



## STUDY ON UNIFORMLY CONVEX AND UNIFORMLY STARLIKE MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LIBERA INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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**Abstract.** By utilizing a certain Libera integral operator considered on analytic multivalent functions in the unit disk  $U$ . Using the hypergeometric function and the Libera integral operator, we included a new convolution operator that expands on some previously specified operators in  $U$ , which broadens the scope of certain previously specified operators. We introduced and investigated the properties of new subclasses of functions  $f(z) \in A_p$  using this operator.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A_p$  signify the class of all analytic multivalent functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}, \quad (p \in N := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, z \in U) \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $U := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . We denote by  $S$  the subclass of univalent functions  $f(z)$  in  $A_p$ . For  $(0 \leq \beta < p)$ , we denote

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by  $S_p^*(\beta)$  and  $C_p(\beta)$  the subclasses of  $A_p$  consisting of all analytic functions which are, respectively, starlike of order  $\beta$  and convex of order  $\beta$  in  $U$ .

For functions  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z)$  given by

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad (z \in U), \quad (1.2)$$

the convolution (or Hadamard product), denoted by  $f * g$  of the functions  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n = (g * f)(z) \quad (z \in U). \quad (1.3)$$

In 1965, Libera [18] had studied an operator called the Libera integral operator  $L : A \rightarrow A$  defined by:

$$L(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n+1} a_n z^n. \quad (1.4)$$

An integral operator was one such operator which has attracted many researchers. Later Kumar and Shukla [17], Bhoosnurmath and Swamy [8] and Noor and Noor [20] have studied certain types of integral operators. For more details about the properties of integral operators, one can refer [4], [5], [9], [10], [16], [19], [26] and [29].

In this paper, we introduce the operator  $L_p : A_p \rightarrow A_p$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} L_p(z) &= \frac{(p+1)^\alpha}{z^p \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z \left( \log \frac{z^p}{t} \right)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ &= z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^\alpha a_{n+p} z^{n+p}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

When  $p = 1$ , equation (1.5) studied by [6], [7] and [16]. If  $p = \alpha = 1$  we get back to Libera integral operator.

Let  $\Delta_p$  be defined as the function  $\Delta_p(a, c; z)$  by

$$\Delta_p(a, c; z) = z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} z^{n+p}, \quad (1.6)$$

for  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , where  $(\lambda)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol which is defined by

$$(\lambda)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+n)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} = \lambda(\lambda+1)\dots(\lambda+n-1), \quad (1.7)$$

for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $(\lambda)_0 = 1$ . It should be noted that

$$\Delta_p(a, c; z) = z^p {}_2F_1(a, 1, c; z), \tag{1.8}$$

where

$$F(a, 1, c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (1)_n}{(c)_n (1)_n} z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} z^n.$$

Corresponding to the function  $\Delta_p(a, c; z)$ , we define a new linear operator  $\Omega_p(a, c) f(z)$  on  $A_p$  by the convolution product for  $\Delta_p(a, c; z)$  and  $L_p$  given in (1.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z) &= (\Delta_p * L_p) f(z) \\ &= z^p + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^\alpha \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} a_{n+p} z^{n+p} \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

for  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , and  $a \in C \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $p \in N$ ,  $\alpha \in N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Using the definition of hypergeometric functions, the Hadamard product principle, and the definitions of the classes of uniformly  $k$ -starlike function  $S^*(\beta, k)$  and the class of uniformly  $k$ -convex  $C(\beta, k)$  function which are introduced and investigated by Goodman [15], [16] and Rønning [25], [26], in this paper we will define new subclasses of multivalent hypergeometric functions  $f \in A_p$  and study their properties.

Let  $f \in A_p$  denote the subclass of  $A_p$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))'} - \beta \right\} \\ > k \left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))'} - 1 \right|, \quad z \in U, \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

where  $-1 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in N$  and  $k \geq 0$ .

By appropriately specializing the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $(a)$  and  $(c)$  the class given in (1.10) can be reduced to the class investigated by many researchers, see for example, [1], [2], [3], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [21], [22], [23], [25], [27] and [28].

The primary goal of this paper is to investigate the coefficient bounds, extreme points, and radius of starlikeness for functions in the generalized class (1.10).

## 2. CHARACTERIZATION AND OTHER RELATED PROPERTIES

Our first conclusion provides a sufficient condition for  $f(z) \in A_p$  which are analytic in  $U$  to be in  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *A function  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) is in  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , if*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}|$$

$$\leq (1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[p+p(p-1)\gamma - (1-\gamma+\gamma p)]. \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that (2.1) is true for  $-1 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in N$  and  $k \geq 0$ , in order to prove that  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ . It suffices to show that (1.10) is bounded by  $1 - \beta$ , that is,

$$k \left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)(a, c)f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))'} - 1 \right|$$

$$- \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))'} - 1 \right\} \leq 1 - \beta.$$

We have

$$k \left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))'} - 1 \right|$$

$$- \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))'} - 1 \right\}$$

$$\leq (1+k) \left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))' + \gamma z^2(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))''}{(1-\gamma)\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z) + \gamma z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c)f(z))'} - 1 \right|$$

$$\leq (1+k) \left( \frac{M+N}{Q} \right),$$

where

$$M = [(p+p(p-1)\gamma) - (1-\gamma+\gamma p)],$$

$$N = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] (n+p-1) \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right) \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}|$$

and

$$Q = (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right) \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}|.$$

The above mentioned expression is bound by  $(1 - \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n + p - 1)] [(k + 1)(n + p) - (\beta + k)] \left( \frac{p + 1}{n + p + 1} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| \\ & \leq (1 - \beta)(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - [p + p(p - 1)\gamma - (1 - \gamma + \gamma p)](k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

and hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , then*

$$a_{n+p} \leq \frac{(1 - \beta)(n + p + 1)^{\alpha}(c)_n(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (k + 1)[M]}{(1 + \gamma(n + p - 1))(p + 1)^{\alpha}[(k + 1)(n + p) - (\beta + k)](a)_n}, \quad (2.2)$$

$n \geq 1$ , where  $-1 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in N$  and  $k \geq 0$ . The equality (2.1) holds for the function

$$\begin{aligned} & f_n(z) \\ & = z^p + \frac{(n + p + 1)^{\alpha}(c)_n(1 - \beta)(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (1 + k)[M]}{(p + 1)^{\alpha}(1 + \gamma(n + p - 1))[(n + p)(1 + k) - (\beta + k)](a)_n} z^{n+p}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

$$(n \geq 1, z \in U).$$

The following is the growth and distortion property for function  $f$  in the class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *If the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , then for  $0 \leq |z| = r < 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} r^p - \frac{(1 - \beta)(p + 2)^{\alpha}(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (k + 1)[M]r^{p+1}}{(1 + \gamma p)(p + 1)^{\alpha}[(k + 1)(1 + p) - (\beta + k)]} \\ \leq |f(z)| \\ \leq r^p + \frac{(1 - \beta)(p + 2)^{\alpha}(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (k + 1)[M]r^{p+1}}{(1 + \gamma p)(p + 1)^{\alpha}[(k + 1)(1 + p) - (\beta + k)]} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} pr^{p-1} - \frac{(1 - \beta)(p + 2)^{\alpha}(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (k + 1)[M]r^p}{(1 + \gamma(n + p - 1))(p + 1)^{\alpha-1}[(k + 1)(1 + p) - (\beta + k)]} \\ \leq |f'(z)| \\ \leq pr^{p-1} + \frac{(1 - \beta)(p + 2)^{\alpha}(1 - \gamma + \gamma p) - (k + 1)[M]r^p}{(1 + \gamma(n + p - 1))(p + 1)^{\alpha-1}[(k + 1)(1 + p) - (\beta + k)]}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , Theorem 2.1 readily yields the inequality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} \leq \frac{(1-\beta)(p+2)^\alpha(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]}{(p+1)^\alpha(1+\gamma p)[(k+1)(1+p) - (\beta+k)]}, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (2.4)$$

As a result, for  $0 \leq |z| = r < 1$  and using (2.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |z^p| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n |z^{n+p}| \leq r^p + r^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} \\ &\leq r^p + \frac{(1-\beta)(p+2)^\alpha(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M] r^{p+1}}{(1+\gamma p)(p+1)^\alpha[(k+1)(1+p) - (\beta+k)]} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq |z^p| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n |z^{n+p}| \geq r^p - r^{p+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+p} \\ &\geq r^p - \frac{(1-\beta)(p+2)^\alpha(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M] r^{p+1}}{(1+\gamma p)(p+1)^\alpha[(k+1)(1+p) - (\beta+k)]}. \end{aligned}$$

We also obtain the following from Theorem 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= pz^{p-1} \\ &+ \frac{(n+p+1)^\alpha(n+p)(c)_n(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha[(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)](a)_n} z^{n+p-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p) a_{n+p} \leq \frac{(p+2)^\alpha(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M]}{(p+1)^{\alpha-1}(1+\gamma(n+p-1))[(1+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)]}.$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z)| &\leq |pz^{p-1}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p) a_{n+p} |z^{n+p-1}| \\ &\leq pr^{p-1} + r^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p) a_{n+p} \\ &\leq pr^{p-1} + \frac{(1-\beta)(p+2)^\alpha(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M] r^p}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^{\alpha-1}[(k+1)(1+p) - (\beta+k)]} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f'(z)| &\geq |pz^{p-1}| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p) a_{n+p} |z^{n+p-1}| \\
 &\geq pr^{p-1} - r^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p) a_{n+p} \\
 &\geq pr^{p-1} - \frac{(1-\beta)(p+2)^\alpha(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]r^p}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^{\alpha-1}[(k+1)(1+p) - (\beta+k)]}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.3 is now complete.  $\square$

The following theorems provide the radii of starlikeness and convexity for the class  $\Omega_p^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *If the function  $f$  in (1.1) belongs to the class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , then  $f$  is starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in the disc  $|z| = r_1$ , where*

$$r_1 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left( \frac{(2-p-\delta)(1+\gamma(n+p-1))[(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)]}{(n+p-\delta)(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M]} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

For the function  $f_n(z)$  provided by (2.3), the result is sharp.

*Proof.* Since  $f(z)$  is starlike of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ), we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))'}{\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z)} \right\} > \delta.$$

That is

$$\left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))'}{\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1 - \delta.$$

Now, for  $|z| = r_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z))'}{\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a, c) f(z)} - 1 \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{(p-1)z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-1) \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^\alpha \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}}{z^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^\alpha \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} a_{n+p} z^{n+p}} \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \leq \frac{(p-1)|z|^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-1) \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p}}{|z|^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^{n+p}} \\
& \leq \frac{(p-1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-1) \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n}{1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n}. \tag{2.5}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (2.5) holds true if

$$\begin{aligned}
& (p-1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+p-1) \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n \\
& \leq (1-\delta) \left(1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n\right) \tag{2.6}
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p-\delta)}{(2-p-\delta)} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n \leq 1. \tag{2.7}$$

With the help of (2.2) and (2.7), it is indeed correct to say that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p-\delta)}{(2-p-\delta)} \left(\frac{p+1}{n+p+1}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |z|^n \\
& \leq \frac{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^{\alpha} [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n}{(1-\beta)(n+p+1)^{\alpha} (c)_n (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]}. \tag{2.8}
\end{aligned}$$

Solving (2.8) for  $|z| = r_1$ , we obtain

$$|z| \leq \left( \frac{(2-p-\delta)(1+\gamma(n+p-1))[(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)]}{(n+p-\delta)(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M]} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

By observing that the function  $f(z)$ , given by (2.3), is indeed an extremal function for the assertion (2.1), Thus Theorem 2.4 is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *If the function  $f$  given by (1.1) is in the class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ , then it is convex of order  $\delta$  ( $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ) in the disc  $|z| = r_2$ , where*

$$r_2 = \inf_{n \geq 1} \left( \frac{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(2-p-\delta)[(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)]}{(1-\beta)(n+p-\delta)(n+p)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M]} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

*For the function  $f_n(z)$  provided by (2.3), the result is sharp.*



*Proof.* Using the method used in the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can demonstrate that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a,c) f(z) f(z))''}{(\Omega_{p,\alpha}(a,c) f(z) f(z))'} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{p(p-1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p)(n+p-1)(p+1)}{n+p+1} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n}{p - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p)(p+1)}{n+p+1} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |a_{n+p}| |z|^n} \\ & \leq 1 - \delta. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

We can show from (2.1) that (2.9) is true if

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+p-\delta)(n+p)(p+1)}{(2-p-\delta)(n+p+1)} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} |z|^n \\ & \leq \frac{(p+1)(1+\gamma(n+p-1))[(n+p)(k+1) - (\beta+k)](a)_n}{(1-\beta)(c)_n(n+p+1)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

When we solve (2.10) for  $|z| = r_2$ , we obtain

$$|z| \leq \left( \frac{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(2-p-\delta)[(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)]}{(1-\beta)(n+p-\delta)(n+p)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M]} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

Sharpness of the result follows by setting

$$\begin{aligned} & f_n(z) \\ & = z^p + \frac{(n+p+1)^\alpha (c)_n (1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M]}{(p+1)^\alpha (1+\gamma(n+p-1))[(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)](a)_n} z^{n+p}, \end{aligned}$$

( $n \geq 1, z \in U$ ). This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following result is a linear combination of several functions of the type (1.9).

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let*

$$f_1(z) = z \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & f_n(z) \\ & = z^p + \frac{(1-\beta)(n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M](c)_n}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)](a)_n} z^{n+p}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

then  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$  if and only if it is possible to express it in the following way:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z), \quad (2.13)$$

where  $\lambda_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n = 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f(z)$  can be written as in (2.14). Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z) \\ &= z^p + \frac{(n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M](c)_n \lambda_n}{(p+1)^\alpha (1+\gamma(n+p-1)) [(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n} z^{n+p}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha [(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n}{(1-\beta)(n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M](c)_n} \\ &\quad \times \frac{((1-\beta)n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M](c)_n \lambda_n}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha [(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n = 1 - \lambda_1 < 1. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Theorem 2.1 that the function  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ .

Conversely, let us assume that  $f \in \Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ . Since

$$a_{n+p} \leq \frac{(1-\beta)(n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (1+k)[M](c)_n}{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha [(n+p)(1+k) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n}, n \geq 1.$$

Setting

$$\lambda_n = \frac{(1+\gamma(n+p-1))(p+1)^\alpha [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] (a)_n}{(1-\beta)(n+p+1)^\alpha (1-\gamma+\gamma p) - (k+1)[M](c)_n} a_{n+p}, n \geq 1$$

and

$$\lambda_1 = 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda_n.$$

It follows that  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n(z)$ . Thus, the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *The class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$  is closed under convex linear combinations.*

*Proof.* Assume that the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  are defined by

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

which belongs to the class  $\Omega_{p,\alpha}^k(a, c, \beta, \gamma)$ . Setting

$$f(z) = \mu f_1(z) + (1 - \mu) f_2(z), \quad 0 \leq \mu \leq 1. \quad (2.14)$$

We may deduce from (2.14) that

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{\mu a_{n,1} + (1 - \mu) a_{n,2}\} z^n, \quad (0 \leq \mu \leq 1; z \in U).$$

In view of Theorem 2.1, we may conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} \{\mu a_{n,1} + (1-\mu) a_{n,2}\} \\ & = \mu \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} a_{n,1} \\ & \quad + (1-\mu) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 + \gamma(n+p-1)] [(k+1)(n+p) - (\beta+k)] \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{p+1}{n+p+1} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{(a)_n}{(c)_n} a_{n,2} \\ & \leq \mu(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - [M](k+1) \\ & \quad + (1-\mu)(1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - [M](k+1) \\ & = (1-\beta)(1-\gamma+\gamma p) - [M](k+1). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

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