

**SOME SANDWICH RESULTS FOR HIGHER-ORDER
DERIVATIVES OF MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS INVOLVING A
GENERALIZED DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we obtain some applications of first order differential subordination, superordination and sandwich results for higher-order derivatives of p -valent functions involving a generalized differential operator. Some of our results improve and generalize previously known results.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $H(U)$ be the class of analytic functions in the open unit disk $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and let $H[a, p]$ be the subclass of $H(U)$ consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = a + a_p z^p + a_{p+1} z^{p+1} \dots \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}; p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}).$$

For simplicity $H[a] = H[a, 1]$. Also, let $\mathcal{A}(p)$ be the subclass of $H(U)$ consisting of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1)$$

which are p -valent in U . We write $\mathcal{A}(1) = \mathcal{A}$.

If $f, g \in H(U)$, we say that f is subordinate to g or g is superordinate to f , written $f(z) \prec g(z)$ if there exists a Schwarz function w , which (by definition) is analytic in U with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in U$, such that $f(z) = g(w(z))$, $z \in U$. Furthermore, if the function g is univalent in U , then we have the following equivalence, (cf., e.g., [10], [17] and [18]):

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(U) \subset g(U).$$

Let $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and h be univalent function in U . If β is analytic function in U and satisfies the first order differential subordination:

$$\phi(\beta(z), z\beta'(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad (2)$$

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