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**A SUBCLASS OF MEROMORPHICALLY MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS WITH  
APPLICATIONS TO GENERALIZED HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper a new subclass of meromorphically multivalent functions, which is defined by means of a Hadamard product (or convolution) involving some suitably normalized meromorphically  $p$ -valent functions. The main object of the present paper is to investigate the various important properties and characteristics of this subclass of meromorphically multivalent functions. We also derive many interesting results for the Hadamard products of functions belonging to this subclass. Also we consider several applications of our main results to generalized hypergeometric functions.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of meromorphic functions  $f(z)$  normalized by

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

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the punctured disc  $U^* = U^*(1)$ , where

$$U^*(r) = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } 0 < |z| < r \text{ (} 0 < r \leq 1)\} = U(r) \setminus \{0\} \text{ (} U(1) \equiv U).$$

A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in  $U(r)$  if

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} < -\delta \quad (z \in U(r); 0 < r \leq 1; 0 \leq \delta < p).$$

On the other hand, a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be meromorphically  $p$ -valent convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in  $U(r)$  if

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} < -\delta \quad (z \in U(r); 0 < r \leq 1; 0 \leq \delta < p).$$

The Hadamard product (or convolution) of the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) with the functions  $g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  given, respectively, by

$$(1.4) \quad g(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^{k-p} \quad (b_k \geq 0; p \in N)$$

and

$$(1.5) \quad h(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^{k-p} \quad (c_k \geq 0; p \in N)$$

can be expressed as follows:

$$(1.6) \quad (f * g)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k b_{k+p} z^k = (g * f)(z)$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad (f * h)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k c_{k+p} z^k = (h * f)(z),$$

where we have assumed that

$$b_j = c_j = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, 2p - 1; p \in N).$$

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in  $U$ . Then we say that the function  $g(z)$  is subordinate to the function  $f(z)$  and we write  $g(z) \prec f(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ), if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in U$ ) such that  $g(z) = f(w(z))$  ( $z \in U$ ).

In recent years, various subclasses of the class  $\Sigma_p$  defined by using convolution were studied by Raina and Srivastava [18] and Kumar et al. [10].

Making use the above subordination definition, we introduce here a new class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  of meromorphically multivalent functions, which is defined as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  is said to be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  if it satisfies the following subordination condition:

$$(1.8) \quad \gamma \frac{((f * g)(z))^{(m)}}{((f * h)(z))^m} \prec \gamma - \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda)z}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in U^*)$$

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\gamma > 0; 0 \leq B < A \leq 1, 0 \leq \lambda < p; b_k \geq c_k \geq 0 (k \geq p; p \in N); p \geq m; \\ &m \in N_0^* = \{2j - 1 : j \in N\} \cup \{0\}) , \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $((f * h)(z))^{(m)} \neq 0 (z \in U^*)$ . We note that  $C_m(g, h; A, B, 0, \gamma) = C_m(g, h; A, B, \gamma)$  (Raina and Srivastava [18]).

Meromorphically multivalent functions have been extensively studied by (for example) Mogra ([15] and [16]), Uralegaddi and Ganigi [22], Aouf ([1] and [2]), Aouf and Hossen [3], Chen et al. [5], Srivastava et al. [20], Owa et al. [17], Joshi and Aouf [7], Joshi and Srivastava [8], Aouf et al. [4], Raina and Srivastava [18], Kulkarni et al. [9], Liu [11], Liu and Srivastava ([12], [13] and [14]), Uralegaddi and Somanatha [23] and Yang ([24] and [25]).

In this paper we obtain the coefficient estimates, distortion properties and the radii of starlikeness and convexity for functions in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . We also derive many interesting results for the Hadamard products of functions belonging to the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Several applications of the main results involving generalized hypergeometric functions are considered. All the results are sharp.

## 2. PROPERTIES OF THE P-VALENTLY MEROMORPHIC FUNCTION CLASS

$$C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$$

We first determine a necessary and sufficient condition for a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) to be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  of meromorphically p-valent functions with positive coefficients.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  be given by (1.1). Then  $f(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  if and only if

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \{ \gamma(1 + B)b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma(1 + B)]c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m} \\ &\leq (A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  be given by (1.1). Then, in view of (1.6) to (1.8), we find for  $m \in N_0^*$  that

$$(2.2) \quad \left| \frac{\gamma \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k (b_{k+p} - c_{k+p}) \binom{k}{m} z^{k+p}}{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m} - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \{ \gamma B b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma B] c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m} z^{k+p}} \right| < 1 \quad (z \in U) .$$

Putting  $z = r (0 \leq r < 1)$ , and noting the fact that the denominator in the inequality (2.2) remains positive by virtue of the constraints stated in (1.9) for all  $r \in [0, 1)$ , we easily arrive at the desired inequality (2.1) by letting  $z \rightarrow 1^-$  in (2.2).

Conversely, we assume that (2.1) holds true. Then from (1.1) and (2.1), we get

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{\gamma[(f * g)(z)^{(m)} - (f * h)(z)^{(m)}]}{\gamma B[(f * g)(z)^{(m)} - (f * h)(z)^{(m)}] + (A - B)(p - \lambda)((f * h)(z))^m} \right| \\ \leq \frac{\gamma \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k (b_{k+p} - c_{k+p}) \binom{k}{m}}{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m} - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \{ \gamma B b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma B] c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m}} < 1 (z \in U).$$

Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem, we have  $f(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ , we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

**Corollary 2.2.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then

$$(2.4) \quad a_k \leq \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\{ \gamma(1 + B)b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma(1 + B)]c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m}} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N),$$

where the equality holds true for the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(2.5) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\{ \gamma(1 + B)b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma(1 + B)]c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m}} z^k \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

Next, we prove the following growth and distortion properties for the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) belong to the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . If the sequence  $\{\eta_k\}$  is nondecreasing, then

$$(2.6) \quad r^{-p} - \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} r^p \leq |f(z)| \leq r^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} r^p \quad (0 < |z| = r < 1),$$

where

$$(2.7) \quad \eta_k = \eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m) = \{ \gamma(1 + B)b_{k+p} + [(A - B)(p - \lambda) - \gamma(1 + B)]c_{k+p} \} \binom{k}{m} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

If the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{\eta_k}{k} \right\}$  is nondecreasing, then

$$(2.8) \quad -pr^{-p-1} - \frac{p(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} r^{p-1} \leq |f'(z)| \leq -pr^{-p-1} + \frac{p(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} r^{p-1} \quad (0 < |z| = r < 1).$$

The results (2.6) and (2.8) are sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(2.9) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} z^p \quad (p \in N) .$$

*Proof.* Let a function  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) belong to the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . If the sequence  $\{\eta_k\}$  is nondecreasing and positive, by Theorem 2.1, we have

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \leq \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p}$$

and if the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{\eta_k}{k} \right\}$  is nondecreasing and positive, by Theorem 2.1, we have

$$(2.11) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k a_k \leq \frac{p(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p} .$$

Making use of the conditions (2.10) and (2.11), in conjunction with the definition (1.1), we readily obtain the assertions (2.6) and (2.8) of Theorem 2.3. ■

**Remark 2.1.** Putting  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we obtain the correct result for the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \gamma)$  obtained by Raina and Srivastava [[18], Theorem 2].

We next determine the radii of meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlikeness of order  $\delta (0 \leq \delta < p)$  and meromorphically  $p$ -valent convexity of order  $\delta (0 \leq \delta < p)$  for functions in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ , which are given by Theorem 2.4 below.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then

(i)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\delta (0 \leq \delta < p)$  in the disc  $|z| < r_1$ , that is,

$$(2.12) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ -\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \delta \quad (|z| < r_1; 0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N) ,$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad r_1 = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{(p - \delta) \eta_k}{(k + \delta)(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k + p}} .$$

(ii)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically  $p$ -valent convex of order  $\delta (0 \leq \delta < p)$  in the disc  $|z| < r_2$ , that is,

$$(2.14) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ -\left(1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) \right\} > \delta \quad (|z| < r_2; 0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N) ,$$

where

$$(2.15) \quad r_2 = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{p(p - \delta) \eta_k}{k(k + \delta)(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k + p}} .$$

The sequence  $\{\eta_k\}$  occurring in (2.13) and (2.15) is given by (2.7). Each of these results is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5).

*Proof.* (i) From the definition (1.1), we easily get

$$(2.16) \quad \left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p + 2\delta} \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (k+p)a_k |z|^{k+p}}{2(p-\delta) - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (k-p+2\delta)a_k |z|^{k+p}}.$$

Thus we have the desired inequality :

$$(2.17) \quad \left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p + 2\delta} \right| \leq 1 \quad (0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N)$$

if

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k+\delta}{p-\delta}\right) a_k |z|^{k+p} \leq 1.$$

Hence, by Theorem 2.1, (2.18) will be true if

$$(2.19) \quad \left(\frac{k+\delta}{p-\delta}\right) |z|^{k+p} \leq \left\{ \frac{\eta_k}{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}} \right\} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

The last inequality (2.19) leads us immediately to the disc  $|z| < r_1$ , where  $r_1$  is given by (2.13).

(ii) In order to prove the second assertion of Theorem 2.4, we find from the definition (1.1) that

$$(2.20) \quad \left| \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p}{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p + 2\delta} \right| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k(k+p)a_k |z|^{k+p}}{2p(p-\delta) - \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k(k-p+2\delta)a_k |z|^{k+p}}.$$

Thus we have the desired inequality:

$$(2.21) \quad \left| \frac{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + p}{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - p + 2\delta} \right| \leq 1 \quad (0 \leq \delta < p; p \in N),$$

if

$$(2.22) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k(k+\delta)}{p(p-\delta)} a_k |z|^{k+p} \leq 1.$$

Hence, by Theorem 2.1, (2.22) will be true if

$$(2.23) \quad \frac{k(k+\delta)}{p(p-\delta)} |z|^{k+p} \leq \left\{ \frac{\eta_k}{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}} \right\} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

This last inequality (2.23) readily yields the disc  $|z| < r_2$ , with  $r_2$  is defined by (2.15), and the proof of Theorem 2.4 is completed by merely verifying that each assertion is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (2.5). ■

**3. CONVOLUTION PROPERTIES FOR THE P-VALENTLY MEROMORPHIC FUNCTION CLASS  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$**

For the functions

$$(3.1) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \quad (a_{k,j} \geq 0; j = 1, 2; p \in N),$$

we denote by  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z)$  the Hadamard product (or convolution) of the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$ , that is,

$$(3.2) \quad (f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} z^k .$$

Throughout this section, we assume that the sequence  $\{\eta_k\}$  is nondecreasing, where  $\eta_k$  is given by (2.7).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \zeta, \gamma)$ , where*

$$(3.3) \quad \zeta = p - \frac{\binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{2p} - c_{2p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2},$$

where  $\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)$  is defined by (2.7). The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$(3.4) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)} z^p \quad (j = 1, 2; p \in N).$$

*Proof.* Employing the technique used earlier by Schild and Silverman [19], we need to find the largest  $\zeta$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \zeta, \gamma, m)}{(A-B)(p-\zeta) \binom{p+m-1}{m}} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} \leq 1$$

for  $f_j(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \zeta, \gamma)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Since  $f_j(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), we readily see that

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}} a_{k,j} \leq 1 \quad (j = 1, 2).$$

Therefore, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}} \sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}} \leq 1 .$$

This implies that we only need to show that

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \zeta, \gamma, m)}{(p-\zeta)} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} \leq \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(p-\lambda)} \sqrt{a_{k,1} a_{k,2}} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

or, equivalently, that

$$(3.9) \quad \sqrt{a_{k,1}a_{k,2}} \leq \frac{(p-\zeta)\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(p-\lambda)\eta_k(p, A, B, \zeta, \gamma, m)} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

Hence, by the inequality (3.7), it is sufficient to prove that

$$(3.10) \quad \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)} \leq \frac{(p-\zeta)\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(p-\lambda)\eta_k(p, A, B, \zeta, \gamma, m)} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

It follows from (3.10) that

$$(3.11) \quad \zeta \leq p - \frac{\binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{k+p} - c_{k+p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

Now, defining the function  $\varphi(k)$  by

$$(3.12) \quad \varphi(k) = p - \frac{\binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{k+p} - c_{k+p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N),$$

we see that  $\varphi(k)$  is an increasing function of  $k$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$(3.13) \quad \zeta \leq \varphi(p) = p - \frac{\binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{2p} - c_{2p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2},$$

which evidently completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Using arguments similar to those in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result. ■

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma)$ . Suppose also that the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma)$ . Then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \xi, \gamma)$ , where*

$$(3.14) \quad \xi = p - \frac{\binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{2p} - c_{2p})(A-B)(p-\lambda_1)(p-\lambda_2)}{[\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma, m)][\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma, m)] - \Lambda},$$

$$(\Lambda = \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda_1)(p-\lambda_2)).$$



The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  given by

$$(3.15) \quad f_1(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda_1) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma, m)} z^p \quad (p \in N),$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad f_2(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda_2) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma, m)} z^p \quad (p \in N).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then the function  $h(z)$  defined by

$$(3.17) \quad h(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2) z^k$$

belongs to the class  $C_m(g, h; A, B, \mathfrak{S}, \gamma)$ , where

$$(3.18) \quad \mathfrak{S} = p - \frac{2 \binom{p + m - 1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma (1 + B) (b_{2p} - c_{2p}) (A - B) (p - \lambda)^2}{[\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - 2 \binom{p + m - 1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p} (A - B)^2 (p - \lambda)^2}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  given already by (3.4).

*Proof.* Noting that

$$(3.19) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2}{[(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}]^2} a_{k,j}^2 \leq \left\{ \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)}{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} a_{k,j} \right\}^2 \leq 1 \quad (j = 1, 2),$$

for  $f_j(z) \in C_m(g, h; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)(j = 1, 2)$ , we have

$$(3.20) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2}{[(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}]^2} (a_{k,1}^2 + a_{k,2}^2) \leq 1.$$

Therefore, we have to find the largest  $\mathfrak{S}$  such that

$$(3.21) \quad \frac{\eta_k(p, A, B, \mathfrak{S}, \gamma, m)}{(p - \mathfrak{S})} \leq \frac{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2}{2(A - B)(p - \lambda)^2 \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N)$$

that is, that

$$\mathfrak{S} \leq p - \frac{2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{k+p} - c_{k+p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - 2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

Now, defining a function  $\Psi(k)$  by

$$\Psi(k) = p - \frac{2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{k+p} - c_{k+p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_k(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - 2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N),$$

we observe that  $\Psi(k)$  is an increasing function of  $k$ . We thus conclude that

$$\mathfrak{S} \leq \Psi(p) = p - \frac{2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(b_{2p} - c_{2p})(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_p(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m)]^2 - 2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2},$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 3.3. ■

#### 4. APPLICATIONS INVOLVING GENERALIZED HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

In order to obtain some applications of Theorems 2.1-3.3 to the generalized hypergeometric functions, we first put the sequences  $\{b_k\}$  and  $\{c_k\}$ , which are involved in (1.4) and (1.5), as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad b_k = \left(\frac{\alpha_1 + k}{\alpha_1}\right) c_k = \frac{(\alpha_1 + 1)_k (\alpha_2)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k} \frac{1}{k!},$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad c_k = \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k} \frac{1}{k!}.$$

We assume further that

$$\alpha_j > 0 \quad (j = 1, \dots, q) \text{ and } \beta_j > 0 \quad (j = 1, \dots, s).$$

The corresponding functions  $g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  defined by (1.4) and (1.5) then become

$$(4.3) \quad g(z) = z^{-p} {}_qF_s(\alpha_1 + 1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$$

and

$$(4.4) \quad h(z) = z^{-p} {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z),$$

where  ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$  is the familiar generalized hypergeometric function defined by (see, for example, [21], p. 19)

$$(4.5) \quad {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k} \cdot \frac{z^k}{k!} \quad (q \leq s + 1; q, s \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}; z \in U).$$

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

$$(4.6) \quad (\theta)_\nu = \frac{\Gamma(\theta + \nu)}{\Gamma(\theta)} = \begin{cases} 1, & (\nu = 0; \theta \in C \setminus \{0\}), \\ (\theta + 1) \dots (\theta + k - 1), & (\nu \in N; \theta \in C). \end{cases}$$

Making use of (4.4), the Hadamard product defined by (1.7) can be used to represent the Dziok-Srivastava linear operator (cf. [6], p. 3)

$$H_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s) : \Sigma_p \rightarrow \Sigma_p$$

by means of the following relation :

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (H_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f)(z) &= z^{-p} {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) * f(z) \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k c_{k+p} z^k = (f * h)(z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_k$  is given by (4.2). Also, in view of (4.1), the Hadamard product defined by (1.6) represents a relation similar to (4.7), involving the Dziok-Srivastava operator  $H_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)$ , which is given by

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} (H_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f)(z) &= z^{-p} {}_qF_s(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z) * f(z) \\ &= z^{-p} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \left(\frac{\alpha_1 + k + p}{\alpha_1}\right) c_{k+p} z^k = (f * g)(z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_k$  is given by (4.2).

The subordination relation (1.8) in conjunction with (4.7) and (4.8) takes the following form:

$$(4.9) \quad \gamma \frac{((H_p(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f)(z))^{(m)}}{((H_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)f)(z))^{(m)}} \prec \gamma - \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda)z}{1 + Bz} \quad (\gamma > 0; 0 \leq B < A \leq 1; 0 \leq \lambda < p; p \geq m; p, q, s \in N; m \in N_0^*).$$

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) is said to in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  if it satisfies the subordination relation (4.9) above.

We note that:

- (i)  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, 0, \gamma) = C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \gamma)$  (Raina and Srivastava [18]);
- (ii)  $C_{p,q,s,1}(\alpha_1; A, B, 0, \alpha_1) = \Omega_{p,q,s}^+(\alpha_1; A, B)$  (Liu and Srivastava [13]).

The following consequences of Theorem 2.1 to Theorem 3.3 can be deduced by applying (4.1) and (4.2) along with Definition 4.1.

**Corollary 4.1.** A function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) belongs to the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$  if and only if

$$(4.10) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k \left[ \frac{\gamma(k+p)(1+B)}{\alpha_1} + (A-B)(p-\lambda) \right] \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p} \\ \leq (A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m},$$

where  $c_k$  is given by (4.2).

**Corollary 4.2.** Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then

$$(4.11) \quad a_k \leq \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\left[ \frac{\gamma(k+p)(1+B)}{\alpha_1} + (A+B)(p-\lambda) \right] \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(4.12) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\left[ \frac{\gamma(k+p)(1+B)}{\alpha_1} + (A+B)(p-\lambda) \right] \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p}} z^k \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

**Corollary 4.3.** Let a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) belong to the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . If the sequence  $\{\eta_k^*\}$  is nondecreasing, then

$$(4.13) \quad r^{-p} - \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*} r^p \leq |f(z)| \leq r^{-p} + \\ \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*} r^p \quad (0 < |z| = r < 1),$$

where

$$(4.14) \quad \eta_k^* = \eta_k^*(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m, \alpha_1) \\ = \left[ \frac{\gamma(k+p)(1+B)}{\alpha_1} + (A-B)(p-\lambda) \right] \binom{k}{m} c_{k+p} \quad (k \geq p; p \in N).$$

If the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{\eta_k^*}{k} \right\}$  is nondecreasing, then

$$(4.15) \quad -pr^{-p-1} - \frac{p(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*} r^{p-1} \leq |f(z)| \leq -pr^{-p-1} + \\ \frac{p(A-B)(p-\lambda) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*} r^{p-1} \quad (0 < |z| = r < 1).$$

The results (4.13) and (4.15) are sharp with the extremal function  $f(z)$  given by

$$(4.16) \quad f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p^*} z^k (p \in N).$$

**Remark 4.1.** Putting  $\lambda = 0$  in Corollary ??, we obtain the correct result for the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \gamma)$  obtained by Raina and Srivastava [[18], Corollary 3].

**Corollary 4.4.** Let a function  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  of the form (1.1) belong to the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Then

(i)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically  $p$ -valent starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in the disc  $|z| < r_1^*$ , where

$$(4.17) \quad r_1^* = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{(p - \delta)\eta_k^*}{(k + \delta)(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k + p}}.$$

(ii)  $f(z)$  is meromorphically  $p$ -valent convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < p$ ) in the disc  $|z| < r_2^*$ , that is,

$$(4.18) \quad r_2^* = \inf_{k \geq p} \left\{ \frac{p(p - \delta)\eta_k^*}{k(k + \delta)(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k + p}}.$$

The sequence  $\{\eta_k^*\}$  occurring in (4.17) and (4.18) is given by (4.14). Each of these results is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by (4.12).

**Corollary 4.5.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . If the sequence  $\{\eta_k^*\}$  is nondecreasing, then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \zeta, \gamma)$ , where

$$(4.19) \quad \zeta = p - \frac{\frac{2p}{\alpha_1} \binom{p + m - 1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1 + B)(A - B)(p - \lambda)^2}{[\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)]^2 - \binom{p + m - 1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A - B)^2(p - \lambda)^2},$$

where  $\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)$  is given by (4.12). The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$(4.20) \quad f_j(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A - B)(p - \lambda) \binom{p + m - 1}{m}}{\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)} z^p \quad (j = 1, 2; p \in N).$$

**Corollary 4.6.** Let the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma)$ . Suppose also that the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma)$ . If

the sequence  $\{\eta_k^*\}$  is nondecreasing, then  $(f_1 \otimes f_2)(z) \in C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \xi, \gamma)$ , where

$$(4.21) \quad \xi = p - \frac{\frac{2p}{\alpha_1} \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(A-B)(p-\lambda_1)(p-\lambda_2)}{[\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)][\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)] - \Omega}$$

$$(\Omega = \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda_1)(p-\lambda_2)).$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$(4.22) \quad f_1(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda_1) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda_1, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)} z^p \quad (p \in N),$$

and

$$(4.23) \quad f_2(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{(A-B)(p-\lambda_2) \binom{p+m-1}{m}}{\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda_2, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)} z^p \quad (p \in N).$$

**Corollary 4.7.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (3.1) be in the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \lambda, \gamma)$ . If the sequence  $\{\eta_k^*\}$  is nondecreasing, then the function  $h(z)$  defined by (3.17) belongs to the class  $C_{p,q,s,m}(\alpha_1; A, B, \mathfrak{S}, \gamma)$ , where

$$(4.24) \quad \mathfrak{S} = p - \frac{\frac{4p}{\alpha_1} \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} \gamma(1+B)(A-B)(p-\lambda)^2}{[\eta_p^*(p, A, B, \lambda, \gamma, m, \alpha_1)]^2 - 2 \binom{p+m-1}{m} \binom{p}{m} c_{2p}(A-B)^2(p-\lambda)^2}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) given already by (4.21).

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