



**SOME INEQUALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A LINEAR OPERATOR DEFINED  
FOR A CLASS OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give a sufficient condition on a linear operator  $L_p(a, c)g(z)$  which can guarantee that for  $\alpha$  a complex number with  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a + 1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a + 1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad \rho < 1,$$

in the unit disk  $E$ , implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho' > \rho, \quad z \in E.$$

Some interesting applications of this result are also given.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A(p, n)$  denote the class functions  $f$  normalized by

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p, n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}),$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $E = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| < 1\}$ .

In particular, we set  $A(p, 1) = A_p$  and  $A(1, 1) = A_1 = A$ .

The Hadamard product  $(f * g)(z)$  of two functions  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z)$  given by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (p, n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

is defined, as usual, by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z).$$

The Ruscheweyh derivative of  $f(z)$  of order  $\delta + p - 1$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad D^{\delta+p-1}f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-z)^{\delta+p}} * f(z) \quad (f \in A(p, n); \delta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -p])$$

or, equivalently, by

$$(1.3) \quad D^{\delta+p-1}f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} \binom{\delta+k-1}{k-p} a_k z^k,$$

where  $f(z) \in A(p, n)$  and  $\delta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -p]$ . In particular, if  $\delta = l \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we find from (1.2) or (1.3) that

$$D^{l+p-1}f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(l+p-1)!} \frac{d^{l+k-1}}{dz^{l+p-1}} \{z^{l-1}f(z)\}.$$

The author has proved the following result in [4].

**Theorem A.** Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ . Let  $\delta > -p$ ,  $f, g \in A_p$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \alpha \frac{D^{\delta+p-1}g(z)}{D^{\delta+p}g(z)} \right\} > \gamma, \quad 0 \leq \gamma < \operatorname{Re}(\alpha), \quad z \in E.$$

Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D^{\delta+p-1}f(z)}{D^{\delta+p-1}g(z)} \right\} > \frac{2\rho(\delta+p) + \gamma}{2(\delta+p) + \gamma}, \quad z \in E,$$

whenever

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{D^{\delta+p-1}f(z)}{D^{\delta+p-1}g(z)} + \alpha \frac{D^{\delta+p}f(z)}{D^{\delta+p}g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E.$$

The Pochhammer symbol  $(\lambda)_k$  or the shifted factorial is given by  $(\lambda)_0 = 1$  and  $(\lambda)_k = \lambda(\lambda+1)(\lambda+2)\cdots(\lambda+k-1)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . In terms of  $(\lambda)_k$ , we now define the function  $\phi_p(a, c; z)$  by

$$\phi_p(a, c; z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k}{(c)_k} z^{k+p}, \quad z \in E,$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus z_0^-$ ;  $z_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ .

Saitoh [3] introduced a linear operator  $L_p(a, c)$ , which is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad L_p(a, c)f(z) = \phi_p(a, c; z) * f(z), \quad z \in E,$$

or, equivalently by

$$(1.5) \quad L_p(a, c)f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k}{(c)_k} a_{k+p} z^{k+p}, \quad z \in E,$$

where  $f(z) \in A_p$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus z_0^-$ .

For  $f(z) \in A(p, n)$  and  $\delta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -p]$ , we obtain

$$(1.6) \quad L_p(\delta+p, 1)f(z) = D^{\delta+p-1}f(z),$$

which can easily be verified by comparing the definitions (1.3) and (1.5).

The main object of this paper is to present an extension of Theorem A to hold true for a linear operator  $L_p(a, c)$  associated with the class  $A(p, n)$ .

The basic tool in proving our result is the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1** (cf. Miller and Mocanu [2, p. 35, Theorem 2.3 i(i)]). *Let  $\Omega$  be a set in the complex plane  $C$ . Suppose that the function  $\Psi : C^2 \times E \rightarrow C$  satisfies the condition  $\Psi(ix_2, y_1; z) \notin \Omega$  for all  $z \in E$  and for all real  $x_2$  and  $y_1$  such that*

$$(1.7) \quad y_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}n(1 + x_2^2).$$

*If  $p(z) = 1 + c_n z^n + \dots$  is analytic in  $E$  and for  $z \in E$ ,  $\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \subset \Omega$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  in  $E$ .*

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ . Let  $a > 0, f, g \in A(p, n)$  and*

$$(2.1) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \alpha \frac{L_p(a, c)g(z)}{L_p(a + 1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \gamma, \quad 0 \leq \gamma < \operatorname{Re}(\alpha), \quad z \in E.$$

*Then*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{2a\rho + n\gamma}{2a + n\gamma}, \quad z \in E,$$

*whenever*

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a + 1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a + 1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\tau = (2a\rho + n\gamma)/(2a + n\gamma)$  and define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$(2.3) \quad p(z) = (1 - \tau)^{-1} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} - \tau \right\}.$$

Then, clearly,  $p(z) = 1 + c_n z^n + c_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$  and is analytic in  $E$ . We set  $u(z) = \alpha L_p(a, c)g(z)/L_p(a + 1, c)g(z)$  and observe from (2.1) that  $\operatorname{Re}(u(z)) > \gamma, z \in E$ . Making use of the familiar identity

$$z(L_p(a, c)f(z))' = aL_p(a + 1, c)f(z) - (a - p)L_p(a, c)f(z),$$

we find from (2.3) that

$$(2.4) \quad (1 - \alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a + 1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a + 1, c)g(z)} = \tau + (1 - \tau) \left[ p(z) + \frac{u(z)}{a} zp'(z) \right].$$

If we define  $\Psi(x, y; z)$  by

$$(2.5) \quad \Psi(x, y; z) = \tau + (1 - \tau) \left( x + \frac{u(z)}{a} y \right),$$

then, we obtain from (2.2) and (2.4) that

$$\{\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) : |z| < 1\} \subset \Omega = \{w \in C : \operatorname{Re}(w) > \rho\}.$$

Now for all  $z \in E$  and for all real  $x_2$  and  $y_1$  constrained by the inequality (1.7), we find from (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{\Psi(ix_2, y_1; z)\} &= \tau + \frac{(1 - \tau)}{a} y_1 \operatorname{Re}(u(z)) \\ &\leq \tau - \frac{(1 - \tau)n\gamma}{2a} \equiv \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\Psi(ix_2, y_1; z) \notin \Omega$ . Thus by Lemma 1.1,  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  and hence  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a,c)f(z)}{L_p(a,c)g(z)} \right\} > \tau$  in  $E$ . This proves our theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** Theorem A is a special case of Theorem 2.1 obtained by taking  $a = \delta + p$  and  $c = n = 1$ , which reduces to Theorem 2.1 of [1], when  $p = 1$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\alpha$  be a real number with  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $\rho < 1$ . Let  $a > 0$ ,  $f, g \in A(p, n)$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)g(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \gamma, \quad 0 \leq \gamma < 1, \quad z \in E.$$

Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{\alpha(2a\rho + n\gamma) - (1-\rho)n\gamma}{\alpha(2a + n\gamma)}, \quad z \in E,$$

whenever

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E.$$

*Proof.* Proof follows from Theorem 2.1 (Since  $\alpha \geq 1$ ).  $\square$

In its special case when  $\alpha = 1$ , Theorem 2.1 yields:

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $a > 0$ ,  $f, g \in A(p, n)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a,c)g(z)}{L_p(a+1,c)g(z)} \right\} > \gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then for  $\rho < 1$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E,$$

implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{2a\rho + n\gamma}{2a + n\gamma}, \quad z \in E.$$

If we set

$$v(z) = \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} - \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 \right) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)},$$

then for  $a > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\rho = 0$ , Theorem 2.1 reduces to

$$\operatorname{Re}(v(z)) > 0, \quad z \in E$$

implies

$$(2.6) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{n\alpha\gamma}{2a + n\alpha\gamma}, \quad z \in E,$$

whenever  $\operatorname{Re}(L_p(a, c)g(z)/L_p(a+1, c)g(z)) > \gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ . Let  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then (2.6) is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} - \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > 0 \text{ in } E$$

implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > 1 \text{ in } E,$$

whenever  $\operatorname{Re}(L_p(a, c)g(z)/L_p(a+1, c)g(z)) > \gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ .

In the following theorem we shall extend the above result, the proof of which is similar to that of Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $a > 0$ ,  $\rho < 1$ ,  $f, g \in A(p, n)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)g(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ .

If

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} - \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > -\frac{n\gamma(1-\rho)}{2a}, \quad z \in E,$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{L_p(a, c)g(z)} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E,$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{L_p(a+1, c)g(z)} \right\} > \frac{\rho(2a+n\gamma) - n\gamma}{2a}, \quad z \in E.$$

Using Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.5, we can generalize and improve several other interesting results available in the literature by taking  $g(z) = z^p$ . We illustrate a few in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $a > 0$ ,  $\rho < 1$  and  $f(z) \in A(p, n)$ . Then

(a) for  $\alpha$  a complex number satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \rho, \quad z \in E,$$

implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \frac{2a\rho + n \operatorname{Re}(\alpha)}{2a + n \operatorname{Re}(\alpha)}, \quad z \in E.$$

(b) for  $\alpha$  real and  $\alpha \geq 1$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} + \alpha \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \rho, \quad \text{in } E$$

implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \frac{(2a+n)\rho + n(\alpha-1)}{2a+n\alpha} \quad \text{in } E$$

(c) for  $z \in E$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{z^p} - \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > -\frac{n(1-\rho)}{2a}$$

implies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{L_p(a+1, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right\} > \frac{(2a+n)\rho - n}{2a}.$$

**Remark 2.7.** By taking  $a = \delta + p$ ,  $c = n = 1$  in Theorem 2.6 we obtain Theorem 1.6 of the author [4], which when  $p = 1$  reduces to Theorem 2.3 of Bhoosnurmath and Swamy [1].

In a manner similar to Theorem 2.1, we can easily prove the following, which when  $r = 1$  reduces to part (a) of Theorem 2.6.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $a > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $\rho < 1$  and  $f(z) \in A(p, n)$ . Then for  $\alpha$  a complex number with  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right)^r \right\} > \frac{2apr + n \operatorname{Re}(\alpha)}{2ar + n \operatorname{Re}(\alpha)}, \quad z \in E,$$

whenever

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right)^r + \alpha \left( \frac{L_p(a + 1, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right) \left( \frac{L_p(a, c)f(z)}{z^p} \right)^{r-1} \right\} > \rho,$$

$z \in E$ .

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