and 5, we get the results obtained by Răducanu and Nechita [11, Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.6, Theorem 3.9],
- (3) Setting  $\alpha = 0$  and  $k = \beta = 1$  in Theorems 1, 3 and 5, we get the results obtained by Răducanu and Nechita [11, Corollary 3.3, Corollary 3.8, Corollary 3.11].

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