# Quasi-Convolution Properties of Certain Subclasses of Analytic Functions

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#### Abstract

Two subclasses  $\mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha)$  of analytic functions in the open unit disk are introduced. The object of the present paper is to give a number of quasi-convolution properties of functions belonging to each of the classes  $\mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha)$ .

# 1 Introduction and Definitions

Let  $\mathcal{T}(p, n)$  be the class of functions f(z) of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p - \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_k z^k \qquad (a_k \ge 0; \ p, n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \cdots\}),$$
(1.1)

which are analytic in the *open* unit disk

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

Let  $\mathcal{T}(p, n, \alpha)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{T}(p, n)$  consisting of functions f(z) which also satisfy the inequality:

$$\Re\left\{\frac{f(z)}{zf'(z)}\right\} > \alpha \qquad \left(z \in \mathcal{U}; \ 0 \le \alpha < \frac{1}{p}\right) \tag{1.2}$$

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for some  $\alpha$   $(0 \leq \alpha < 1/p)$ . We note that a function f(z) belonging to the class  $\mathcal{T}(p, n, \alpha)$  is *p*-valently starlike in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

For the class  $\mathcal{T}(p, n, \alpha)$ , Yamakawa [6] has shown that, if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n)$  satisfies the inequality:

$$\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} \left(2k - \alpha pk - p\right) a_k \le p(1 - \alpha p) \qquad \left(0 \le \alpha < \frac{1}{p}\right), \tag{1.3}$$

then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n, \alpha)$ . Applying this fact, Yamakawa [6] gave the following equivalence relations:

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n) \text{ and}$$
$$\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} (2k - \alpha pk - p) \ a_k \le p(1 - \alpha p) \qquad \left(0 \le \alpha < \frac{1}{p}\right); \tag{1.4}$$

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n) \quad \text{and}$$
$$\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} k(2k - \alpha pk - p) \ a_k \le p^2(1 - \alpha p) \qquad \left(0 \le \alpha < \frac{1}{p}\right). \tag{1.5}$$

Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  given by

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_{k,j} z^k \qquad (j=1,2)$$
 (1.6)

be in the class  $\mathcal{T}(p, n)$ . Then the quasi-convolution (or *modified* Hadamard product)  $(f_1 * f_2)(z)$  of the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  is defined here (and in what follows) by

$$(f_1 * f_2)(z) = z^p - \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_{k,1} a_{k,2} z^k.$$
(1.7)

The quasi-convolution (1.7) was introduced and studied earlier by Owa ([1] and [2]), and by Schild and Silverman [3] for p = 1. [See also Srivastava *et al.* ([4] and [5]).] In the present paper we aim at giving several quasi-convolution properties of functions in the subclasses  $\mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha)$  characterized by (1.4) and (1.5), respectively.

## 2 A Set of Lemmas

We begin by recalling the following lemmas due to Yamakawa [6], which will be needed in proving our main results (Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 below).

**Lemma 1** (Yamakawa [6]). If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha_j)$  (j = 1, 2), then  $(f_1 * f_2)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)$ , where

$$\beta = \frac{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)] [p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+2n)}{p\{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)] [p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+n)\}}.$$
(2.1)

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  given by

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p(1 - \alpha_j p)}{p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, 2).$$
(2.2)

**Lemma 2** (Yamakawa [6]). If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha_j)$  (j = 1, 2), then  $(f_1 * f_2)(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta)$ , where

$$\beta = \frac{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)][p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)](p+n)-p^2(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+2n)}{p\{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)][p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)](p+n)-p^2(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+n)\}}.$$
(2.3)

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  given by

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p^2(1 - \alpha_j p)}{(p+n)\left[p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)\right]} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, 2).$$
(2.4)

## 3 Main Results and Their Consequences

One of our main results is contained in

**Theorem 1.** If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha_j)$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_m)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta),$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n p^{m-2} \prod_{j=1}^{m} (1 - \alpha_j p)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m} [p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)] - p^{m-1}(p+n) \prod_{j=1}^{m} (1 - \alpha_j p)}.$$
 (3.1)

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

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p(1 - \alpha_j p)}{p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, \cdots, m).$$
(3.2)

*Proof.* Our proof of Theorem 1 is by induction on m. Indeed the assertion of Theorem 1 holds true when m = 1. For m = 2, we find from Lemma 1 that  $(f_1 * f_2)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)$  with

$$\beta = \frac{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)] [p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+2n)}{p\{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)] [p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+n)\}}$$
(3.3)  
=  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{n(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)}{[p+2n-\alpha_1 p(p+n)] [p+2n-\alpha_2 p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_1 p)(1-\alpha_2 p)(p+n)]}.$ 

Therefore, Theorem 1 is true also for m = 2.

Next we suppose that Theorem 1 is true for a fixed natural number m. Then, applying Lemma 1 once again, we see that

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_{m+1})(z) = (f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_m)(z) * f_{m+1}(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \gamma), \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n(1-\alpha_{m+1}p)(1-\beta p)}{[p+2n-\alpha_{m+1}p(p+n)][p+2n-\beta p(p+n)] - p(1-\alpha_{m+1}p)(1-\beta p)(p+n)} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n p^{m-1} \prod_{j=1}^{m+1} (1-\alpha_j p)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m+1} [p+2n-\alpha_j p(p+n)] - p^m(p+n) \prod_{j=1}^{m+1} (1-\alpha_j p)}.$$
(3.5)

Therefore, Theorem 1 is true also for m + 1. Thus, by mathematical induction, we conclude that Theorem 1 is true for any natural number m.

Finally, if we take the functions  $f_j(z)$   $(j = 1, \dots, m)$  given by (3.2), then we have

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_m)(z) = z^p - p^m \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m (1 - \alpha_j p)}{\prod_{j=1}^m [p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)]} z^{p+n}$$
  
=  $z^p - \Omega z^{p+n}$  (3.6)

where, for convenience,

$$\Omega = p^{m} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m} (1 - \alpha_{j}p)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m} [p + 2n - \alpha_{j}p(p+n)]}.$$
(3.7)

Therefore, in view of (1.4), we obtain

$$\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} \frac{2k - \beta pk - p}{p(1 - \beta p)} \Omega$$
$$= \frac{2(p+n) - \beta p(p+n) - p}{p(1 - \beta p)} \cdot \frac{p^m \prod_{j=1}^m (1 - \alpha_j p)}{\prod_{j=1}^m [p + 2n - \alpha_j p(p+n)]}$$
$$= 1,$$

which shows that the assertion of Theorem 1 is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$   $(j = 1, \dots, m)$  given by (3.2).

Setting  $\alpha_j = \alpha$   $(j = 1, \dots, m)$  in Theorem 1, we readily obtain Corollary 1. If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha)$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_m)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta),$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n \, p^{m-2} (1 - \alpha p)^m}{\left[p + 2n - \alpha p (p+n)\right]^m - p^{m-1} (p+n) (1 - \alpha p)^m}.$$
(3.8)

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

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p(1 - \alpha p)}{p + 2n - \alpha p(p + n)} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, \cdots, m).$$
(3.9)

The proof of Theorem 1 can be applied *mutatis mutandis* in order to derive **Theorem 2.** If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha_j)$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_m)(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta),$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n \, p^{m-1} \prod_{j=1}^{m} (1 - \alpha_j p)}{(p+n) \left\{ (p+n)^{m-2} \prod_{j=1}^{m} [p+2n - p(p+n)\alpha_j] - p^m \prod_{j=1}^{m} (1 - \alpha_j p) \right\}}.$$
 (3.10)

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)$  given by

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p^2(1 - \alpha_j p)}{(p+n)\left[p + 2n - p(p+n)\alpha_j\right]} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, \cdots, m).$$
(3.11)

For  $\alpha_j = \alpha$   $(j = 1, \dots, m)$ , Theorem 2 immediately yields **Corollary 2**. If  $f_j(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha)$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$(f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_m)(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta),$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n \, p^{m-1} (1 - \alpha p)^m}{(p+n) \left\{ (p+n)^{m-2} \left[ p + 2n - p(p+n)\alpha \right]^m - p^m (1 - \alpha p)^m \right\}}.$$
 (3.12)

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

$$f_j(z) = z^p - \frac{p^2(1 - \alpha p)}{(p+n)\left[p + 2n - p(p+n)\alpha\right]} z^{p+n} \qquad (j = 1, \cdots, m).$$
(3.13)

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