# 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:

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(z)=z^{p}-\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_{k} z^{k} \quad\left(a_{k} \geq 0 ; p, n \in \mathbb{N}:=\{1,2,3, \cdots\}\right), \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

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:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Re\left\{\frac{f(z)}{z f^{\prime}(z)}\right\}>\alpha \quad\left(z \in \mathcal{U} ; \quad 0 \leq \alpha<\frac{1}{p}\right) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]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:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty}(2 k-\alpha p k-p) a_{k} \leq p(1-\alpha p) \quad\left(0 \leq \alpha<\frac{1}{p}\right) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{align*}
& f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n) \quad \text { and } \\
& \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty}(2 k-\alpha p k-p) a_{k} \leq p(1-\alpha p) \quad\left(0 \leq \alpha<\frac{1}{p}\right)  \tag{1.4}\\
& f(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow f(z) \in \mathcal{T}(p, n) \quad \text { and } \\
& \sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} k(2 k-\alpha p k-p) a_{k} \leq p^{2}(1-\alpha p) \quad\left(0 \leq \alpha<\frac{1}{p}\right) . \tag{1.5}
\end{align*}
$$

Let the functions $f_{j}(z)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_{k, j} z^{k} \quad(j=1,2) \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

be in the class $\mathcal{T}(p, n)$. Then the quasi-convolution (or modified Hadamard product) $\left(f_{1} * f_{2}\right)(z)$ of the functions $f_{1}(z)$ and $f_{2}(z)$ is defined here (and in what follows) by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(f_{1} * f_{2}\right)(z)=z^{p}-\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} a_{k, 1} a_{k, 2} z^{k} . \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $f_{j}(z) \in \mathcal{A}\left(p, n, \alpha_{j}\right)(j=1,2)$, then $\left(f_{1} * f_{2}\right)(z) \in$ $\mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)$, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right]-p\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+2 n)}{p\left\{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right]-p\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+n)\right\}} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1,2) . \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Lemma 2 (Yamakawa [6]). If $f_{j}(z) \in \mathcal{B}\left(p, n, \alpha_{j}\right)(j=1,2)$, then $\left(f_{1} * f_{2}\right)(z) \in$ $\mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta)$, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right](p+n)-p^{2}\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+2 n)}{p\left\{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right](p+n)-p^{2}\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+n)\right\}} . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p^{2}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{(p+n)\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1,2) . \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3 Main Results and Their Consequences

One of our main results is contained in
Theorem 1. If $f_{j}(z) \in \mathcal{A}\left(p, n, \alpha_{j}\right)$ for each $j=1, \cdots, m$, then

$$
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n p^{m-2} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]-p^{m-1}(p+n) \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)} . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)(j=1, \cdots, m)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1, \cdots, m) . \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $\left(f_{1} * f_{2}\right)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)$ with

$$
\begin{aligned}
\beta & \left.=\frac{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right]-p\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+2 n)}{p\left\{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right]-p\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+n)\right\}_{3}}{ }_{3}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)}{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{1} p(p+n)\right]\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{2} p(p+n)\right]-p\left(1-\alpha_{1} p\right)\left(1-\alpha_{2} p\right)(p+n)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m+1}\right)(z)=\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) * f_{m+1}(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \gamma) \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
\gamma & =\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n\left(1-\alpha_{m+1} p\right)(1-\beta p)}{\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{m+1} p(p+n)\right][p+2 n-\beta p(p+n)]-p\left(1-\alpha_{m+1} p\right)(1-\beta p)(p+n)} \\
& =\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n p^{m-1} \prod_{j=1}^{m+1}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m+1}\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]-p^{m}(p+n) \prod_{j=1}^{m+1}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)} . \tag{3.5}
\end{align*}
$$

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 $f_{j}(z)(j=1, \cdots, m)$ given by (3.2), then we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) & =z^{p}-p^{m} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]} z^{p+n}  \tag{3.6}\\
& =z^{p}-\Omega z^{p+n}
\end{align*}
$$

where, for convenience,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Omega=p^{m} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]} \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, in view of (1.4), we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=p+n}^{\infty} & \frac{2 k-\beta p k-p}{p(1-\beta p)} \Omega \\
& =\frac{2(p+n)-\beta p(p+n)-p}{p(1-\beta p)} \cdot \frac{p^{m} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{m}\left[p+2 n-\alpha_{j} p(p+n)\right]} \\
& =1,
\end{aligned}
$$

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

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

$$
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p, n, \beta)
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n p^{m-2}(1-\alpha p)^{m}}{[p+2 n-\alpha p(p+n)]^{m}-p^{m-1}(p+n)(1-\alpha p)^{m}} . \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)(j=1, \cdots, m)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p(1-\alpha p)}{p+2 n-\alpha p(p+n)} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1, \cdots, m) . \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The proof of Theorem 1 can be applied mutatis mutandis in order to derive
Theorem 2. If $f_{j}(z) \in \mathcal{B}\left(p, n, \alpha_{j}\right)$ for each $j=1, \cdots, m$, then

$$
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta)
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n p^{m-1} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{(p+n)\left\{(p+n)^{m-2} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left[p+2 n-p(p+n) \alpha_{j}\right]-p^{m} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)\right\}} \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p^{2}\left(1-\alpha_{j} p\right)}{(p+n)\left[p+2 n-p(p+n) \alpha_{j}\right]} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1, \cdots, m) . \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\left(f_{1} * f_{2} * \cdots * f_{m}\right)(z) \in \mathcal{B}(p, n, \beta)
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta=\frac{1}{p}-\frac{n p^{m-1}(1-\alpha p)^{m}}{(p+n)\left\{(p+n)^{m-2}[p+2 n-p(p+n) \alpha]^{m}-p^{m}(1-\alpha p)^{m}\right\}} \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result is sharp for the functions $f_{j}(z)(j=1, \cdots, m)$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(z)=z^{p}-\frac{p^{2}(1-\alpha p)}{(p+n)[p+2 n-p(p+n) \alpha]} z^{p+n} \quad(j=1, \cdots, m) \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

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