# Some properties of a linear operator involving generalized Mittag-Leffler function

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Abstract. This paper introduces a new class  $T^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta)$  of analytic functions which is defined by means of a linear operator involving generalized Mittag-Leffler function  $\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)$ . The results investigated in this paper include, an inclusion relation for functions in the class  $T^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta)$  and also some subordination results of the linear operator  $\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)$ . Several consequences of our results are also pointed out.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of the normalized functions of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Further, let f and g be analytic functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we say that f is subordinate to g, written  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there exists an analytic function w on  $\mathbb{U}$  such that w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1 and f(z) = g(w(z)) for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . In particular, if g is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}).$$

Let  $E_{\alpha}(z)$  be the Mittag-Leffler function [11] defined by

$$E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)}, \quad (z, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0).$$
(1.1)

A more general function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}$  generalizing  $E_{\alpha}(z)$  was introduced by Wiman [14] and defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}, \quad (z, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0).$$
(1.2)

Moreover, Srivastava and Tomovski [13] introduced the function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma,k}(z)$  as

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma,k}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{nk} z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta) n!}, (\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > \max\{0, \operatorname{Re}(k) - 1\}; \operatorname{Re}(k) > 0),$$

where  $(\gamma)_n$  is Pochhammer symbol (or the shifted factorial, since  $(1)_n = n!$ ) is given in term of the Gamma functions can be written as

$$(\gamma)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+n)}{\Gamma(\gamma)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0;\\ \gamma(\gamma+1)...(\gamma+n-1), & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

The Mittag-Leffler function arises naturally in the solution of fractional order differential and integral equations, and especially in the investigations of fractional generalization of kinetic equation, random walks, Lévy flights, super-diffusive transport and in the study of complex systems. Several properties of Mittag-Leffler function and generalized Mittag-Leffler function can be found e.g. in [2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13].

In [1], Attiya defined the operator  $\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f): \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  by

$$\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z) = Q^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(z) * f(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$\begin{split} Q_{\alpha,\beta,k}^{\gamma}(z) &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{(\gamma)_k} \left( E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma,k}(z) - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \right), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \\ (\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}; \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > \max\{0, \operatorname{Re}(k) - 1\}; \operatorname{Re}(k) > 0; \\ \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ when } \operatorname{Re}(k) = 1 \text{ with } \beta \neq 0), \end{split}$$

and the symbol (\*) denotes the Hadamard product (or convolution). We note that,

$$\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+nk)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\gamma+k)\Gamma(\beta+\alpha n)n!} a_n z^n.$$
(1.4)

It can be easily verified from (1.4) that

$$z\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' = \left(\frac{\gamma+k}{k}\right)\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right) - \frac{\gamma}{k}\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right).$$
(1.5)

Also we have

$$\mathcal{H}^{1}_{0,\beta,1}(f)(z) = f(z), \mathcal{H}^{2}_{0,\beta,1}(f)(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( f(z) + z f'(z) \right) \text{ and } \mathcal{H}^{0}_{0,\beta,1}(f)(z) = \int_{0}^{z} \frac{1}{t} f(t) dt.$$

**Definition 1.1.** We say that the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is in the class  $T^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta), \eta \in [0,1)$ , if f satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right]' > \eta, \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
(1.6)

The object of this paper is to investigate an inclusion relation for functions in the class  $T^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta)$  and obtain some subordination results for functions defined by the linear operator  $\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)$ . Several consequences of our results are also discussed.

The following results will be required in our investigation.

**Lemma 1.2.** ([5]) If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and h(z) is convex function in  $\mathbb{U}$  with h(0) = 1 and  $\mu$  is a complex constant such that  $\operatorname{Re}\mu > 0$ , then

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\mu} \prec h(z), \qquad (1.7)$$

implies

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

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\mu}{z^{\mu}} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) t^{\mu-1} dt,$$

and q(z) is the best dominant.

**Lemma 1.3.** ([10]) Let q be a convex function in  $\mathbb{U}$  and let

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

where  $\alpha > 0$ . If

$$p(z) = q(0) + p_1 z + \cdots$$

and

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

then

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

and this result is sharp.

#### 2. Inclusion relation

We begin by showing the following inclusion relation.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $\eta \in [0, 1)$ , then

$$T_{\alpha,\beta,k}^{\gamma+1}(\eta) \subset T_{\alpha,\beta,k}^{\gamma}(\delta), \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\eta, \gamma, k) = 2\eta - 1 + \frac{2(1-\eta)(\gamma+k)}{k} \mathbf{B}\left(\frac{\gamma+k}{k}\right), \qquad (2.2)$$

 ${f B}$  being the Beta function defined by

$$\mathbf{B}(x) = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{t^{x-1}}{t+1} dt.$$
 (2.3)

*Proof.* Let  $f \in T^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta)$  and define the function p(z) by

$$p(z) = \left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)'.$$
(2.4)

Making use the identity (1.5), we get

$$\left(\mathcal{H}_{\alpha,\beta,k}^{\gamma+1}(f)(z)\right)' = p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma+k} z p'(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

$$(2.5)$$

Since  $f \in T^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta)$ , from Definition 1.1 we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' > \eta, \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

Using (2.5) we get

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k}zp'(z)\right) > \eta,$$

which is equivalent to

$$p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k} z p'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (2\eta - 1)z}{1 + z} \equiv h(z).$$

By using Lemma 1.2, with  $\mu = \frac{\gamma + k}{k}$  we have

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

where

$$\begin{split} q(z) &= \frac{\gamma + k}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int\limits_{0}^{z} \frac{1 + (2\eta - 1)t}{1 + t} t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1} dt \\ &= \frac{\gamma + k}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int\limits_{0}^{z} \left[ 2\eta - 1 + 2(1 - \eta) \right] \frac{1}{1 + t} t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1} dt \\ &= \frac{\gamma + k}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int\limits_{0}^{z} (2\eta - 1) t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1} dt + \frac{2(1 - \eta)\left(\gamma + k\right)}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int\limits_{0}^{z} \frac{t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1}}{1 + t} dt \\ &= 2\eta - 1 + \frac{2(1 - \eta)\left(\gamma + k\right)}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int\limits_{0}^{z} \frac{t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1}}{1 + t} dt. \end{split}$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant. Since  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ , we get

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right]' > q(1) = \delta, \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\eta, \gamma, k) = 2\eta - 1 + \frac{2(1-\eta)(\gamma+k)}{k} \mathbf{B}\left(\frac{\gamma+k}{k}\right).$$

From (2.6) we deduce that  $T^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\eta) \subset T^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(\delta)$ .

## 3. Subordination results

With the help of Lemma 1.3, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let q(z) be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k} z q'(z).$$
 (3.1)

If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec h(z),\tag{3.2}$$

then

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec q(z),\tag{3.3}$$

and the result is sharp.

*Proof.* From (2.5) and (3.2) we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k} z p'(z) \prec q(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k} z q'(z) \equiv h(z),$$

then, by using Lemma 1.3 we get

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

that is,

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec q(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and this result is sharp.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $h \in \mathcal{A}$  with h(0) = 1 and  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)}\right] > -\frac{1}{2}, \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
(3.4)

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

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma+1}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec h(z),\tag{3.5}$$

,

then

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec q(z),\tag{3.6}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma + k}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1} dt.$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

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Proof. If we let

$$p(z) = \left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)',$$

and using the identity (1.5), we obtain

$$\left(\mathcal{H}_{\alpha,\beta,k}^{\gamma+1}(f)(z)\right)' = p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma+k} z p'(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Therefore, (3.5) becomes

$$p(z) + \frac{k}{\gamma + k} z p'(z) \prec h(z).$$

By using Lemma 1.2, we get

$$p(z) \prec q(z) = \frac{\gamma + k}{kz^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k}}} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) t^{\frac{\gamma + k}{k} - 1} dt,$$

that is,

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec q(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let q(z) be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1. And let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
 (3.7)

If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec h(z),\tag{3.8}$$

then

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)}{z} \prec q(z), \tag{3.9}$$

and the result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let the function p(z) be defined by

$$p(z) = \frac{\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)}{z}.$$
(3.10)

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Then, by differentiating (3.10), we get

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' = p(z) + zp'(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
(3.11)

Thus (3.8) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec q(z) + zq'(z) \equiv h(z),$$

and from Lemma 1.3 we get (3.9).

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $h \in A$  with h(0) = 1 and  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality (3.4). If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$\left(\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)\right)' \prec h(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$
(3.12)

then

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}^{\gamma}_{\alpha,\beta,k}(f)(z)}{z} \prec q(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}, z \neq 0), \tag{3.13}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) dt$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

*Proof.* Let the function p(z) be defined as in (3.10). Then from (3.11) and (3.12),we have

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

By using Lemma 1.2, we get

$$p(z) \prec q(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) dt,$$

and q is convex and is the best dominant.

If we set  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  and k = 1, in Theorems 3.1-3.4, we immediately have the following special cases.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let q(z) be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = q(z) + \frac{1}{2}zq'(z).$$
(3.14)

If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$f'(z) + \frac{1}{2}zf''(z) \prec h(z),$$
 (3.15)

then

$$f'(z) \prec q(z), \tag{3.16}$$

and the result is sharp.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $h \in A$  with h(0) = 1 and  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality (3.4). If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$f'(z) + \frac{1}{2}zf''(z) \prec h(z), \qquad (3.17)$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec q(z), \tag{3.18}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{2}{z^2} \int_0^z h(t) t dt.$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

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**Corollary 3.7.** Let q(z) be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with q(0) = 1 and let h be a function such that

$$h(z) = q(z) + zq'(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
 (3.19)

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

$$f'(z) \prec h(z), \tag{3.20}$$

then

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \prec q(z), \tag{3.21}$$

and the result is sharp.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $h \in A$  with h(0) = 1 and  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality (3.4). If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$f'(z) \prec h(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

$$(3.22)$$

then

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} \prec q(z), \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}, z \neq 0), \tag{3.23}$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_{0}^{z} h(t) dt.$$

The function q is convex and is the best dominant.

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