# ON CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEROMORPHICALLY p-VALENT CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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#### Abstract

Making use of a differential operator, which is defined here by means of the Hadamard product (or convolution), we introduce the class  $\Sigma_p^n(\alpha_1, \beta_1; \lambda)$  of meromorphically *p*-valent convex functions. The main object of this paper is to investigate various important properties and characteristics for this class. Further, a property preserving integrals is considered.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of functions of the form:

(1.1) 
$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \ (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\})$$

which are analytic and p-valent in the punctured unit disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ . For functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) \in \Sigma_p$  given by

(1.2) 
$$g(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k \ (p \in \mathbb{N})$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f(z) and g(z) by

(1.3) 
$$(f * g)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z).$$

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For complex parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_q$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_s$   $(\beta_j \notin Z_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \ldots\}; j = 1, 2, \ldots, s)$ , we now define the generalized hypergeometric function

$$_{q}F_{s} (\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{q}; \beta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \ldots, \beta_{s}; z)$$

by (see, for example, [18, p. 19]),

(1.4) 
$$qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; \ z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \cdots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \cdots (\beta_s)_k} z^k$$
$$(q \le s+1; \ s, q \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; \ z \in U),$$

where  $(\theta)_k$  is the Pochhammer symbol, defined in terms of the Gamma function  $\Gamma$  by,

$$(\theta)_v = \frac{\Gamma(\theta+v)}{\Gamma(\theta)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (v=0; \ \theta \in C^* = C \setminus \{0\}), \\ \theta(\theta+1)\cdots(\theta+v-1) & (v \in \mathbb{N}; \ \theta \in C). \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to the function  $h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_s; z)$ , defined by

(1.5)  $h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; \ z) = z^{-p} \ _q F_s \ (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; \ z),$ 

Liu and Srivastava [16] (see, for details [9] and [10]) introduced a linear operator:

$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) : \Sigma_p \longrightarrow \Sigma_p$$

which is defined by the following Hadamard product:

(1.6) 
$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) f(z) = h_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) * f(z),$$
$$(q \le s+1; s, q \in \mathbb{N}_0; z \in U).$$

We observe that, for a function f(z) of the form (1.1), we have

(1.7) 
$$H_p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s) f(z) = H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1) f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_k a_k z^k,$$

where

(1.8) 
$$\Gamma_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k+p} \cdots (\alpha_q)_{k+p}}{(\beta_1)_{k+p} \cdots (\beta_s)_{k+p} (1)_{k+p}}$$

Then one can easily verify from (1.7) that

(1.9) 
$$z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))' = \alpha_1 H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z) - (\alpha_1+p)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z).$$

The linear operator  $H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)$  was investigated recently by Liu and Srivastava [16], Aouf [2], and Aouf and Yassen [5].

We note that:

(i)  $H_{p,2,1}(a,1;c)f(z) = \ell_p(a,c)f(z)$  (a, c > 0) (see Liu and Srivastava [15]);

(ii) 
$$H_{p,2,1}(\nu+p,p;p)f(z) = D^{\nu+p-1}f(z) \ (\nu > -p; \ p \in \mathbb{N})$$
 (see[1] and [4]);

(iii)  $H_{p,2,1}(\nu, 1; \nu+1)f(z) = F_{\nu,p}(f)(z) \ (\nu > 0; \ p \in \mathbb{N})$  (see [1], [22] and [23]).

A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be in the class  $\Sigma_p(\lambda)$  of p-valent meromorphically convex functions of order  $\lambda$  in  $U^*$  if and only if (see Kumar and Shukla [14])

(1.10) 
$$\Re\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < -\lambda, \ (z \in U^*; \ 0 \le \lambda < p).$$

In this paper, we introduce the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$  of functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  which satisfy the condition:

(1.11) 
$$\Re \left\{ \frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'} - (p+1) \right\} < -\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1}$$
$$(z \in U^*; \ \alpha_1 > 0; \ 0 \le \lambda < p).$$

Also we note that:

- (i) If q = 2, s = 1, the class  $J_{p,2,1}(\nu + p, p; p; \lambda)$  ( $\nu > -p; p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) reduces to the class  $\chi_{\nu+p-1}(\lambda)$  (see [4]);
- (ii) If q = 2, s = 1, the class  $J_{p,2,1}(a, 1; c; \lambda)$  (a > 0, c > 0) reduces to the class  $J_p(a, c; \lambda)$ , where  $J_p(a, c; \lambda)$  is defined by

(1.12) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{(\ell_p(a+1,c)f(z))'}{(\ell_p(a,c)f(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p(a-1)+\lambda}{a} \ (z \in U^*; \ 0 \le \lambda < p);$$

(iii) If q = 2, s = 1, the class  $J_{p,2,1}(\nu, 1; \nu + 1)$  ( $\nu > 0$ ;  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) reduces to the class  $J_p(\nu, \lambda)$ , where  $J_p(\nu, \lambda)$  is defined by

(1.13) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{(F_{\nu+1,p}(f)(z))'}{(F_{\nu,p}(f)(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p(\nu-1)+\lambda}{\nu},$$
$$(z \in U^*; \ \nu > 0; \ 0 \le \lambda < p).$$

The various properties of the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$ , derived in this paper, would extend the corresponding results obtained earlier by Bajpai [6], Goel and Sohi [11], Uralegaddi *et al.* ([20] and [21]), Aouf and Hossen [3] (see also Ruscheweyh [17], and Srivastava and Owa [19]). Several other subclasses of  $\Sigma_p$ , analogous to the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$  studied in this paper, were considered (among others) by Cho [7], Aouf [1], and by Kulkarni *et al.* [13].

# **2.** Basic properties of the class $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$

Unless otherwise mentioned, we shall assume in the reminder of this paper that  $q \leq s+1, s, q \in \mathbb{N}_0, \ 0 \leq \lambda < p, \ p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha_1 > 0$ .

We begin by recalling the following result (Jack's lemma), which we shall apply in proving our first inclusion theorems (Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.3 below).

**2.1. Lemma.** [12] Let the (nonconstant) function w(z) be analytic in U, with w(0) = 0. If |w(z)| attains its maximum value on the circle |z| = r < 1 at a point  $z_0 \in U$ , then

 $z_0 w'(z_0) = \xi w(z_0),$ 

where  $\xi$  is a real number and  $\xi \geq 1$ .

**2.2. Theorem.** The following inclusion property holds true for the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1;\lambda)$ :  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1;\lambda) \subset J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1;\lambda).$ 

*Proof.* For  $f(z) \in J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1 + 1; \lambda)$ , we find from (1.11) that

(2.1) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p\alpha_1+\lambda}{\alpha_1+1}, \ (z \in U^*).$$

In order to show that (2.1) implies the inequality (1.11), we define  $w(z) \in U$  by

(2.2) 
$$\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'} - (p+1) = -\left\{\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1} + \frac{p-\lambda}{\alpha_1} \cdot \frac{1-w(z)}{1+w(z)}\right\}.$$

Clearly, w(z) is regular in U and w(0) = 0. Rewriting (2.2) as

(2.3) 
$$\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'} = \frac{\alpha_1 + [\alpha_1 + 2(p-\lambda)]w(z)}{\alpha_1(1+w(z))}$$

and differentiating (2.3) logarithmically with respect to z, we obtain

(2.4) 
$$\frac{\frac{z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))''}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'} - \frac{z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))''}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'} = \frac{2(p-\lambda)zw'(z)}{(1+w(z))\left\{\alpha_1 + [\alpha_1+2(p-\lambda)]w(z)\right\}}.$$

Then one can easily verify from (1.9) that

(2.5) 
$$z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'' = \alpha_1 \left(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)\right)' - (\alpha_1+p+1) \left(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)\right)'$$

Making use of (2.5), (2.4) may be written as

(2.6) 
$$\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'} - (p+1) + \frac{p\alpha_1 + \lambda}{\alpha_1 + 1} \\ = \frac{p-\lambda}{\alpha_1 + 1} \left\{ -\frac{1-w(z)}{1+w(z)} + \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1+w(z))\left\{\alpha_1 + [\alpha_1 + 2(p-\lambda)]w(z)\right\}} \right\}.$$

We claim that |w(z)| < 1 for  $z \in U$ . Otherwise there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that  $\max_{|z| \le |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$ . Applying Jack's lemma, we have  $z_0w'(z_0) = \xi w(z_0)(\xi \ge 1)$ . Writing  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta} (0 \le \theta \le 2\pi)$ , and putting  $z = z_0$  in (2.6), we get

(2.7) 
$$\frac{\frac{z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)f(z_0))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z_0))'} - (p+1) + \frac{p\alpha_1 + \lambda}{\alpha_1 + 1}}{= \frac{(p-\lambda)}{\alpha_1 + 1} \left\{ -\frac{1 - w(z_0)}{1 + w(z_0)} + \frac{2\xi w(z_0)}{(1 + w(z_0)) \left\{ \alpha_1 + [\alpha_1 + 2(p-\lambda)] w(z_0) \right\}} \right\}.$$

Thus we have

$$(2.8) \quad \Re\left\{\frac{z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)f(z_0))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z_0))'} - (p+1) + \frac{p\alpha_1+\lambda}{\alpha_1+1}\right\} \ge \frac{p-\lambda}{2(\alpha_1+1)(\alpha_1+p-\lambda)} > 0$$

which obviously contradicts (2.1). Hence |w(z)| < 1, and it follows from (2.3) that  $f(z) \in J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

**2.3. Theorem.** Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  satisfy the condition

$$(2.9) \qquad \Re\left\{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < \frac{(p-\lambda)-2[p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda](c+1-\lambda)}{2\alpha_1(c+1-\lambda)}, \ (c>p-1).$$

(2.10) 
$$F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{c+p-1} f(t) dt$$

belongs to the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$ .

*Proof.* From (2.10), we have

(2.11) 
$$z(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z))' = (c-p+1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) - (c+1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z).$$
  
Using (2.11) and (1.9), the condition (2.9) may be written as

(2.12) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+2)F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+1)F(z))'} - (\alpha_{1}+p-c)}{\alpha_{1} - (\alpha_{1}+p-c-1)\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1})F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+1)F(z))'}} - (p+1)\right\} < \frac{(p-\lambda) - 2[p(\alpha_{1}-1)+\lambda](c+1-\lambda)}{2\alpha_{1}(c+1-\lambda)}.$$

In order to prove that (2.12) implies the inequality:

(2.13) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1}, \ (z \in U^*).$$

we now define w(z) in U by

(2.14) 
$$\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z))'} - (p+1) = -\left\{\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1} + \frac{p-\lambda}{\alpha_1} \cdot \frac{1-w(z)}{1+w(z)}\right\}.$$

Clearly, w(z) is regular in U and w(0) = 0. Rewriting (2.14) as

(2.15) 
$$\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z))'} = \frac{\alpha_1 + [\alpha_1 + 2(p-\lambda)]w(z)}{\alpha_1(1+w(z))}$$

and differentiating (2.15) logarithmically with respect to z, we get

$$(2.16) \frac{(\alpha_{1}+1)\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+2)F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+1)F(z))'} - (\alpha_{1}+p-c)}{\alpha_{1} - (\alpha_{1}+p-c-1)\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1})F(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_{1}+1)F(z))'}} - (p+1) \\ = -\left\{\frac{p(\alpha_{1}-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_{1}} + \frac{p-\lambda}{\alpha_{1}} \cdot \frac{1-w(z)}{1+w(z)}\right\} \\ + \frac{2(p-\lambda)zw'(z)}{\alpha_{1}(1+w(z))\left[(c+1-p) + (p-2\lambda+c+1)w(z)\right]},$$

where we have also made use (2.5). The remaining part of the proof of Theorem 2.3 is similar to that of Theorem 2.2.  $\hfill \Box$ 

**2.4. Remark.** (i) For q = s + 1,  $\alpha_j = 1$ , (j = 1, ..., s + 1);  $\beta_i = 1$ , (i = 1, ..., s), p = 1 and  $\lambda = 0$ , we note that Theorem 2.3 extends a result of Goel and Sohi [11]; also Cho and Owa [8];

(ii) For q = s + 1,  $\alpha_j = 1$ , (j = 1, ..., s + 1),  $\beta_i = 1$ , (i = 1, ..., s), p = c = 1 and  $\lambda = 0$ , we note that Theorem —reft2 extends a result of Bajpai [6].

# 3. A further inclusion property

**3.1. Theorem.** If  $f(z) \in J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1; \lambda)$ , then

(3.1) 
$$G(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1+p}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{p} (f * g)(t) dt,$$

belongs to the class  $J_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1 + 1; \lambda)$ .

*Proof.* From (3.1), we have

(3.2) 
$$(c-p+1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z) = \alpha_1H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)F(z) - (\alpha_1+p-c-1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)F(z)$$
  
and

(3.3) 
$$(c-p+1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z)$$
$$= (\alpha_1+1)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)F(z) - (\alpha_1+p-c)H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)F(z),$$

which, for  $c = \alpha_1 + p - 1$ , yield

$$\frac{(\alpha_1+1)(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)G(z))' - (H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)G(z))'}{\alpha_1(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)G(z))'} = \frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'}$$

that is,

$$\frac{(\alpha_1+1)(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)G(z))'}{\alpha_1(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)G(z))'} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1} = \frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'}.$$

Thus we have

$$\Re\left\{\frac{(\alpha_1+1)(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)G(z))'}{\alpha_1(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)G(z))'} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1} - (p+1)\right\} \\ = \Re\left\{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)f(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1},$$

which leads us at once to the desired inequality:

(3.4) 
$$\Re\left\{\frac{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+2)G(z))'}{(H_{p,q,s}(\alpha_1+1)G(z))'} - (p+1)\right\} < -\frac{p(\alpha_1-1)+\lambda}{\alpha_1}, \ (z \in U^*).$$
  
This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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**3.2.** Corollary. If  $f(z) \in J_p(a,c;\lambda)$ , where  $J_p(a,c;\lambda)$  is defined by (1.12), then  $G(z) \in J_p(a,c;\lambda)$  $J_p(a,c;\lambda)$ , where G(z) is defined by (3.1).

**3.3.** Corollary. If  $f(z) \in J_p(\nu, \lambda)$ , where  $J_p(\nu, \lambda)$  is defined by (1.13), then  $G(z) \in$  $J_{p}(\nu, \lambda)$ , where G(z) is defined by (3.1).

**3.4. Remark.** Putting q = 2, s = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \nu + p$ ,  $(\nu > -p)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = p$  and  $\beta_1 = p$  in our results, we obtain the results obtained by Aouf and Srivastava [4].

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