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# Differential subordinations obtained by using a fractional operator

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**Abstract.** We investigate several differential subordinations using the fractional operator  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ , for  $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ , introduced in [7].

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  denote the class of functions which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$U = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1 \}.$$

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$ , let

$$\mathcal{H}[a,k] = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = a + a_k z^k + a_{k+1} z^{k+1} + \ldots \},\$$

and

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}(U) : f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots, z \in U \}.$$

In [3], the fractional integral operator  $D_z^{-\mu}$  of order  $\mu, \mu > 0$ , for the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , is defined by

$$D_z^{-\mu}f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{(z-t)^{1-\mu}} dt, z \in U,$$

where the multiplicity of  $(z-t)^{\mu-1}$  is removed by requiring  $\log(z-t)$  to be real when z-t > 0.

Also, the fractional derivative operator  $D_z^{\lambda}$  of order  $\lambda, \lambda \geq 0$ , for the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , is defined by

$$D_z^{\lambda} f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\lambda)} \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{(z-t)^{\lambda}} dt, & 0 \le \lambda < 1\\ \frac{d^n}{dz^n} D_z^{\lambda-n} f(z), & n \le \lambda < n+1 \end{cases}, n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

where the multiplicity of  $(z-t)^{-\lambda}$  is understood in a similar way.

In [4] is defined the fractional differintegral operator  $\Omega_z^{\lambda} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}, -\infty < \lambda < 2$ , by

$$\Omega_z^{\lambda} f(z) = \Gamma(2-\lambda) z^{\lambda} D_z^{\lambda} f(z), z \in U,$$

where  $D_z^{\lambda} f(z)$  is the fractional integral of order  $\lambda, -\infty < \lambda < 0$ , and a fractional derivative of order  $\lambda, 0 \leq \lambda < 2$ .

In [6], the Sălăgean operator  $\mathcal{D}^n$  of order  $n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , is defined by

$$\mathcal{D}^0 f(z) = f(z)$$
$$\mathcal{D}^1 f(z) = \mathcal{D} f(z) = z f'(z)$$
$$\mathcal{D}^n f(z) = \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{D}^{n-1} f(z)), n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In [5], the Ruscheweyh operator  $\mathcal{R}^{\lambda} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  for  $\lambda \geq -1$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{R}^{\lambda}f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{1+\lambda}} * f(z), z \in U,$$

where " \* " is the Hadamard product or convolution.

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0$  this operator is defined by

$$\mathcal{R}^{\lambda}f(z) = \frac{z(z^{\lambda-1}f(z))^{\lambda}}{\lambda!}, z \in U.$$

In [7], the fractional operator  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  for  $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , is defined as a composition of fractional differintegral operator, the Sălăgean operator and the Ruscheweyh operator:

$$\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z) = \mathcal{R}^{\nu}\mathcal{D}^{n}\Omega_{z}^{\lambda}f(z).$$

The series expression of  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)$  for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  of the form  $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k+1} z^{k+1}$ 

is given by

$$\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu+1)_k}{(2-\lambda)_k} (k+1)^{n+1} a_{k+1} z^{k+1},$$

 $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0, z \in U$ , where the symbol  $(\gamma)_k$  denotes the usual Pochhammer symbol, for  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ , defined by

$$(\gamma)_k = \begin{cases} 1, k = 0\\ \gamma(\gamma + 1) \dots (\gamma + k - 1), k \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases} = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + k)}{\Gamma(\gamma)}, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-.$$

**Remark 1.1.** [7] The fractional operator  $\mathbb{D}_0^{\nu,0}$  is precisely the Ruscheweyh derivative operator  $\mathcal{R}^{\nu}$  of order  $\nu, \nu > -1$ , and  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{0,0}$  is the fractional differintegral operator  $\Omega_z^{\lambda}$  of order  $\lambda, -\infty < \lambda < 2$ , while  $\mathbb{D}_0^{0,n} = \mathcal{D}^n$  and  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{1-\lambda,n} = \mathcal{D}^{n+1}$  are the Sălăgean operators, respectively, of order n and n+1,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Remark 1.2.** [7] The operator  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}$  satisfies the following identity:

$$\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z) = \frac{\nu}{\nu+1}\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z) + \frac{1}{\nu+1}z(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z))',$$
(1.1)

where  $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Remark 1.3.** [8] The operator  $\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}$  satisfies the following identities:

$$\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z) = z(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z))', \qquad (1.2)$$

where  $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and

$$\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z) = -\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda}z(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z))',$$
(1.3)

where  $-\infty < \lambda < 1, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [1, p. 4] Let  $f, F \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ . The function f is said to be subordinate to F, written  $f \prec F$ , or  $f(z) \prec F(z)$ , if there exists a function  $w \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ , with w(0) = 0 and  $|w(z)| < 1, z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = F[w(z)], z \in U$ .

In order to prove our results we shall need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.5.** [2] Let q be a convex function in U and let

$$h(z) = q(z) + n\alpha z q'(z),$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and n is a positive integer. If

$$p(z) = q(0) + p_n z^n + \ldots \in \mathcal{H}[q(0), n]$$

and

$$p(z) + \alpha z p'(z) \prec h(z)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z),$$

and this result is sharp.

### 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = g(z) + \frac{1}{\nu + 1} zg'(z), \nu > -1.$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

 $\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)\right)' \prec h(z) \tag{2.1}$ 

then

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)'\prec g(z).$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* If we denote by

$$p(z) = \left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)\right)',$$

where  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1]$ , then, by (1.1), we get

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)\right)' = p(z) + \frac{1}{\nu+1}zp'(z), z \in U.$$
(2.2)

From (2.1) and (2.2) we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{\nu+1}zp'(z) \prec g(z) + \frac{1}{\nu+1}zg'(z) \equiv h(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)'\prec g(z).$$

This result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = g(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda} zg'(z), -\infty < \lambda < 1.$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' \prec h(z) \tag{2.3}$$

then

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' \prec g(z).$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* If we denote by

$$p(z) = \left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)\right)',$$

where  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1]$ , then, by (1.3), we get

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' = p(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda}zp'(z), z \in U.$$
(2.4)

From (2.3) and (2.4) we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda}zp'(z) \prec g(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda}zg'(z) \equiv h(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' \prec g(z).$$

This result is sharp.

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**Theorem 2.3.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that  $h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$ 

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)\right)' \prec h(z) \tag{2.5}$$

then

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' \prec g(z)$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* If we denote by

$$p(z) = \left( \mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z) \right)',$$

where  $p(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, 1]$ , then, by (1.2), we get

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z), z \in U.$$
(2.6)

From (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z) \equiv h(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

 $\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)'\prec g(z).$ 

This result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), z \in U_{\varepsilon}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' \prec h(z), z \in U$$
(2.7)

then

$$\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{z} \prec g(z).$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} f(z)}{z}, z \in U.$$

Differentiating we obtain

$$p'(z) = \frac{\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)\right)'}{z} - \frac{p(z)}{z}.$$

We get

$$\left(\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z).$$

The subordination (2.7) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

or

 $p(z) \prec g(z)$  $\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)}{z} \prec g(z).$ 

This result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that  $h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), z \in U.$ 

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' \prec h(z), z \in U,$$
(2.8)

then

$$\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\prec g(z), z\in U$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n} f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)}.$$

We obtain

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z).$$

The subordination (2.8) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

$$\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\prec g(z), z\in U.$$

This result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), z \in U$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' \prec h(z), z \in U, -\infty < \lambda < 1,$$
(2.9)

then

$$\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)} \prec g(z), z \in U.$$

The result is sharp.

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Proof. Let

$$p(z) = \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n} f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)}.$$

We obtain

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z).$$

The subordination (2.9) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

 $\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)} \prec g(z), z \in U.$ 

This result is sharp.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let g be a convex function, g(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that  $h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), z \in U.$ 

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' \prec h(z), z \in U,$$
(2.10)

then

$$\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)} \prec g(z), z \in U$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let

$$p(z) = \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+1} f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} f(z)}.$$

We obtain

$$\left(\frac{z\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z).$$

The subordination (2.10) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we get

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

or

 $\frac{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathbb{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}f(z)}\prec g(z), z\in U.$ 

This result is sharp.

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