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Some Applications of Srivastava-Attiya Operator to p -Valent Starlike Functions

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We introduce and study some new subclasses of p -valent starlike, convex, close-to-convex, and quasi-convex functions defined by certain Srivastava-Attiya operator. Inclusion relations are established, and integral operator of functions in these subclasses is discussed.

1. Introduction

Let $A(p)$ denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are analytic and p -valent in the open unit disc $U = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$. Also, let the Hadamard product or (convolution) of two functions

$$f_j(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p,j} z^{n+p} \quad (j = 1, 2) \quad (1.2)$$

be given by $(f_1 * f_2)(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p,1} a_{n+p,2} z^{n+p} = (f_2 * f_1)(z)$.

A function $f(z) \in A(p)$ is said to be in the class $S_p^*(\alpha)$ of p -valent functions of order α if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in U). \quad (1.3)$$

we write $S_p^*(0) = S_p^*$, the class of p -valent starlike in U .

A function $f \in A(p)$ is said to be in the class $C_p(\alpha)$ of p -valent convex functions of order α if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p, z \in U). \quad (1.4)$$

The class of p -valent convex functions in U is denoted by $C_p = C_p(0)$.

It follows from (1.3) and (1.4) that

$$f(z) \in C_p(\alpha) \text{ iff } \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S_p^*(\alpha) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < p). \quad (1.5)$$

The classes S_p^* and C_p were introduced by Goodman [1]. Furthermore, a function $f(z) \in A(p)$ is said to be p -valent close-to-convex of order β and type γ in U if there exists a function $g(z) \in S_p^*(\gamma)$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right) > \beta \quad (0 \leq \beta, \gamma < p, z \in U). \quad (1.6)$$

We denote this class by $K_p(\beta, \gamma)$. The class $K_p(\beta, \gamma)$ was studied by Aouf [2]. We note that $K_1(\beta, \gamma) = K(\beta, \gamma)$ was studied by Libera [3].

A function $f \in A(p)$ is called quasi-convex of order β type γ , if there exists a function $g(z) \in C_p(\gamma)$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)}\right\} > \beta, \quad z \in U, \quad (1.7)$$

where $0 \leq \beta, \gamma < p$. We denote this class by $K_p^*(\beta, \gamma)$. Clearly $f(z) \in K_p^*(\beta, \gamma) \Leftrightarrow zf'(z)/p \in K_p(\beta, \gamma)$. The generalized Srivastava-Attiya operator $J_{s,b}f(z) : A(p) \rightarrow A(p)$ in [4] is introduced by

$$J_{s,b}f(z) = G_{s,b}(z) * f(z) \quad \left(z \in U : b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{Z}_0 = \{0, -1, -2, -3, \dots\}, s \in \mathbb{C}, p \in \mathbb{N}\right) \quad (1.8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_{s,b}(z) &= (1+b)^s [\phi(z, s, b) - b^{-s}], \\ \phi(z, s, b) &= \frac{1}{b^s} + \frac{z^p}{(1+b)^s} + \frac{z^{1+p}}{(2+b)^s} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

It is not difficult to see from (1.8) and (1.9) that

$$J_{s,b}f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1+b}{n+1+b}\right)^s a_{n+p} z^{n+p}. \quad (1.10)$$

When $p = 1$, the operator $J_{s,b}$ is well-known Srivastava-Attiya operator [5]. Using the operator $J_{s,b}$, we now introduce the following classes:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) &= \{f(z) \in A(p) : J_{s,b}f(z) \in S_p^*(\gamma)\}, \\ C_{p,s,b}(\gamma) &= \{f(z) \in A(p) : J_{s,b}f(z) \in C_p(\gamma)\}, \\ K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) &= \{f(z) \in A(p) : J_{s,b}f(z) \in K_p(\beta, \gamma)\}, \\ K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma) &= \{f(z) \in A(p) : J_{s,b}f(z) \in K_p^*(\beta, \gamma)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

In this paper, we will establish inclusion relation for these classes and investigate Srivastava-Attiya operator for these classes.

We note that

- (1) for $s = \sigma$, $b = p$, we get Jung-Kim-Srivastava ([6, 7]);
- (2) for $s = 1$, $1 + b = c + p$, we get the generalized Libera integral operator. [8, 9];
- (3) for $s = -k$ being any negative integer, $b = 0$, and $p = 1$, the operator $J_{-k,0} = D^k f(z)$ was studied by Sălăgean [10].

2. Inclusion Relation

In order to prove our main results, we will require the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1 (see [11]). *Let $w(z)$ be regular in U with $w(0) = 0$. If $|w(z)|$ attains its maximum value on the circle $|z| = r$ at a given point $z_0 \in U$, then $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$, where k is a real number and $k \geq 1$.*

Lemma 2.2 (see [12]). *Let $u = u_1 + iu_2$, $v = v_1 + iv_2$, and let $\psi(u, v)$ be a complex function, $\psi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $D \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$. Suppose that ψ satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i) $\psi(u, v)$ is continuous in D ,
- (ii) $(1, 0) \in D$ and $\operatorname{Re}\{\psi(1, 0)\} > 0$,
- (iii) $\operatorname{Re}\{\psi(iu_2, v_1)\} \leq 0$ for all $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$ such that $v_1 \leq -(1 + u_2^2)/2$.

Let $h(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_1 z^2 + \dots$ be analytic in U , such that $(h(z), zh'(z)) \in D$ for $z \in U$. If $\operatorname{Re}\{\psi(h(z), zh'(z))\} > 0$, ($z \in U$) then $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0$ for $z \in U$.

Our first inclusion theorem is stated as follows.

Theorem 2.3. $S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \subset S_{p,s+1,b}^*(\gamma)$ for any complex number s .

Proof. Let $f(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$, and set

$$\frac{z(J_{s+1,b}f(z))'}{J_{s+1,b}f(z)} - \gamma = (p - \gamma)h(z), \quad (2.1)$$

where $h(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$. Using the identity

$$z(J_{s+1,b}f(z))' = (p - (1 + b)) J_{s+1,b}f(z) + (1 + b)J_{s,b}f(z), \quad (2.2)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{J_{s,b}f(z)}{J_{s+1,b}f(z)} &= \frac{1}{1+b} \left(\frac{z(J_{s+1,b}f(z))'}{J_{s+1,b}f(z)} - p + b + 1 \right), \\ \frac{J_{s,b}f(z)}{J_{s+1,b}f(z)} &= \frac{1}{b+1} (\gamma + (p - \gamma)h(z) - p + b + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Differentiating (2.3), logarithmically with respect to z , we obtain

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}f(z)} - \gamma = (p - \gamma)h(z) + \frac{(p - \gamma)zh'(z)}{(p - \gamma)h(z) + \gamma - p + b + 1}. \quad (2.4)$$

Now, from the function $\varphi(u, v)$, by taking $u = h(z)$, $v = zh'(z)$ in (2.4) as

$$\varphi(u, v) = (p - \gamma)u + \frac{(p - \gamma)v}{(p - \gamma)u + \gamma - p + b + 1}, \quad (2.5)$$

it is easy to see that the function $\varphi(u, v)$ satisfies condition (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2.2, in $D = (\mathbb{C} - \{(\gamma - p + b + 1)/(\gamma - p)\}) \times \mathbb{C}$. To verify condition (iii), we calculate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{\varphi(iu_2, v_1)\} &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{ \frac{(p - \gamma)v_1}{(p - \gamma)iu_2 + \gamma - p + b + 1} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{ \frac{(p - \gamma)v_1[(\gamma - p + b + 1) - i(p - \gamma)u_2]}{(p - \gamma)^2u_2^2 + (1 - p + b + \gamma)^2} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{ \frac{(p - \gamma)(\gamma - p + b + 1)v_1 - i(p - \gamma)^2v_1u_2}{(p - \gamma)^2u_2^2 + (1 - p + b + \gamma)^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{(p - \gamma)(\gamma - p + b + 1)v_1}{(p - \gamma)^2u_2^2 + (1 - p + b + \gamma)^2} \\ &\leq -\frac{(p - \gamma)(\gamma - p + b + 1)(1 + u_2^2)}{2[(p - \gamma)^2u_2^2 + (1 - p + b + \gamma)^2]} < 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where $v_1 \leq -(1 + u_2^2)/2$ and $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$. Therefore, the function $\varphi(u, v)$ satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.2.

This shows that if $\operatorname{Re}(h(z), zh'(z)) > 0$ ($z \in U$), then

$$\operatorname{Re}(h(z)) > 0, \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.7)$$

if $f \in S_s^*(\gamma)$, then

$$S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \subset S_{p,s+1,b}^*(\gamma). \tag{2.8}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3. □

Theorem 2.4. $C_{p,s,b}(\gamma) \subset C_{p,s+1,b}(\gamma)$, for any complex number s .

Proof. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in C_{p,s,b}(\gamma) &\iff J_{s,b}f(z) \in C_p(\gamma) \iff \frac{z}{p}(J_{s,b}f(z))' \in S_p^*(\gamma) \\ &\iff J_{s,b}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{p}\right) \in S_p^*(\gamma) \iff \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \\ &\implies \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S_{p,s+1,b}^*(\gamma) \iff J_{s+1,b}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{p}\right) \in S_p^*(\gamma) \\ &\iff \frac{z}{p}(J_{s+1,b}f(z))' \in S_p^*(\gamma) \iff J_{s+1,b}f(z) \in C_p(\gamma) \\ &\iff f(z) \in C_{p,s+1,b}(\gamma), \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

which evidently proves Theorem 2.4. □

Theorem 2.5. $K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) \subset K_{p,s+1,b}(\beta, \gamma)$, for any complex number s .

Proof. Let $f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$. Then, there exists a function $k(z) \in S_p^*(\gamma)$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{g(z)}\right\} > \beta \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.10}$$

Taking the function $k(z)$ which satisfies $J_{s,b}k(z) = g(z)$, we have $k(z) \in S_p^*(\gamma)$ and $\operatorname{Re}\{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'/J_{s,b}k(z)\} > \beta \quad (z \in U)$.

Now, put $z(J_{s+1,b}f(z))'/J_{s+1,b}k(z) - \beta = (p - \beta)h(z)$, where $h(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$. Using the identity (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}k(z)} &= \frac{J_{s,b}(zf'(z))}{J_{s,b}k(z)} \\ &= \frac{z(J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z)))' - (p - (1 + b))J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z))}{z(J_{s+1,b}k(z))' - (p - (1 + b))J_{s+1,b}k(z)} \\ &= \frac{z(J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z)))'/J_{s+1,b}k(z) - (p - (1 + b))J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z))/J_{s+1,b}k(z)}{z(J_{s+1,b}k(z))'/J_{s+1,b}k(z) - (p - (1 + b))}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Since $k(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$ and $S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \subset S_{p,s+1,b}^*(\gamma)$, we let $z(J_{s+1,b}k(z))' / J_{s+1,b}k(z) = (p-\gamma)H(z) + \gamma$, where $\operatorname{Re} H(z) > 0$ ($z \in U$) thus (2.11) can be written as

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}k(z)} = \frac{z(J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z))') / J_{s+1,b}k(z) - (p-(1+b))[\beta + (p-\beta)h(z)]}{(p-\gamma)H(z) + \gamma - [p-(1+b)]}. \quad (2.12)$$

Consider that

$$z(J_{s+1,b}f(z))' = J_{s+1,b}k(z)[\beta + (p-\beta)h(z)]. \quad (2.13)$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.13), and multiplying by z , we have

$$\frac{z(J_{s+1,b}(zf'(z))')}{J_{s+1,b}k(z)} = (p-\beta)zh'(z) + (\beta + (p-\beta)h(z)) \cdot [(p-\gamma)H(z) + \gamma]. \quad (2.14)$$

Using (2.14) and (2.12), we get

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}k(z)} - \beta = (p-\beta)h(z) + \frac{(p-\beta)zh'(z)}{(p-\gamma)H(z) + \gamma - (p-(1+b))}. \quad (2.15)$$

Taking $u = h(z)$, $v = zh'(z)$ in (2.15), we form the function $\psi(u, v)$ as

$$\psi(u, v) = (p-\beta)u + \frac{(p-\beta)v}{(p-\gamma)H(z) + \gamma - [p-(1+b)]}. \quad (2.16)$$

It is not difficult to see that $\psi(u, v)$ satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2.2 in $D = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$. To verify condition (iii), we proceed as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(iu_2, v_1) = \frac{(p-\beta)v_1[(p-\gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma - [p-(1+b)]]}{[(p-\gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + (1+b) - p]^2 + [(p-\gamma)h_2(x, y)]^2}, \quad (2.17)$$

where $H(z) = h_1(x, y) + ih_2(x, y)$, $h_1(x, y)$ and $h_2(x, y)$ being the functions of x and y and $\operatorname{Re} H(z) = h_1(x, y) > 0$.

By putting $v_1 \leq -(1/2)(1+u_2^2)$, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(iu_2, v_1) \leq -\frac{(p-\beta)(1+u_2^2)[(p-\gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma - [p-(1+b)]]}{2\{[(p-\gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + (1+b) - p]^2 + [(p-\gamma)h_2(x, y)]^2\}} < 0. \quad (2.18)$$

Hence, $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0$ ($z \in U$) and $f(z) \in K_{p,s+1,b}(\beta, \gamma)$. The proof of Theorem 2.5 is complete. \square

Theorem 2.6. $K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma) \subset K_{p,s+1,b}^*(\beta, \gamma)$ for any complex number s .

Proof. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma) &\iff J_{s,b}f(z) \in K_p^*(\beta, \gamma) \\
 &\iff \frac{z}{p}(J_{s,b}f(z))' \in K_p(\beta, \gamma) \\
 &\iff J_{s,b}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{p}\right) \in K_p(\beta, \gamma) \implies \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) \\
 &\implies \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in K_{p,s+1,b}(\beta, \gamma) \iff J_{s+1,b}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{p}\right) \in K_p(\beta, \gamma) \\
 &\iff \frac{z}{p}(J_{s+1,b}f(z))' \in K_p(\beta, \gamma) \\
 &\iff J_{s+1,b}f(z) \in K_p^*(\beta, \gamma) \implies f(z) \in K_{p,s+1,b}^*(\beta, \gamma).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.6 is complete. \square

3. Integral Operator

For $c > -1$ and $f(z) \in A(p)$, we recall here the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston integral operator $L_c f(z)$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_c f(z) &= \frac{c+p}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt \\
 &= z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{c+p}{c+p+n} \right) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

The operator $L_c(f(z))$ when $c \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ was studied by Bernardi [13], for $c = 1$, $L_1(f(z))$ was investigated earlier by Libera [14]. Now, we have

$$J_{s,b}(L_c f(z)) = z^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1+b}{1+b+n} \right)^s \left(\frac{c+p}{c+p+n} \right) a_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \tag{3.2}$$

so we get the identity

$$z(J_{s,b}(L_c f(z)))' = (c+p)J_{s,b}f(z) - c(L_c f(z)). \tag{3.3}$$

The following theorems deal with the generalized Bernard-Libera-Livingston integral operator $L_c(f(z))$ defined by (3.1).

Theorem 3.1. *Let $c > -\gamma$, $0 \leq \gamma < p$. If $f(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$, then $L_c f(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$.*

Proof. From (3.3), we have

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}(L_c f(z)))'}{J_{s,b}L_c f(z)} = \frac{(c+p)J_{s,b}f(z)}{J_{s,b}(L_c f(z))} - c = \frac{1+(1-2\gamma)\omega(z)}{1-\omega(z)}, \quad (3.4)$$

where $w(z)$ is analytic in U , $w(0) = 0$. Using (3.3) and (3.4) we get

$$\frac{J_{s,b}f(z)}{J_{s,b}L_c f(z)} = \frac{(c+p) + w(z)(1-c-2\gamma)\omega(z)}{(c+p)(1-\omega(z))}. \quad (3.5)$$

Differentiating (3.5), we obtain

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}f(z)} = \frac{1+(1-2\gamma)\omega(z)}{1-\omega(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1-\omega(z)} + \frac{(1-c-2\gamma)zw'(z)}{p+c+(1-c-2\gamma)\omega(z)}. \quad (3.6)$$

Now we assume that $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in U$). Otherwise, there exists a point $z_0 \in U$ such that $\max |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$. Then by Lemma 2.1, we have $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw'(z_0)$, $k \geq 1$. Putting $z = z_0$ and $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$ in (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z_0(J_{s,b}f(z_0))'}{J_{s,b}f(z_0)} - \gamma \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2(1-\gamma)ke^{i\theta}}{(1-e^{i\theta})(p+c+(1-c-2\gamma)e^{i\theta})} \right\} \\ &= \frac{-2k(1-\gamma)(c+\gamma)}{(1+c)^2 + 2(1+c)(1-c-2\gamma)\cos\theta + (1-c-2\gamma)^2} \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

which contradicts the hypothesis that $f(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$.

Hence, $|w(z)| < 1$, for $z \in U$, and it follows (3.4) that $L_c f \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$.

The proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete. \square

Theorem 3.2. Let $c > -\gamma$, $0 \leq \gamma < p$. If $f \in C_{p,s,b}(\gamma)$, then $L_c f(z) \in C_{p,s,b}(\gamma)$.

Proof. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in C_{p,s,b}(\gamma) &\iff \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \\ &\implies L_c \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \right) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \iff \frac{z}{p} (L_c f(z))' \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma) \\ &\iff L_c f(z) \in C_{p,s,b}(\gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2. \square

Theorem 3.3. Let $c > -\gamma$, $0 \leq \gamma < p$. If $f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$ then $L_c(f(z)) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$.

Proof. Let $f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$. Then, by definition, there exists a function $g(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}g(z)} \right\} > \beta \quad (z \in U). \quad (3.9)$$

Then,

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c f(z))'}{J_{s,b}L_c g(z)} - \beta = (p - \beta)h(z) \quad (3.10)$$

where $h(z) = c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$. From (3.3) and (3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}g(z)} &= \frac{J_{s,b}(zf'(z))}{J_{s,b}g(z)} = \frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c(zf'(z)))' + cJ_{s,b}L_c(zf'(z))}{z(J_{s,b}L_c(g(z)))' + cJ_{s,b}L_c(g(z))} \\ &= \frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c zf'(z))' / J_{s,b}L_c(g(z)) + cJ_{s,b}L_c(zf'(z)) / J_{s,b}L_c(g(z))}{z(J_{s,b}L_c g(z))' / J_{s,b}L_c(g(z)) + c}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Since $g(z) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$, then from Theorem 3.1, we have $L_c(g) \in S_{p,s,b}^*(\gamma)$.

Let

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c(g(z)))'}{J_{s,b}L_c(g(z))} = (p - \gamma)H(z) + \gamma, \quad (3.12)$$

where $\operatorname{Re} H(z) > 0 (z \in U)$. Using (3.11), we have

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}g(z)} = \frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c(zf'(z)))' / J_{s,b}L_c(g) + c((p - \beta)h(z) + \beta)}{(p - \gamma)H(z) + \gamma + c}. \quad (3.13)$$

Also, (3.10) can be written as

$$z(J_{s,b}L_c(f(z)))' = J_{s,b}L_c(g(z))((p - \beta)h(z) + \beta). \quad (3.14)$$

Differentiating both sides, we have

$$z \left\{ z(J_{s,b}L_c f(z))' \right\}' = z(J_{s,b}L_c g(z))'((p - \beta)h(z) + \beta) + (p - \beta)zh'(z)J_{s,b}L_c g(z), \quad (3.15)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z \left\{ z(J_{s,b}L_c f(z))' \right\}'}{J_{s,b}L_c(g(z))} &= \frac{z(J_{s,b}L_c(zf'(z)))'}{J_{s,b}L_c(g(z))} \\ &= (p - \beta)zh'(z) + ((p - \beta)h(z) + \beta)((1 - \gamma)H(z) + \gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Now, from (3.13) we have

$$\frac{z(J_{s,b}f(z))'}{J_{s,b}g(z)} - \beta = (p - \beta)h(z) + \frac{(p - \beta)zh'(z)}{(p - \gamma)H(z) + \gamma + c}. \quad (3.17)$$

We form the function $\varphi(u, v)$ by taking $u = h(z)$, $v = zh'(z)$ in (3.17) as follows

$$\varphi(u, v) = (p - \beta)u + \frac{(p - \beta)v}{(p - \gamma)H(z) + \gamma + c}. \quad (3.18)$$

It is clear that the function $\varphi(u, v)$ defined in $D = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ by (3.18) satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2.2. To verify the condition (iii), we proceed as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \varphi(iu_2, v_1) = \frac{(p - \beta)v_1 [(p - \gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + c]}{[(p - \gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + c]^2 + [(p - \gamma)h_2(x, y)]^2}, \quad (3.19)$$

where $H(z) = h_1(x, y) + ih_2(x, y)$, $h_1(x, y)$ and $h_2(x, y)$ being the functions of x and y and $\operatorname{Re} H(z) = h_1(x, y) > 0$.

By putting $v_1 \leq -(1/2)(1 + u_2^2)$, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \varphi(iu_2, v_1) \leq -\frac{(p - \beta)(1 + u_2^2) [(p - \gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + c]}{2 \{ [(p - \gamma)h_1(x, y) + \gamma + c]^2 + [(p - \gamma)h_2(x, y)]^2 \}} < 0. \quad (3.20)$$

Hence, $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0 (z \in U)$ and $L_c f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$. Thus, we have $L_c f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma)$. The proof of Theorem 3.3 is complete. \square

Theorem 3.4. *Let $c > -\gamma$, $0 \leq \gamma < p$. If $f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma)$, then $L_c f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma)$.*

Proof. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma) &\iff zf'(z) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) \\ &\implies L_c(zf'(z)) \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) \\ &\iff z(L_c f(z))' \in K_{p,s,b}(\beta, \gamma) \\ &\iff L_c f(z) \in K_{p,s,b}^*(\beta, \gamma), \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

and the proof of Theorem 3.4 is complete. \square

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