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# Sufficient condition for q-starlike and q-convex functions associated with generalized confluent hypergeometric function

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## Abstract

The main object of this paper is to investigate and determine a sufficient condition for q-starlike and q-convex functions which are associated with generalized confluent hypergeometric function.

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# 1. Introduction and Preliminary

Let A denote the class of all functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m, \ z \in \mathbb{U}, \tag{1}$$

which are analytic in open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and satisfy the normalization conditions f(0) = 0 and f'(0) = 1. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subclass of A consists of univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Further suppose that  $\mathcal{S}^*$  is subclass of functions of A which are starlike in  $\mathbb{U}$ , that is f satisfy the subsequent conditions:

$$Re\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} > 0, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{U}$$
 (2)

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Let  $\mathcal{C}^*$  is subclass of functions of A which are convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ , that is f satisfy the following conditions:

$$Re\left\{\frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)}\right\} = Re\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} > 0, \qquad \forall z \in \mathbb{U}$$
(3)

For analytic functions f and g in  $\mathbb{U}$  we say that the function f is subordinate to the function g and written as

$$f(z) \prec g(z)$$

If there exists a Schwarz function w which is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1, such that f(z) = g(w(z))Further, if g is the function which is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then it becomes

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

Now we define P the class of analytic function with positive real part which is given as

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} p_m z^m; \ Re(p(z)) > 0, \ z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** An analytic function h with h(0) = 1 belongs to the class P[M, N], with  $-1 \le N < M \le 1$ , if and only of

$$h(z) \prec \frac{1 + Mz}{1 + Nz}.$$

The class P[M, N] of analytic functions was introduced and studied by Janowski [6], who showed that  $h \in P[M, N]$  if and only if there exists a function  $p \in P$ , such that

$$h(z) = \frac{(M+1)p(z) - (M-1)}{(N+1)p(z) - (N-1)}, \ z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

**Definition 1.2.** [6] (i) A function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $S^*[M, N]$ , with  $-1 \le N < M \le 1$ , if and only if

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1+Mz}{1+Nz}.\tag{4}$$

(ii) A function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $C^*[M,N]$ , with  $-1 \leq N < M \leq 1$ , if and only if

$$1 + \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Mz}{1 + Nz}.$$

**Definition 1.3.** The q-number  $[m]_q$  defined in [15] for  $q \in (0,1)$ , is given by

$$[m]_q := \begin{cases} \frac{1-q^m}{1-q}, & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{C}, \\ \sum\limits_{k=0}^{m-1} q^k = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{m-1}, & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, \dots\}. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.4.** [15] The q-derivative  $D_q f$  of a function f is defined as

$$D_{q}f(z) := \begin{cases} \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{(1-q)z}, & if \ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \\ f'(0), & if \ z = 0, \end{cases}$$

provided that f'(0) exists, and 0 < q < 1.

From the Definition 1.4 it follows immediately that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} D_q f(z) = \lim_{q \to 1} \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{(1 - q)z} = f'(z).$$

For a function  $f \in A$  which has the power expansion series of the form (1.1), it is easy to check that

$$D_q f(z) = 1 + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q a_m z^{m-1}, \ z \in \mathbb{U},$$

as it was previously defined by Srivastava and Bansal [14], although the q-derivative operator  $D_q$  was presumably first applied by Ismail et. al. [5] to study a q-extension of the class  $S^*$  of starlike functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  (see [5], [3], [13]).

**Definition 1.5.** A function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $S_q^*$  if and and only if

$$\left| \frac{z}{f(z)} D_q f(z) - \frac{1}{1-q} \right| < \frac{1}{1-q}, \ z \in \mathbb{U}.$$
 (5)

It is observed that, as  $q \to 1^-$  the closed disk

$$\left| w - \frac{1}{1-q} \right| < \frac{1}{1-q}$$

becomes the right-half plane and the class  $S_q^*$  of q-starlike functions diminishes to the acquainted class  $S^*$ . Consistently, by with the principle of subordination among analytic functions, we can rewrite the inequality (5) as

$$\frac{z}{f(z)}D_q f(z) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-qz}.$$
 (6)

One way to generalize the class  $S^*[M, N]$  of Definition 1.2 is to replace in (4) the function (1+Mz)/(1+Nz) by the function (1+z)/(1-qz) which is involved in (6). The appropriate definition of the corresponding q-extension  $S_q^*[M, N]$  is specified below.

**Definition 1.6.** A function  $f \in A$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$  if and only if

$$\frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{(M+1)Q(z) - (M-1)}{(N+1)Q(z) - (N-1)}, \ z \in \mathbb{U},\tag{7}$$

where

$$Q(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-az}$$

which by using the definition of the subordination can be written as follows:

$$\frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} \prec \phi(z),$$

where

$$\phi(z) := \frac{(M+1)z + 2 + (M-1)qz}{(N+1)z + 2 + (N-1)qz}, \ -1 \le N < M \le 1, \ q \in (0,1).$$

Remark 1.1. (i) It is easy to check that

$$\lim_{q \to 1^{-}} \mathcal{S}_{q}^{*}[M, N] = \mathcal{S}^{*}[M, N].$$

 $Also, \ \mathcal{S}_q^*[1,-1] =: \mathcal{S}_q^*, \ where \ \mathcal{S}_q^* \ is \ the \ class \ of \ functions \ introduced \ and \ studied \ by \ Ismail \ et. \ \ al \ [5].$ 

(ii) If w is a Schwarz function, from the definition of Q we get that

$$\left| Q(z) - \frac{1}{1-q} \right| < \frac{1}{1-q}, \ z \in \mathbb{U},$$

and from (7) it follows

$$Q(z) = \frac{(N-1)\frac{zD_qf(z)}{f(z)} - (M-1)}{(N+1)\frac{zD_qf(z)}{f(z)} - (M+1)}, \ z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

From these computations we conclude that a function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$ , if and only if

$$\left| \frac{(N-1)\frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} - (M-1)}{(N+1)\frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} - (M+1)} - \frac{1}{1-q} \right| < \frac{1}{1-q}, \ z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

In itâ $\check{A}\check{Z}s$  special case when  $M=1-2\beta$  and N=-1, with  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , the function class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$  reduces to the function class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*(\beta)$  which was presented and deliberated by Agrawal and Sahoo [1].

(iii) By means of the well-known Alexanderâ $\check{A}$ Źs theorem [2], the class  $C_q^*[M,N]$  of q-convex functions can be defined in the following way:

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_q^*[M,N] \Leftrightarrow zD_q f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N].$$

The confluent hypergeometric function in the series form is given by

$$F(\xi; \eta; z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_m z^m}{(\eta)_m m!}; \ \forall z \in \mathbb{C},$$

where  $\eta$  is neither zero nor a negative integer and the series is convergent for  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ . Now the generalized confluent hypergeometric function (normalized function) is defined as

$$zF(\xi;\eta;z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_m z^{m+1}}{(\eta)_m m!}$$
(By using convolution of two functions)
$$= z + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1} z^m}{(\eta)_{m-1} (m-1)!},$$
 (8)

where  $(\beta)_m$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined as

$$(\beta)_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = 0\\ \beta(\beta + 1)(\beta + 2)\dots(\beta + m - 1) & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$
$$\equiv \frac{\Gamma(\beta + m)}{\Gamma\beta}$$

and

$$(\beta)_{m+k} = (\beta)_m(\beta + m)_k = (\beta)_k(\beta + k)_m.$$

In this paper we determine sufficient conditions for q-starlike functions and q-convex functions associated with confluent hypergeometric function by using following sufficient conditions obtained by Srivastava [15]:

**Lemma 1.1.** [15] A function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $S_q^*[M, N]$ , if it satisfying the following condition

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|)|a_m| < |N-M|$$
(9)

**Lemma 1.2.** [15] A function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $C_q^*[M, N]$ , if it satisfying the following condition

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|) |a_m| < |N-M|$$
(10)

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $E_j$ ,  $j \in \{1,2\}$ , be defined as follows:

(i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $E_1$  is given by

$$E_1(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{1 - q} \left\{ (q + N + 2 + M(1 - q)) F(\xi; \gamma; 1) - (N + 3) q F(\xi; \gamma; q) - (M + N + 2) (1 - q) \right\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi, \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $E_2$  is given by

$$E_2(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{1 - q} \left\{ (q + N + 2 + M(1 - q)) F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - (N + 3) q F(|\xi|; \gamma; q) - (M + N + 2)(1 - q) \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$E_i(\xi, \gamma, q) < |N - M|$$

holds, then function  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$ .

Proof. Since

$$zF(\xi;\gamma;z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} z^m, \ z \in \mathbb{U},$$

according to Lemma 1.1, any function  $f \in A$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$  if it satisfies the inequality (9). Then, for  $f(z) := zF(\xi; \gamma; z)$  it is sufficient to show that (9) holds, for

$$a_m = \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!}$$
, and  $[m]_q = \frac{1-q^m}{1-q}$ .

Using the triangle's inequality we get

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|)|a_m| 
\leq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} 2q \frac{1-q^{m-1}}{1-q} |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (N+1) \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (M+1)|a_m| 
= \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2q+(N+1)}{1-q} + (M+1) \right) |a_m| - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(N+3)q^m}{1-q} |a_m|.$$
(11)

Case (i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , from (11) we get

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|)|a_m|$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{2q + (N+1)}{1-q} + (M+1)\right) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} - \frac{N+3}{1-q} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}q^m}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ (q+N+2+M(1-q)) \left( F(\xi;\gamma;1) - 1 \right) - (N+3)q \left( F(\xi,\eta;\gamma;q) - 1 \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ (q+N+2+M(1-q)) F(\xi;\gamma;1) - (N+3)q F(\xi;\gamma;q) - (M+N+2)(1-q) \right\} =: E_1(\xi,\gamma,q),$$

and the assumption of the theorem implies (9), that is  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z) \in \mathcal{S}_q^*[M,N]$ . Case (ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \gamma > 0$ , from (11) we have

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|)|a_m| 
\leq \left(\frac{2q + (N+1)}{1-q} + (M+1)\right) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} \right| - \frac{N+3}{1-q} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}q^m}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} \right| 
= \left(\frac{2q + (N+1)}{1-q} + (M+1)\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{|(\xi)_m|}{(\gamma)_m m!} - \frac{N+3}{1-q} q \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{|(\xi)_m|q^m}{(\gamma)_m m!}.$$
(12)

Since  $|(a)_n| \leq (|a|)_n$ , from (12), we deduce that

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|)|a_m| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2q + (N+1)}{1-q} + (M+1)\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} - \frac{(N+3)q}{1-q} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_m q^m}{(\gamma)_m m!} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ \left(q + N + 2 + M(1-q)\right) \left(F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - 1\right) \right. \\ &- \left. (N+3)q \left(F(|\xi|; \gamma; q) - 1\right) \right\} \end{split}$$

$$&= \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ \left(q + N + 2 + M(1-q)\right) F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ (q+N+2+M(1-q))F(|\xi|;\gamma;1) - (N+3)qF(|\xi|;\gamma;q) - (M+N+2)(1-q) \right\} =: E_2(\xi,\eta,\gamma,q).$$

and the assumption of the theorem implies (9), that is  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z) \in \mathcal{S}_a^*[M,N]$ 

For the special case  $M = 1 - 2\beta$ ,  $0 \le \beta < 1$ , and N = -1, we have  $\mathcal{S}_q^*[1 - 2\beta, -1] =: \mathcal{S}_q^*(\beta)$  and Theorem 2.1 reduces to the following result:

Corollary 2.1. Let  $E_j^*$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , be defined as follows: (i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $E_1^*$  is given by

$$E_1^*(\xi, \eta, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{1 - q} \left\{ 2 \left( 1 - \beta (1 - q) \right) F(\xi; \gamma; 1) - 2q F(\xi; \gamma; q) - 2(1 - \beta) (1 - q) \right\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $E_2^*$  is given by

$$E_2^*(\xi, \eta, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{1 - q} \left\{ 2 \left( 1 - \beta (1 - q) \right) F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - 2qF(|\xi|; \gamma; q) - 2(1 - \beta)(1 - q) \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$E_i^*(\xi, \gamma, q) < 2(1 - \beta)$$

holds for  $0 \le \beta < 1$ , then function  $zF(\xi; \gamma; z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*(\beta)$ .

For  $\beta = 0$  the above corollary gives us the next special case:

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\widetilde{E}_j$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , be defined as follows:

(i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $E_1$  is given by

$$\widetilde{E}_1(\xi, \gamma, q) = \frac{1}{1-q} \left\{ 2F(\xi; \gamma; 1) - 2qF(\xi; \gamma; q) - 2(1-q) \right\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $\widetilde{E}_2$  is given by

$$\widetilde{E}_2(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{1 - q} \left\{ 2F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - 2qF(|\xi|; \gamma; q) - 2(1 - q) \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$\widetilde{E}_j(\xi, \gamma, q) < 2$$

holds, then function  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}_q^*(0)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $G_j$ ,  $j \in \{1,2\}$ , be defined as follows:

(i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $G_1$  is given by

$$G_1(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \Big\{ \big( N + 2 + q + M(1-q) \big) F(\xi; \gamma; 1) \\ - \big( M(1-q) + 2N + 5 + q \big) q F(\xi; \gamma; q) + (N+3)q^2 F(\xi; \gamma; q^2) \\ - (M+N+2)(1-q)^2 \Big\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $G_2$  is given by

$$G_2(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ \left( N + 2 + q + M(1-q) \right) F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - \left( M(1-q) + 2N + 5 + q \right) q F(|\xi|; \gamma; q) + (N+3) q^2 F(|\xi|; \gamma; q^2) - (M+N+2)(1-q)^2 \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$G_j(\xi, \gamma, q) < |N - M|$$

holds, then function  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z)$  belongs to the class  $C_q^*[M,N]$ .

*Proof.* Since, according to Lemma 1.2 any function  $f \in A$  belongs to the class  $C_q^*[M, N]$  if it satisfies the inequality (10) for

$$a_m = \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!}$$
, and  $[m]_q = \frac{1-q^m}{1-q}$ .

Using first the triangle's inequality, we have

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|) |a_m|$$

$$\leq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} 2q[m]_q [m-1]_q |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (N+1)[m]_q |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (M+1)[m]_q |a_m|$$

$$= \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} 2q \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} \frac{1-q^{m-1}}{1-q} |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (N+1) \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} |a_m|$$

$$+ \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (M+1) \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} |a_m|$$

$$= \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2q+(N+1)+(M+1)(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \right) |a_m|$$

$$- \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(M+1)(1-q)+2(N+1)+2q+2}{(1-q)^2} \right) q^m |a_m| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2+(N+1)}{(1-q)^2} \right) q^{2m} |a_m|$$

$$= \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} |a_m| - \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} q^m |a_m|$$

$$+ \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} q^{2m} |a_m|.$$
(13)

Case (i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , from (13) we obtain

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q (2q[m-1]_q + |(N+1)[m]_q - (M+1)|) |a_m|$$

$$\leq \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} + \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^{2m}$$

$$- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^m$$

$$= \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} + \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} q^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} q^{2m}$$

$$- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} q \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} q^m$$

$$= \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} (F(\xi;\gamma;1)-1) + \frac{(N+3)q^2}{(1-q)^2} (F(\xi;\gamma;q^2)-1)$$

$$- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} q (F(\xi;\gamma;q)-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ (N+2+q+M(1-q))F(\xi;\gamma;1) - (M(1-q)+2N+5+q)qF(\xi;\gamma;q) + (N+3)q^2F(\xi;\gamma;q^2) - (M+N+2)(1-q)^2 \right\} =: G_1(\xi,\gamma,q).$$

Therefore, the assumption of the theorem implies (10), hence  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z) \in \mathcal{C}_q^*[M,N]$ . Case (ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , then the inequality (13) leads to

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q \Big( 2q[m-1]_q + \Big| (N+1)[m]_q - (M+1) \Big| \Big) |a_m| \\ &\leq \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} \right| + \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^{2m} \right| \\ &- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(\xi)_{m-1}}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^m \right| \\ &= \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{|(\xi)_{m-1}|}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} + \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{|(\xi)_{m-1}|}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^{2m} \\ &- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{|(\xi)_{m-1}|}{(\gamma)_{m-1}(m-1)!} q^m. \end{split}$$

Since  $(a)_n \le (|a|)_n$ , the above inequality implies

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [m]_q \Big( 2q[m-1]_q + \big| (N+1)[m]_q - (M+1) \big| \Big) |a_m| \\ &\leq \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} + \frac{N+3}{(1-q)^2} q^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} q^{2m} \\ &- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} q \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_m}{(\gamma)_m m!} q^m \\ &= \frac{q+N+2+M(1-q)}{(1-q)^2} \left( F(|\xi|;\gamma,1)-1 \right) + \frac{(N+3)q^2}{(1-q)^2} (F(|\xi|;\gamma;q^2)-1) \\ &- \frac{M(1-q)+2N+5+q}{(1-q)^2} q (F(|\xi|;\gamma;q)-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ \left( N+2+q+M(1-q) \right) F(|\xi|;\gamma;1) + (N+3)q^2 F(|\xi|;\gamma;q^2) \\ &- \left( M(1-q)+2N+5+q \right) q F(|\xi|;\gamma;q) - (M+N+2)(1-q)^2 \right\} =: G_2(\xi,\gamma,q). \end{split}$$

It follows that the assumption of the theorem implies (10), hence  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z) \in \mathcal{C}_q^*[M,N]$ .

For the special case  $M=1-2\beta, 0 \leq \beta < 1$  and N=-1, we have  $\mathcal{C}_q^*[1-2\beta,-1]=:\mathcal{C}_q^*(\beta)$ , and Theorem 2.2 reduces to the following result:

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $G_j^*$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , be defined as follows: (i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $G_1^*$  is given by

$$G_1^*(\xi, \eta, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ 2(1-\beta(1-q))F(\xi; \gamma; 1) - 2(2-\beta(1-q))qF(\xi; \gamma; q) + 2q^2F(\xi; \gamma; q^2) - 2(1-\beta)(1-q)^2 \right\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $G_2^*$  is given by

$$G_2^*(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ 2(1-\beta(1-q))F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - 2(2-\beta(1-q))qF(|\xi|; \gamma; q) + 2q^2F(|\xi|; \gamma; q^2) - 2(1-\beta)(1-q)^2 \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$G_i^*(\xi, \gamma, q) < 2(1 - \beta)$$

holds for  $0 \le \beta < 1$ , then function  $zF(\xi; \gamma; z)$  belongs to the class  $C_q^*(\beta)$ .

For  $\beta = 0$  the above corollary gives us the next example:

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\widetilde{G}_j$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , be defined as follows:

(i) If  $\xi > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $\widetilde{G}_1$  is given by

$$\widetilde{G}_1(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \left\{ 2F(\xi; \gamma; 1) - 4qF(\xi; \gamma; q) + 2q^2 F(\xi; \gamma; q^2) - 2(1-q)^2 \right\}.$$

(ii) If  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $\widetilde{G}_2$  is given by

$$\widetilde{G}_{2}(\xi, \gamma, q) := \frac{1}{(1-q)^{2}} \left\{ 2F(|\xi|; \gamma; 1) - 4qF(|\xi|; \gamma; q) + 2q^{2}F(|\xi|; \gamma; q^{2}) - 2(1-q)^{2} \right\}.$$

If for any  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  the inequality

$$\widetilde{G}_j(\xi, \gamma, q) < 2$$

holds, then function  $zF(\xi;\gamma;z)$  belongs to the class  $C_a^*(0)$ .

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