

## AN APPLICATION OF THE RUSCHEWEYH DERIVATIVES

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $D^\alpha f(z)$  be the Ruscheweyh derivative defined by using the Hadamard product of  $f(z)$  and  $z/(1-z)^{1+\alpha}$ . Certain new classes  $S_\alpha^*$  and  $K_\alpha$  are introduced by virtue of the Ruscheweyh derivative. The object of the present paper is to establish several interesting properties of  $S_\alpha^*$  and  $K_\alpha$ . Further, some results for integral operator  $J_c(f)$  of  $f(z)$  are shown.

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1. INTRODUCTION. Let  $A$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} z^{n+1} \quad (a_1 = 1) \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $S$  denote the subclass of  $A$  consisting of univalent functions in the unit disk  $U$ . A function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $A$  is said to be starlike with respect to the origin in the unit disk  $U$  if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $z \in U$ . We denote by  $S^*$  the class of all starlike functions with respect to the origin in the unit disk  $U$ . A function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $A$  is said to be

convex in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > 0 \tag{1.3}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . We denote by  $K$  the class of all convex functions in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ .

We note that  $f(z) \in K$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in S^*$  and that

$$K \subset S^* \subset S.$$

Let  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) in  $A$  be given by

$$f_j(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1,j} z^{n+1} \quad (a_{1,j} = 1).$$

Then the Hadamard product (or convolution product)  $f_1 * f_2(z)$  of  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  is defined by

$$f_1 * f_2(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1,1} a_{n+1,2} z^{n+1}. \tag{1.5}$$

By the Hadamard product, we define

$$D^\alpha f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{1+\alpha}} * f(z) \quad (\alpha \geq -1) \tag{1.6}$$

for  $f(z) \in A$ . The symbol  $D^\alpha f(z)$  was introduced by Ruscheweyh [1], and is called the Ruscheweyh derivative of  $f(z)$ .

To derive our results, we have to recall here the following lemmas.

LEMMA 1 ([2]). Let  $\phi(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfy  $\phi(0) = g(0) = 0$ ,  $\phi'(0) \neq 0$ ,  $g'(0) \neq 0$ . Suppose that for each  $\sigma$  ( $|\sigma| = 1$ ) and  $\delta$  ( $|\delta| = 1$ ), we have

$$\phi(z) * \frac{1 + \delta\sigma z}{1 - \sigma z} g(z) \neq 0 \quad (0 < |z| < 1) \tag{1.7}$$

Then for each function  $F(z)$  analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfying  $\operatorname{Re} \{F(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\phi * G(z)}{\phi * g(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{1.8}$$

where  $G(z) = F \cdot g(z)$ .

LEMMA 2 ([3]). Let  $w(z)$  be regular in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $w(0) = 0$ . Then, if  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  ( $0 \leq r < 1$ ) at a point  $z_0$ , we can write

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = mw(z_0),$$

where  $m$  is real and  $m \geq 1$ .

LEMMA 3 ([4]). For a real number  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > -1$ ), we have

$$z(D^\alpha f(z))' = (\alpha + 1)D^{\alpha+1}f(z) - \alpha D^\alpha f(z). \tag{1.9}$$

REMARK. Note that (1.9) holds true for  $\alpha = -1$ .

LEMMA 4 ([5]). Let  $\phi(u,v)$  be a complex function,  $\phi: D \rightarrow C \times C$  ( $C$  is the complex plane) and let  $u = u_1 + iu_2, v = v_1 + iv_2$ . Suppose that  $\phi$  satisfies the following conditions

- (i)  $\phi(u,v)$  is continuous in  $D$ ;
- (ii)  $(1,0) \in D$  and  $\text{Re}\{\phi(1,0)\} > 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{Re}\{\phi(iu_2, v_1)\} \leq 0$  for all  $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$  and such that  $v_1 \leq -(1 + u_2^2)/2$ .

Let  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$  be regular in the unit disk  $U$ , such that  $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$  for all  $z \in U$ . If  $\text{Re}\{\phi(p(z), zp'(z))\} > 0$  ( $z \in U$ ), then  $\text{Re} p(z) > 0$  for  $z \in U$ .

2. PROPERTIES OF  $D^\alpha f(z)$ . Applying Lemma 1, we prove

THEOREM 1. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $S^*$  and satisfy the condition  $D^\alpha f(z) \neq 0$  ( $0 < |z| < 1$ ) for  $\alpha \geq -1$ . Then  $D^\alpha f(z)$  is also in the class  $S^*$ .

PROOF. We note that

$$\frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{D^\alpha(zf'(z))}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{\frac{z}{(1-z)^{1+\alpha}} * (zf'(z))}{\frac{z}{(1-z)^{1+\alpha}} * f(z)} \tag{2.1}$$

Setting  $\delta = -1, \phi(z) = z/(1-z)^{1+\alpha}, g(z) = f(z)$ , and  $F(z) = zf'(z)/f(z)$  in Lemma 1, we have

$$\text{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U), \tag{2.2}$$

which implies  $D^\alpha f(z) \in S^*$ .

THEOREM 2. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $K$  and satisfy the condition  $D^\alpha(zf'(z)) \neq 0$  ( $0 < |z| < 1$ ) for  $\alpha \geq -1$ . Then  $D^\alpha f(z)$  is also in the class  $K$ .

PROOF. Since  $f(z) \in K$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in S^*$ , Theorem 1 derives  $z(D^\alpha f(z))' = D^\alpha(zf'(z)) \in S^*$ . Hence we have  $D^\alpha f(z) \in K$ .

3. THE CLASSES  $S_\alpha^*$  AND  $K_\alpha$ . In view of Theorems 1 and 2, we can introduce the following classes;

$$S_\alpha^* = \{f(z) \in A : D^\alpha f(z) \in S^*, \alpha \geq -1\}$$

and

$$K_\alpha = \{f(z) \in A : D^\alpha f(z) \in K, \alpha \geq -1\}.$$

Now, we derive:

THEOREM 3. For  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we have  $S_{\alpha+1}^* \subset S_\alpha^*$ .

PROOF. For  $f(z) \in S_{\alpha+1}^*$ , we define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq 1). \tag{3.1}$$

Then, with Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)}{D^\alpha f(z)} &= \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \{z(D^\alpha f(z))' + \alpha\} \\ &= \frac{(1+\alpha) + (1-\alpha)w(z)}{(1+\alpha)(1-w(z))}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Differentiating both sides of (3.2) logarithmically, it follows that

$$\frac{zD^{\alpha+1}f(z)'}{D^{\alpha+1}f(z)} = \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} + \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1-w(z))\{(1+\alpha) + (1-\alpha)w(z)\}}. \quad (3.3)$$

Suppose that for  $z_0 \in U$

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1 \quad (w(z_0) \neq \pm 1). \quad (3.4)$$

Then it follows from Lemma 2 that

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = mw(z_0),$$

where  $m$  is real and  $m \geq 1$ . Setting  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta_0}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z_0 (D^{\alpha+1}f(z_0))'}{D^{\alpha+1}f(z_0)} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1+w(z_0)}{1-w(z_0)} \right\} + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2mw(z_0)}{(1-w(z_0))\{(1+\alpha) + (1-\alpha)w(z_0)\}} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{m\alpha(1-\cos\theta_0)}{M} \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where  $M = \{\alpha(1-\cos\theta_0) + (1-\alpha)\sin^2\theta_0\}^2 + \{\alpha + (1-\alpha)\cos\theta_0\}^2 \sin^2\theta_0$ .

This contradicts the hypothesis that  $f(z) \in S_{\alpha+1}^*$ . Therefore,  $w(z)$  has to satisfy that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in U$ . Thus we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad (3.6)$$

which implies  $f(z) \in S_\alpha^*$ .

**THEOREM 4.** For  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we have

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} S_\alpha^* = \{id\},$$

where  $id$  is the identity function  $f(z) = z$ .

**PROOF.** Note that  $D^\alpha z = z$  for all  $\alpha$ , and that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^\alpha z)'}{D^\alpha z} \right\} = 1 > 0 \quad (z \in U)$$

for all  $\alpha$ . Consequently, we conclude that  $id \in S_\alpha^*$  for all  $\alpha$ .

For the converse, we assume that the function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $\Lambda$  is in the class  $\bigcap_\alpha S_\alpha^*$ . Then we have

$$D^\alpha f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{n! \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} a_{n+1} z^{n+1} \in S^*$$

for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ . It is well known that

$$|a_{n+1}| \leq n + 1 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

for  $f(z) \in S^*$ . This implies

$$\frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{n! \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} |a_{n+1}| \leq n + 1 \quad (n \geq 1), \quad (3.7)$$

or

$$|a_{n+1}| \leq \frac{(n + 1)! \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)} \quad (n \geq 1) \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Therefore, we have  $f(z) = z$ .

By virtue of Theorem 3, we prove:

**THEOREM 5.** For  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we have  $K_{\alpha+1} \subset K_\alpha$ .

**PROOF.** By Theorem 3, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in K_{\alpha+1} &\iff D^{\alpha+1} f(z) \in K \\ &\iff z(D^{\alpha+1} f(z))' \in S^* \\ &\iff D^{\alpha+1} (zf'(z)) \in S^* \\ &\iff zf'(z) \in S_{\alpha+1}^* \\ &\implies zf'(z) \in S_\alpha^* \\ &\iff D^\alpha (zf'(z)) \in S^* \\ &\iff z(D^\alpha f(z))' \in S^* \end{aligned}$$

This asserts the result of the theorem.

**THEOREM 6.** FOR  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we have

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} K_{\alpha} = \{id\},$$

where  $id$  is the identity function  $f(z) = z$ .

The proof of Theorem 6 is similar to that of Theorem 4.

Furthermore, an application of Lemma 4 to the classes  $S_{\alpha}^*$  and  $K_{\alpha}$  gives:

THEOREM 7. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $S_{\alpha}^*$  with  $\alpha \geq -1$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( \frac{D^{\alpha} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\beta-1} \right\} > \frac{1}{2\beta - 1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{I}), \tag{3.9}$$

where  $1 < \beta \leq 3/2$ .

PROOF. We define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$A \left( \frac{D^{\alpha} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\beta-1} = p(z) + (A - 1), \tag{3.10}$$

where  $A = 1 + 1/2(\beta-1)$ . Differentiating (3.10) logarithmically, we have

$$\frac{z(D^{\alpha} f(z))'}{D^{\alpha} f(z)} = \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + (A - 1)} + 1. \tag{3.11}$$

Since  $f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^*$ , it follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \cdot \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z) + (A - 1)} + 1 \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{3.12}$$

Let  $p(z) = u = u_1 + iu_2$  and  $zp'(z) = v = v_1 + iv_2$ , and define the function  $\phi(u,v)$  by

$$\phi(u,v) = \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \cdot \frac{v}{u + (A - 1)} + 1. \tag{3.13}$$

Then  $\phi(u,v)$  is continuous in  $D = (C - \{1-A\}) \times C$ , and together with  $(1,0) \in D$  and  $\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(1,0)\} = 1 > 0$ . Moreover, for all  $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$  such that  $v_1 \leq -(1 + u_2^2)/2$ , we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \{ \phi(iu_2, v_1) \} &= \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{v_1}{iu_2 + (A - 1)} \right\} + 1 \\ &\leq \frac{-1}{\beta - 1} \cdot \frac{(A - 1)(1 + u_2^2)}{2\{u_2^2 + (A - 1)^2\}} + 1 \leq 0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

for  $1 < \beta \leq 3/2$ . Hence the function  $\phi(u,v)$  satisfies the conditions in Lemma 4. It follows from this fact that  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , that is,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ A \left( \frac{D^{\alpha} f(z)}{z} \right)^{\beta-1} - (A - 1) \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{3.15}$$

This completes the assertion of Theorem 7.

Taking  $\beta = 3/2$  in Theorem 7, we have:

COROLLARY 1. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $S_{\alpha}^*$  with  $\alpha \geq -1$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( \frac{D^\alpha f(z)}{z} \right)^{1/2} \right\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad (z \in U), \tag{3.16}$$

COROLLARY 2. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $K_\alpha$  with  $\alpha \geq -1$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (D^\alpha f(z))' \right\}^{\beta-1} > \frac{1}{2\beta - 1} \quad (z \in U), \tag{3.17}$$

where  $1 < \beta \leq 3/2$ .

PROOF. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in K_\alpha &\iff D^\alpha f(z) \in K \\ &\iff z(D^\alpha f(z))' \in S^* \\ &\iff D^\alpha(zf'(z)) \in S^* \\ &\iff zf'(z) \in S_\alpha^*, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\frac{D^\alpha(zf'(z))}{z} = (D^\alpha f(z))'.$$

Therefore, we have the corollary with the aid of Theorem 7.

4. INTEGRAL OPERATOR  $J_c(f)$ . We define the integral operator  $J_c(f)$  by

$$J_c(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt \quad (c > -1) \tag{4.1}$$

for  $f(z) \in A$ . The operator  $J_c(f)$  when  $c \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  was studied by Bernardi [6]. In particular, the operator  $J_1(f)$  was studied by Libera [7] and Livingston [8].

THEOREM 8. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $S_\alpha^*$  with  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then  $J_\alpha(f)$  is also in the class  $S_\alpha^*$ .

PROOF. Define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$\frac{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'}{D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)} = \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} \quad (w(z) \neq 1). \tag{4.2}$$

Then, by taking the differentiation of both sides logarithmically, we have

$$\frac{z^2(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'' + z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'}{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'} - \frac{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'}{D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1+w(z))(1-w(z))} \tag{4.3}$$

Since

$$z(z(D^\alpha f(z))')' = z^2(D^\alpha f(z))'' + z(D^\alpha f(z))', \tag{4.4}$$

we can see that

$$z^2(D^\alpha f(z))'' = (\alpha + 1)z(D^{\alpha+1}f(z))' - (\alpha + 1)z(D^\alpha f(z))' \tag{4.5}$$

by Lemma 3. Furthermore, it follows from the definition of  $J_\alpha(f)$  that

$$D^\alpha f(z) = D^{\alpha+1} J_\alpha(f). \tag{4.6}$$

By using (4.5) and (4.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} z^2(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'' &= (\alpha + 1)z(D^{\alpha+1} J_\alpha(f))' - (\alpha + 1)z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))' \\ &= (\alpha + 1)z(D^\alpha f(z))' - (\alpha + 1)z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'. \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

With the aid of Lemma 3, we have

$$z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))' = (\alpha + 1)D^\alpha f(z) - \alpha D^\alpha J_\alpha(f). \tag{4.8}$$

Consequently, from (4.3), we obtain

$$\frac{(\alpha + 1)z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'} - \frac{(\alpha + 1)D^\alpha f(z)}{D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))(1 - w(z))}, \tag{4.9}$$

or

$$\frac{(\alpha + 1)D^\alpha f(z)}{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'} \left\{ \frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} - \frac{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'}{D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)} \right\} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))(1 - w(z))}. \tag{4.10}$$

Since (4.8) implies

$$\frac{(\alpha + 1)D^\alpha f(z)}{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'} = 1 + \frac{\alpha D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)}{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'} = \frac{(1 + \alpha) + (1 - \alpha)w(z)}{1 + w(z)}, \tag{4.11}$$

it follows from (4.10) that

$$\frac{z(D^\alpha f(z))'}{D^\alpha f(z)} = \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} + \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1 - w(z))\{(1 + \alpha) + (1 - \alpha)w(z)\}}. \tag{4.12}$$

By assuming

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1 \quad (w(z_0) \neq \pm 1)$$

for  $z_0 \in U$  and using the same technique as in the proof of Theorem 3, we can show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^\alpha J_\alpha(f))'}{D^\alpha J_\alpha(f)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \tag{4.13}$$

Thus we conclude that  $J_\alpha(f)$  is in the class  $S_\alpha^*$ .

COROLLARY 3. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $S_\alpha^*$  with  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then, for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(z_{p+1} F_p(\alpha+1, \dots, \alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2, \dots, \alpha+2; z))^* f(z) \in S_\alpha^*,$$

where  ${}_{p+1}F_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{p+1}; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p; z)$  denotes the generalized hypergeometric function.

PROOF. It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\alpha}(f) &= \frac{\alpha+1}{z^{\alpha}} \int_0^z t^{\alpha-1} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} t^{n+1} \right) dt \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha+1}{n+\alpha+1} \right) a_{n+1} z^{n+1} \\ &= (z {}_2F_1(\alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

for  $f(z) \in A$ . Therefore, by Theorem 8, we have

$$(z {}_2F_1(\alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^*.$$

Repeating the same manner, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^* &\implies (z {}_2F_1(\alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^* \\ &\implies (z {}_3F_2(\alpha+1, \alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2, \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^* \\ &\implies (z {}_{p+1}F_p(\alpha+1, \dots, \alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2, \dots, \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \in S_{\alpha}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove

THEOREM 9. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $K_{\alpha}$  with  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then  $J_{\alpha}(f)$  is also in the class  $K_{\alpha}$ .

PROOF. In view of Theorem 5, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in K_{\alpha} &\iff z(D^{\alpha}f(z))' \in S^* \\ &\iff D^{\alpha}(zf'(z)) \in S^* \\ &\iff zf'(z) \in S_{\alpha}^* \\ &\implies J_{\alpha}(zf'(z)) \in S_{\alpha}^* \\ &\iff D^{\alpha}(J_{\alpha}(zf')) \in S^* \\ &\iff z(D^{\alpha}J_{\alpha}(f))' \in S^* \\ &\iff D^{\alpha}J_{\alpha}(f) \in K \\ &\iff J_{\alpha}(f) \in K_{\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 9.

COROLLARY 4. Let  $f(z)$  be in the class  $K_{\alpha}$  with  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then, for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(z {}_{p+1}F_p(\alpha+1, \dots, \alpha+1, 1; \alpha+2, \dots, \alpha+2; z)) * f(z) \in K_{\alpha}$ , where  ${}_{p+1}F_p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{p+1}; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p; z)$  denotes the generalized hypergeometric function.

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