



# Inclusion properties of a subclass of analytic functions defined by an integral operator involving the Gauss hypergeometric function

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## ABSTRACT

In the present paper, we introduce and investigate a new subclass of analytic functions in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , which is defined by the convolution  $(f_{\mu})^{-1} * f(z)$ , where

$$f_{\mu}(z) := (1 - \mu)z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) + \mu z [z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)]' \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \mu \geq 0).$$

Several interesting properties including (for example) integral-preserving properties of this analytic function class are also considered.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

We also consider a class  $\mathcal{M}$  of functions  $\phi(z)$  which are analytic and univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  such that  $\phi(\mathbb{U})$  is convex with

$$\phi(0) = 1 \text{ and } \Re\{\phi(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We begin by recalling the principle of subordination between analytic functions.

**Definition 1.** For two functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $g(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , if there exists an analytic (Schwarz) function  $w(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , satisfying the following conditions:

$$w(0) = 0 \text{ and } |w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(w(z)).$$

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We denote this subordination by

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

In particular, if  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then the subordination

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

is equivalent to the following conditions:

$$f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U})$$

(see, for details, [7,18]; see also [29]).

**Definition 2.** Each of the subclasses  $\mathcal{S}^*(\phi)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(\phi)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\phi, \psi)$  of the analytic function class  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{M}$  is defined by using the above subordination principle (cf., e.g., [6,19]):

$$\mathcal{S}^*(\phi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \phi \in \mathcal{M}) \right\}, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\mathcal{K}(\phi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \phi \in \mathcal{M}) \right\} \tag{1.3}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}(\phi, \psi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}, g \in \mathcal{S}^*(\phi) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \phi, \psi \in \mathcal{M}) \right\}. \tag{1.4}$$

In particular, when

$$\phi(z) = \psi(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

in the definitions (1.2) to (1.4), we have the familiar classes  $\mathcal{S}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  starlike, convex and close-to-convex function in  $\mathbb{U}$ , respectively. Furthermore, if we set

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1)$$

in the definitions (1.2) and (1.3), we obtain the following function classes:

$$\mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right) = \mathcal{S}^*(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{K}\left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right) = \mathcal{K}(A, B). \tag{1.5}$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the class of functions of the form:

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots,$$

which are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfy the following inequality:

$$\Re\{p(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Denote by  $D^\lambda : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  the Ruscheweyh derivative operator of order  $\lambda$  defined by the following Hadamard product (or convolution):

$$D^\lambda f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\lambda+1}} * f(z) \quad (\lambda > -1), \tag{1.6}$$

so that, obviously, we have

$$D^0 f(z) = f(z), \quad D^1 f(z) = zf'(z) \quad \text{and} \quad D^n f(z) = \frac{z[z^{n-1}f(z)]^{(n)}}{n!} \tag{1.7}$$

for

$$n \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad (\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{0\}).$$

Recently, Noor et al. (see [22,23]) defined as integral operator  $I_n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , analogous to the Ruscheweyh derivative operator  $D^2 f$ , as follows.

**Definition 3.** Let the functions

$$f_n(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_n^{(-1)}(z) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_0)$$

be defined such that

$$f_n(z) * f_n^{(-1)}(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; n \in \mathbb{N}_0). \quad (1.8)$$

Then the integral operator  $I_n : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is defined by

$$I_n f(z) = f_n^{(-1)}(z) * f(z) = \left( \frac{z}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \right)^{-1} * f(z) \quad (f \in \mathcal{A}), \quad (1.9)$$

so that, clearly,

$$I^0 f(z) = z f'(z) \quad \text{and} \quad I_1 f(z) = f(z) \quad (f \in \mathcal{A})$$

The so-called Noor integral operator  $I_n$  of order  $n$  (see [3,16]) is an important operator which is used in defining several subclasses of analytic functions.

For parameters

$$a, b \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{and} \quad c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^- \quad (\mathbb{Z}_0^- := \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}),$$

the Gauss hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  is defined by

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k} \frac{z^k}{k!}, \quad (1.10)$$

where  $(v)_k$  denotes the Pochhammer symbol defined, in terms of the Gamma function, by

$$(v)_0 := 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (v)_k := \frac{\Gamma(v+k)}{\Gamma(v)} = v(v+1) \cdots (v+k-1) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1.11)$$

The hypergeometric series in (1.10) converges absolutely for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , so that it represents an analytic function in  $\mathbb{U}$ . In particular, the function  $\varphi(a, c; z)$  given by

$${}_2F_1(1, a; c; z) =: \varphi(a, c; z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

is the incomplete Beta function. Also, since

$$\varphi(a, 1; z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^a} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

the function  $\varphi(2, 1; z)$  is precisely the Koebe function.

Many recent investigations in *geometric function theory* in Complex Analysis have made use of not only the familiar Gauss hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$ , but also of its natural generalizations including (for example) the generalized hypergeometric function  ${}_qF_s$  ( $q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) with  $q$  numerator and  $s$  denominator parameters:

$$\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C} \quad (j = 1, \dots, q) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^- \quad (j = 1, \dots, s),$$

defined by

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^q (\alpha_j)_k}{\prod_{j=1}^s (\beta_j)_k} \frac{z^k}{k!}.$$

For example, we may cite the widely-investigated Dziok–Srivastava operator involving the generalized hypergeometric function  ${}_qF_s$  ( $q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) (see, for details, [8–10]; see also [2,4,5,12–14,17,30] and the references cited in each of these earlier investigations).

Shukla and Shukla [28] studied the mapping properties of the function  $f_\mu(a, b, c)(z)$  defined by

$$f_\mu(a, b, c)(z) := (1-\mu)z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) + \mu z [z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)]' \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \mu \geq 0). \quad (1.12)$$

On the other hand, Kim and Shon [15] introduced a linear operator  $L_\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  defined by

$$L_\mu(a, b, c)(f(z)) = f_\mu(a, b, c)(z) * f(z).$$

Here, in this paper, we define a function  $(f_\mu)^{(-1)}$  by the means of the following Hadamard product (or convolution):

$$f_\mu(a, b, c)(z) * [f_\mu(a, b, c)(z)]^{(-1)} = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{\lambda+1}} \quad (\mu \geq 0, \lambda > -1) \quad (1.13)$$

and introduce the linear operator  $I_\mu^{\lambda}(a, b, c)$  by

$$I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) = [f_{\mu}(a, b, c)(z)]^{(-1)} * f(z). \tag{1.14}$$

Upon setting  $\mu = 0$  in (1.13), we obtain the operator introduced earlier by Noor [21].

Since

$$\frac{z}{(1-z)^{\lambda+1}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda+1)_k}{k!} z^{k+1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; \lambda \in \mathbb{C}), \tag{1.15}$$

by using (1.10) and (1.15) in (1.13), we get

$$\left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu k + 1)(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k} \frac{z^{k+1}}{k!} \right) * [f_{\mu}(a, b, c)(z)]^{(-1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda+1)_k}{k!} z^{k+1}. \tag{1.16}$$

We thus obtain the following explicit representation for  $[f_{\mu}(a, b, c)(z)]^{(-1)}$ :

$$[f_{\mu}(a, b, c)(z)]^{(-1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda+1)_k (c)_k}{(\mu k + 1)(a)_k (b)_k} z^{k+1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{1.17}$$

Eq. (1.14) now implies that

$$I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) = z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda+1)_k (c)_k}{(\mu k + 1)(a)_k (b)_k} a_{k+1} z^{k+1}. \tag{1.18}$$

In particular, we have

$$I_0^{\lambda}(a, \lambda + 1, a)f(z) = f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad I_0^1(a, 1, a)f(z) = zf'(z). \tag{1.19}$$

It can also be easily shown that

$$z[I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)]' = (\lambda + 1)I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z) - \lambda I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \tag{1.20}$$

and

$$z[I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a + 1, b, c)f(z)]' = aI_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) - (a - 1)I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a + 1, b, c)f(z). \tag{1.21}$$

In the present sequel to the aforementioned works, by using the operator  $I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)$ , we introduce and investigate the inclusion properties of each of the following interesting subclasses of analytic functions for

$$\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad \phi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu \geq 0 :$$

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \in S^*(\phi) \right\}, \tag{1.22}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \in \mathcal{K}(\phi) \right\} \tag{1.23}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi, \psi) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \exists g(z) \in S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad \text{such that} \quad \frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)g(z)} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \right\}. \tag{1.24}$$

It is easily seen from the definitions (1.22) and (1.23) that

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{K}(a, b, c)(\phi) \iff zf'(z) \in S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi). \tag{1.25}$$

For the sake of convenience, we write

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c) \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) =: S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B) \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1), \tag{1.26}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c) \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) =: \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B) \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1) \tag{1.27}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c) \left( \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) =: \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B) \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1). \tag{1.28}$$

The main objective of this paper is to investigate the inclusion properties of each of the above-defined function classes

$$\mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi), \quad \mathcal{K}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi, \psi).$$

Since

$$\mathcal{S}_0^\lambda(a, \lambda + 1, a) \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) = \mathcal{S}^*, \quad \mathcal{K}_0^\lambda(a, \lambda + 1, a) \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) = \mathcal{K} \quad (1.29)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_0^\lambda(a, \lambda + 1, a) \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z}, \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) = \mathcal{C}, \quad (1.30)$$

the results presented in this paper can be suitably specialized to deduce the corresponding (known or new) results for the familiar function classes  $\mathcal{S}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

## 2. Inclusion properties involving the operator $I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)$

The following lemmas will be required in our investigation.

**Lemma 1** (see [20]). *Let the function  $\phi(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Suppose that the function  $B(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with*

$$\Re\{B(z)\} \geq E \quad (E \geq 0).$$

*If  $g \in \mathcal{P}$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then*

$$E^2 z^2 g''(z) + B(z) z g'(z) + g(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.1)$$

*implies that*

$$g(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

**Lemma 2** (see [26]). *Let  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . Then, for every analytic function  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,*

$$\frac{(f * Qg)}{f * g}(\mathbb{U}) \subset \overline{\text{CO}}[Q(\mathbb{U})], \quad (2.2)$$

*where  $\overline{\text{CO}}[Q(\mathbb{U})]$  denotes the closed convex hull of  $Q(\mathbb{U})$ .*

**Lemma 3** (see [25]). *For complex numbers  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , let  $\phi(z)$  be a convex univalent function in  $\mathbb{U}$  with*

$$\phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re\{\beta\phi(z) + \gamma\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

*Also let the function  $q \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the following subordination condition:*

$$q(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

*If the function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then*

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.3)$$

*implies that*

$$p(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

**Lemma 4** (see [11]). *Let the parameters  $\delta$  and  $\eta$  be complex numbers. Also let  $\phi(z)$  be a convex univalent function in  $\mathbb{U}$  with*

$$\phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re\{\delta\phi(z) + \eta\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

*If the function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then the following subordination condition:*

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\delta p(z) + \eta} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.4)$$

*implies that*

$$p(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Our first main result is contained in [Theorem 1](#) below.

**Theorem 1.** Let the function  $\phi(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$\phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re\{\phi(z)\} \geq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Then

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi) \subset S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad (\lambda > -1; \mu \geq 0).$$

**Proof.** Let  $f(z) \in S_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi)$  and suppose that

$$p(z) = \frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)} \quad (p(z) \in \mathcal{P}). \quad (2.5)$$

Then, by using (1.2) in (2.5) and differentiating the resulting equation, we get

$$\frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z)} = p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{(\lambda+1)q(z)},$$

where

$$q(z) = \frac{I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z)}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)}$$

and

$$q(z) \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Hence, by applying Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which, in view of (1.22), yields

$$f(z) \in S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi).$$

Our proof of Theorem 1 is thus completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let the function  $\phi(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$\phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re\{\phi(z)\} \geq 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Then

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \subset S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a+1, b, c)(\phi) \quad (\lambda > -1; \mu \geq 0).$$

**Proof.** Applying the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 1, and using (1.21) in conjunction with Lemma 4, we obtain the result asserted by Theorem 2.  $\square$

Upon setting

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1)$$

in Theorems 1 and 2, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.** For  $\lambda > -1$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\Re(a) > 1$ , the following inclusion properties hold true:

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c, A, B) \subset S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B)$$

and

$$S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B) \subset S_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a+1, b, c, A, B).$$

If we set

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

in Theorems 1 and 2, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.** For  $\lambda > -1$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\Re(a) > 0$ ,

$$I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \Rightarrow I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*.$$

Furthermore,

$$I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \Rightarrow I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a+1, b, c) \in \mathcal{S}^*.$$

**Corollary 3.** For  $\lambda > -1$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\Re(a) > 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi) \subset \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \subset \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a+1, b, c)(\phi).$$

**Proof.** It is easily observed that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi) &\iff zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi), \\ &\Rightarrow zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi), \\ &\iff I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(zf'(z)) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\phi), \\ &\iff z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))' \in \mathcal{S}^*(\phi), \\ &\iff I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \in \mathcal{K}(\phi), \\ &\iff f(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

The second assertion of Corollary 3 can be proved similarly.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let the function  $\phi(z)$  be convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$\phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re\{\phi(z)\} \geq 0.$$

If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the following condition:

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$$

then

$$F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi),$$

where the function  $F(z)$  is given by a one-parameter integral operator as follows:

$$F(z) = \frac{\mathfrak{d}+1}{z^{\mathfrak{d}}} \int_0^z t^{\mathfrak{d}-1} f(t) dt \quad (\mathfrak{d} > -1). \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof.** First of all, we find from the definition (2.6) that

$$z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z) \right)' = (\mathfrak{d}+1)I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) - \mathfrak{d}I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z). \quad (2.7)$$

Let

$$p(z) = \frac{z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z) \right)'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z)} \quad (p \in \mathcal{P}).$$

Thus, by using (2.7), we get

$$p(z) + \mathfrak{d} = \frac{(\mathfrak{d}+1)I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z)}. \quad (2.8)$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.8) logarithmically, we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + \mathfrak{d}} = \frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z)} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

by means of the hypothesis of Theorem 3.

Finally, by applying Lemma 4, we have

$$\frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)F(z)} \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

that is,

$$F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi),$$

as asserted by Theorem 3.  $\square$

In its special case when

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1),$$

Theorem 3 yields the following result.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $\lambda > -1$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{d} > -1$ . Also let the function  $F(z)$  be given by (2.6). If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B)$ , then

$$F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, A, B).$$

**Corollary 5.** Let  $\lambda > -1$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{d} > -1$ . Also let the function  $F(z)$  be given by (2.6). If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$ , then

$$F(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi).$$

**Proof.** It is fairly easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) &\iff zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \\ &\implies z(F(z))' \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \\ &\iff F(z) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \quad (\Re(a) > 0).$$

**Proof.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)$ . Then, by definition, we have

$$\frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)g(z)} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(\phi)$ . Next, by setting

$$h(z) = \frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)g(z)} \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$H(z) = \frac{z(I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)g(z))'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)g(z)}, \tag{2.10}$$

we notice that

$$h(z) \in \mathcal{P} \quad \text{and} \quad H(z) \in \mathcal{P}.$$



Thus, by **Theorem 2**,  $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}_\mu^{\lambda, \lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$  and so  $\Re\{H(z)\} > 0$ . Moreover, (2.9) implies that

$$z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z)\right)' = \left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)\right)h(z). \quad (2.11)$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.9), we get

$$\frac{z\left(z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z)\right)'\right)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} = H(z)h(z) + zh'(z) \quad (2.12)$$

which, in view of the identity (1.20), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z\left(I_\mu^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)f(z)\right)'}{I_\mu^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)g(z)} &= \frac{I_\mu^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)(zf'(z))}{I_\mu^{\lambda+1}(a, b, c)g(z)} = \frac{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(zf'(z))\right)' + \lambda I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(zf'(z))}{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)\right)' + \lambda I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(zf'(z))\right)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} + \frac{\lambda I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(zf'(z))}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)}}{\frac{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)\right)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} + \lambda} = \frac{H(z)h(z) + zh'(z) + \lambda h(z)}{H(z) + \lambda} = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{H(z) + \lambda} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by applying **Lemma 1** for

$$E = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B(z) = \frac{1}{H(z) + \lambda}$$

with

$$\Re\{B(z)\} = \frac{1}{|H(z) + \lambda|^2} \Re\{H(z) + \lambda\} > 0,$$

we get

$$h(z) \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which, by virtue of (2.9), implies that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_\mu^{\lambda, \lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{C}_\mu^{\lambda, \lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \subset \mathcal{C}_\mu^{\lambda, \lambda}(a + 1, b, c, \phi, \psi) \quad (\Re(a) > 0).$$

**Proof.** By using arguments similar to those in the proof of **Theorem 4**, we get

$$h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{H(z) + a - 1} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for

$$h(z) = \frac{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a + 1, b, c)f(z)\right)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a + 1, b, c)g(z)} \in \mathcal{P}$$

and

$$H(z) = \frac{z\left(I_\mu^\lambda(a + 1, b, c)g(z)\right)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a + 1, b, c)g(z)} \in \mathcal{P}.$$

Now, by applying **Lemma 1** for

$$E = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B(z) = \frac{1}{H(z) + a - 1}$$

with

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

we obtain the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathfrak{d} > -1$  and suppose that  $F(z)$  is given by (2.6). If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)$ , then

$$F(z) \in \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c, \phi, \psi).$$

**Proof.** By employing the same technique as in proof of Theorem 4, we get

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{H(z) + \mathfrak{d}} + h(z) \prec \psi(z)$$

for

$$h(z) = \frac{z(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)F(z))'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} \in \mathcal{P}$$

and

$$H(z) = \frac{z(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z))'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)g(z)} \in \mathcal{P}.$$

Now, by applying Lemma 1 for

$$E = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{1}{H(z) + \mathfrak{d}}$$

with

$$\Re\{B(z)\} = \frac{1}{|H(z) + \mathfrak{d}|^2} \Re\{H(z) + \mathfrak{d}\} > 0,$$

we arrive at the result asserted by Theorem 6.  $\square$

### 3. Inclusion properties by convolution

In this section, we show that the function classes

$$\mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi), \quad \mathcal{K}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)$$

are invariant under convolution with convex functions.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $a > 0, b > 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ . Suppose also that  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then

$$(i) f \in \mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi) \Rightarrow g * f \in \mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi);$$

$$(ii) f \in \mathcal{K}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi) \Rightarrow g * f \in \mathcal{K}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi)$$

and

$$(iii) f \in \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \Rightarrow g * f \in \mathcal{C}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c, \phi, \psi).$$

**Proof.** We consider the following three cases:

(i) Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(\phi)$ . Then

$$\frac{z(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f)'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f} \prec \phi(w(z)) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which yields

$$\frac{z(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(g * f)(z))'}{I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)(g * f)(z)} = \frac{g(z) * z(I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z))'}{g(z) * I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z)} = \frac{g(z) * \phi(w)I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z)}{g(z) * I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f(z)}. \tag{3.1}$$

Thus, by using Lemma 2, we conclude that

$$\frac{\{g * \phi(w)I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f\}}{\{g * I_\mu^\lambda(a, b, c)f\}}(\mathbb{U}) \subset \overline{\text{CO}}[\phi(\mathbb{U})] \subset \phi(\mathbb{U}),$$

since  $\phi$  is convex univalent and  $I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\phi)$ . By the definition of subordination, we see that the function quotient in (3.1) is subordinate to  $\phi(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and so we have

$$g * f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi).$$

(ii) Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$ . Then, by (1.23),  $zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$ . Hence, by means of (i), we have

$$g * zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi).$$

We notice also that

$$g(z) * zf'(z) = z(g * f)'(z).$$

Thus, by applying (1.23) again, we get

$$g * f \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi).$$

(iii) Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi)$ . Then there exists a function  $q \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi)$  such that

$$\frac{z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \right)'}{I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q(z)} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (3.2)$$

Therefore, we get

$$z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \right)' = \psi(w(z))I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $w(z)$  is an analytic function in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$|w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad \text{and} \quad w(0) = 0.$$

Now, since  $I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q \in \mathcal{S}^*(\phi)$ , we have

$$\frac{z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(g * f)(z) \right)'}{g * I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q} = \frac{g(z) * z \left( I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)f(z) \right)'}{g(z) * I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q(z)} = \frac{g(z) * \psi(w(z))I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q(z)}{g(z) * I_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)q(z)} \prec \psi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (3.4)$$

Thus the assertion (iii) of Theorem 7 is proved. We complete the proof of Theorem 7.  $\square$

We next investigate the functions  $\omega_1(z)$  and  $\omega_2(z)$  defined by (see [24,27])

$$\omega_1(z) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c+1}{c+k} \right) z^k \quad (\Re(c) \geq 0; z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\omega_2(z) := \frac{1}{1-\kappa} \log \left( \frac{1-\kappa z}{1-z} \right) \quad (\log 1 := 0; |\kappa| \leq 1 (\kappa \neq 1); z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (3.6)$$

respectively. Then it is known from the earlier works [1,27] that the functions  $\omega_1(z)$  and  $\omega_2(z)$  are convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Therefore, we have the following immediate consequences of Theorem 7.

**Corollary 6.** Let  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ . Suppose that  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{M}$ . Also let the functions  $\omega_1(z)$  and  $\omega_2(z)$  be defined by (3.5) and (3.6), respectively. Then

$$(i) f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \Rightarrow \omega_j * f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad (j = 1, 2);$$

$$(ii) f \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \Rightarrow \omega_j * f \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c)(\phi) \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

and

$$(iii) f \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \Rightarrow \omega_j * f \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu}^{\lambda}(a, b, c, \phi, \psi) \quad (j = 1, 2).$$

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