



**THE DZIOK-SRIVASTAVA OPERATOR AND  $k$ -UNIFORMLY STARLIKE  
FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** Inclusion relations for  $k$ -uniformly starlike functions under the Dziok-Srivastava operator are established. These results are also extended to  $k$ -uniformly convex functions, close-to-convex, and quasi-convex functions.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions of the form  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  which are analytic in the open unit disc  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A function  $f \in A$  is said to be in  $UST(k, \gamma)$ , the class of  $k$ -uniformly starlike functions of order  $\gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , if  $f$  satisfies the condition

$$(1.1) \quad \Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| + \gamma, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Replacing  $f$  in (1.1) by  $zf'$  we obtain the condition

$$(1.2) \quad \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| + \gamma, \quad k \geq 0$$

required for the function  $f$  to be in the subclass  $UCV(k, \gamma)$  of  $k$ -uniformly convex functions of order  $\gamma$ .

Uniformly starlike and convex functions were first introduced by Goodman [5] and then studied by various authors. For a wealth of references, see Ronning [13].

Setting

$$\Omega_{k,\gamma} = \left\{ u + iv; u > k\sqrt{(u-1)^2 + v^2} + \gamma \right\},$$

with  $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$  or  $p(z) = 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$  and considering the functions which map  $U$  on to the conic domain  $\Omega_{k,\gamma}$ , such that  $1 \in \Omega_{k,\gamma}$ , we may rewrite the conditions (1.1) or (1.2) in the form

$$(1.3) \quad p(z) \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z).$$

We note that the explicit forms of function  $q_{k,\gamma}$  for  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$  are

$$q_{0,\gamma}(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)z}{1 - z}, \quad \text{and} \quad q_{1,\gamma}(z) = 1 + \frac{2(1 - \gamma)}{\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)^2.$$

For  $0 < k < 1$  we obtain

$$q_{k,\gamma}(z) = \frac{1 - \gamma}{1 - k^2} \cos \left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} (\arccos k) i \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right\} - \frac{k^2 - \gamma}{1 - k^2},$$

and if  $k > 1$ , then  $q_{k,\gamma}$  has the form

$$q_{k,\gamma}(z) = \frac{1 - \gamma}{k^2 - 1} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2K(k)} \int_0^{\frac{u(z)}{\sqrt{k}}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1 - t^2} \sqrt{1 - k^2 t^2}} \right) + \frac{k^2 - \gamma}{k^2 - 1},$$

where  $u(z) = \frac{z - \sqrt{k}}{1 - \sqrt{kz}}$  and  $K$  is such that  $k = \cosh \frac{\pi K'(z)}{4K(z)}$ .

By virtue of (1.3) and the properties of the domains  $\Omega_{k,\gamma}$  we have

$$(1.4) \quad \Re(p(z)) > \Re(q_{k,\gamma}(z)) > \frac{k + \gamma}{k + 1}.$$

Define  $UCC(k, \gamma, \beta)$  to be the family of functions  $f \in A$  such that

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right) \geq k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| + \gamma, \quad k \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \gamma < 1$$

for some  $g \in UST(k, \beta)$ .

Similarly, we define  $UQC(k, \gamma, \beta)$  to be the family of functions  $f \in A$  such that

$$\Re \left( \frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)} \right) \geq k \left| \frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)} - 1 \right| + \gamma, \quad k \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \gamma < 1$$

for some  $g \in UCV(k, \beta)$ .

We note that  $UCC(0, \gamma, \beta)$  is the class of close-to-convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\beta$  and  $UQC(0, \gamma, \beta)$  is the class of quasi-convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\beta$ .

The aim of this paper is to study the inclusion properties of the above mentioned classes under the following linear operator which is defined by Dziok and Srivastava [3].

For  $\alpha_j \in C$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, l$ ) and  $\beta_j \in C - \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ), the generalized hypergeometric function is defined by

$${}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \cdots (\alpha_l)_n}{(\beta_1)_n \cdots (\beta_m)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{n!},$$

$$(l \leq m + 1; l, m \in N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}),$$

where  $(a)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined by  $(a)_n = \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)} = a(a+1) \cdots (a+n-1)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  and 1 when  $n = 0$ .

Corresponding to the function  $h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) = z {}_lF_m(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$  the Dziok-Srivastava operator [3],  $H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)f(z) &= h(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z) * f(z) \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-1} \cdots (\alpha_l)_{n-1}}{(\beta_1)_{n-1} \cdots (\beta_m)_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{a_n z^n}{(n-1)!} \end{aligned}$$

where “ $*$ ” stands for convolution.

It is well known [3] that

$$\begin{aligned} (1.5) \quad \alpha_1 H_m^l(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)f(z) &= z[H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z)]' \\ &\quad + (\alpha_1 - 1)H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)f(z). \end{aligned}$$

To make the notation simple, we write,

$$H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z) = H_m^l(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; z)f(z).$$

We note that many subclasses of analytic functions, associated with the Dziok-Srivastava operator  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]$  and many special cases, were investigated recently by Dziok-Srivastava [3], Liu [7], Liu and Srivastava [9], [10] and others. Also we note that special cases of the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator include the Hohlov linear operator [6], the Carlson-Shaffer operator [2], the Ruscheweyh derivative operator [14], the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston linear operator (cf. [1]) and the Srivastava-Owa fractional derivative operators (cf. [11], [12]).

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we prove some results on the linear operator  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]$ . First is the inclusion theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Re\alpha_1 > \frac{1-\gamma}{k+1}$ , and  $f \in A$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UST(k, \gamma)$  then  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UST(k, \gamma)$ .*

In order to prove the above theorem we shall need the following lemma which is due to Egenburg, Miller, Mocanu, and Read [4].

**Lemma A.** *Let  $\beta, \gamma$  be complex constants and  $h$  be univalently convex in the unit disk  $U$  with  $h(0) = c$  and  $\Re(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$ . Let  $g(z) = c + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n$  be analytic in  $U$ . Then*

$$g(z) + \frac{z g'(z)}{\beta g(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z) \Rightarrow g(z) \prec h(z).$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Setting  $p(z) = z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z))' / (H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z))$  in (1.5) we can write

$$(2.1) \quad \alpha_1 \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} = \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z))'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)} + (\alpha_1 - 1) = p(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1).$$

Differentiating (2.1) yields

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f(z))'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]} = p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)}.$$

From this and the argument given in Section 1 we may write

$$p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)} \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z).$$

Therefore the theorem follows by Lemma A and the condition (1.4) since  $q_{k,\gamma}$  is univalent and convex in  $U$  and  $\Re(q_{k,\gamma}) > \frac{k+\gamma}{k+1}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\Re\alpha_1 > \frac{1-\gamma}{k+1}$ , and  $f \in A$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UCV(k, \gamma)$  then  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UCV(k, \gamma)$ .

*Proof.* By virtue of (1.1), (1.2) and Theorem 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UCV(k, \gamma) &\Leftrightarrow z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f)' \in UST(k, \gamma) \\ &\Leftrightarrow H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]zf' \in UST(k, \gamma) \\ &\Rightarrow H_m^l[\alpha_1]zf' \in UST(k, \gamma) \\ &\Leftrightarrow H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UCV(k, \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

We next prove

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\Re\alpha_1 > \frac{1-\gamma}{k+1}$ , and  $f \in A$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UCC(k, \gamma, \beta)$  then  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UCC(k, \gamma, \beta)$ .

To prove the above theorem, we shall need the following lemma which is due to Miller and Mocanu [10].

**Lemma B.** Let  $h$  be convex in the unit disk  $U$  and let  $E \geq 0$ . Suppose  $B(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $\Re B(z) \geq E$ . If  $g$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $g(0) = h(0)$ . Then

$$Ez^2g''(z) + B(z)zg'(z) + g(z) \prec h(z) \Rightarrow g(z) \prec h(z).$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* Since  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UCC(k, \gamma, \beta)$ , by definition, we can write

$$\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f)'(z)}{k(z)} \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z)$$

for some  $k(z) \in UST(k, \beta)$ . For  $g$  such that  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]g(z) = k(z)$ , we have

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f)'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]g(z)} \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z).$$

Letting  $h(z) = \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)'(z)}$  and  $H(z) = \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)}$  we observe that  $h$  and  $H$  are analytic in  $U$  and  $h(0) = H(0) = 1$ . Now, by Theorem 2.1,  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]g \in UST(k, \beta)$  and so  $\Re H(z) > \frac{k+\beta}{k+1}$ . Also, note that

$$(2.4) \quad z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z) = (H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z))h(z).$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.4) yields

$$\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1](zf'))'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)} = \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)}h(z) + zh'(z) = H(z)h(z) + zh'(z).$$

Now using the identity (1.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f)'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]g(z)} &= \frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1](zf')(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]g(z)} \\
 &= \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1](zf'))'(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)H_m^l[\alpha_1](zf')(z)}{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)'(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1](zf'))'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)} + (\alpha_1 - 1)\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1](zf')(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)}}{\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]g(z)} + (\alpha_1 - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{H(z)h(z) + zh'(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)h(z)}{H(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)} \\
 &= h(z) + \frac{1}{H(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)}zh'(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.3), (2.4), and (2.5) we conclude that

$$h(z) + \frac{1}{H(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)}zh'(z) \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z).$$

On letting  $E = 0$  and  $B(z) = \frac{1}{H(z) + (\alpha_1 - 1)}$ , we obtain

$$\Re(B(z)) = \frac{1}{|(\alpha_1 - 1) + H(z)|^2} \Re((\alpha_1 - 1) + H(z)) > 0.$$

The above inequality satisfies the conditions required by Lemma B. Hence  $h(z) \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z)$  and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

Using a similar argument to that in Theorem 2.2 we can prove

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\Re\alpha_1 > \frac{1-\gamma}{k+1}$ , and  $f \in A$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1 + 1]f \in UQC(k, \gamma, \beta)$ , then  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UQC(k, \gamma, \beta)$ .

Finally, we examine the closure properties of the above classes of functions under the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston integral operator  $L_c(f)$  which is defined by

$$L_c(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt, \quad c > -1.$$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $c > \frac{-(k+\gamma)}{k+1}$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UST(k, \gamma)$  so is  $L_c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)$ .

*Proof.* From definition of  $L_c(f)$  and the linearity of operator  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]$  we have

$$(2.6) \quad z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f))'(z) = (c+1)H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z) - c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f))(z).$$

Substituting  $\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f))'(z)}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f)(z)} = p(z)$  in (2.6) we may write

$$(2.7) \quad p(z) = (c+1)\frac{H_m^l[\alpha_1]f(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f))(z)} - c.$$

Differentiating (2.7) gives

$$\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)(z)} = p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + c}.$$

Now, the theorem follows by Lemma A, since  $\Re(q_{k,\gamma}(z) + c) > 0$ .  $\square$

A similar argument leads to

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $c > \frac{-(k+\gamma)}{k+1}$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UCV(k, \gamma)$  so is  $L_c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $c > \frac{-(k+\gamma)}{k+1}$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UCC(k, \gamma, \beta)$  so is  $L_c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)$ .

*Proof.* By definition, there exists a function  $k(z) = (H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)(z) \in UST(k, \beta)$  such that

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)(z)} \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

Now from (2.6) we have

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)(z)} &= \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(zf'))'(z) + cH_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(zf')(z)}{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g(z)))'(z) + c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(zf'))'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)} + \frac{c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(zf'))(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)}}{\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)} + c}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]g \in UST(k, \beta)$ , by Theorem 2.5, we have  $L_c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g) \in UST(k, \beta)$ .

Letting  $\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))'}{H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g)} = H(z)$ , we note that  $\Re(H(z)) > \frac{k+\beta}{k+1}$ . Now, let  $h$  be defined by

$$(2.10) \quad z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(f))' = h(z)H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g).$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.10) yields

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1](zL_c(f)))'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)} = zh'(z) + h(z) \frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]L_c(g))(z)} = zh'(z) + H(z)h(z).$$

Therefore from (2.9) and (2.11) we obtain

$$\frac{z(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)'(z)}{(H_m^l[\alpha_1]g)(z)} = \frac{zh'(z) + h(z)H(z) + ch(z)}{H(z) + c}.$$

This in conjunction with (2.8) leads to

$$(2.12) \quad h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{H(z) + c} \prec q_{k,\gamma}(z).$$

Letting  $B(z) = \frac{1}{H(z)+c}$  in (2.12) we note that  $\Re(B(z)) > 0$  if  $c > -\frac{k+\beta}{k+1}$ . Now for  $E = 0$  and  $B$  as described we conclude the proof since the required conditions of Lemma B are satisfied.  $\square$

A similar argument yields

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $c > \frac{-(k+\gamma)}{k+1}$ . If  $H_m^l[\alpha_1]f \in UQC(k, \gamma, \beta)$  so is  $L_c(H_m^l[\alpha_1]f)$ .

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