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# Inclusion results for certain subclasses of $p$ -valent meromorphic functions associated with a new operator

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce new subclasses of  $p$ -valent starlike,  $p$ -valent convex,  $p$ -valent close-to-convex, and  $p$ -valent quasi-convex meromorphic functions and investigate some inclusion properties of these subclasses and investigate various inclusion properties and integral-preserving properties for the  $p$ -valent meromorphic function classes.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-p} z^{k-p} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}), \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic and  $p$ -valent in the punctured unit disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . If  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $U = U^* \cup \{0\}$ , we say that  $f(z)$  is subordinate to  $g(z)$ , written  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in U$ ), if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$  ( $z \in U$ ). Furthermore, if  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $U$ , then the following equivalence relationship holds true (see [3] and [8]):

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

For functions  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$ , given by (1.1) and  $g(z) \in \Sigma_p$  defined by

$$g(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k-p} z^{k-p} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (1.2)$$

the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  is given by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-p} b_{k-p} z^{k-p} = (g * f)(z). \quad (1.3)$$

Aqlan *et al.* [1] defined the operator  $Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha : \Sigma_p \rightarrow \Sigma_p$  by:

$$Q_{\beta,p}^\alpha f(z) = \begin{cases} z^{-p} + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k+\beta)}{\Gamma(k+\beta+\alpha)} a_{k-p} z^{k-p} & (\alpha > 0; \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}; f \in \Sigma_p), \\ f(z) & (\alpha = 0; \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}; f \in \Sigma_p). \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

Now, we define the operator  $H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha : \Sigma_p \rightarrow \Sigma_p$  as follows:

First, put

$$G_{\beta,p}^\alpha(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta)}{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha)} z^{k-p} \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (1.5)$$

and let  $G_{\beta,p,\mu}^{\alpha*}$  be defined by

$$G_{\beta,p}^\alpha(z) * G_{\beta,p,\mu}^{\alpha*}(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^\mu} \quad (\mu > 0; p \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1.6)$$

Then

$$H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z) = G_{\beta,p}^{\alpha*}(z) * f(z) \quad (f \in \Sigma_p). \quad (1.7)$$

Using (1.5)-(1.7), we have

$$H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha)(\mu)_k}{\Gamma(k + \beta)(1)_k} a_{k-p} z^{k-p}, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $f \in \Sigma_p$  is in the form (1.1) and  $(v)_n$  denotes the Pochhammer symbol given by

$$(v)_n = \frac{\Gamma(v + n)}{\Gamma(v)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (n = 0), \\ v(v + 1) \cdots (v + n - 1) & (n \in \mathbb{N}). \end{cases}$$

It is readily verified from (1.8) that

$$z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z))' = (\alpha + \beta)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^{\alpha+1} f(z) - (\alpha + \beta + p)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z) \quad (1.9)$$

and

$$z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z))' = \mu H_{p,\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha f(z) - (\mu + p)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z). \quad (1.10)$$

It is noticed that, putting  $\mu = 1$  in (1.8), we obtain the operator

$$H_{p,\beta,1}^\alpha f(z) = z^{-p} + \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(k + \alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(k + \beta)} a_{k-p} z^{k-p}. \quad (1.11)$$

Let  $M$  be the class of analytic functions  $h(z)$  with  $h(0) = 1$ , which are convex and univalent in  $U$  and satisfy  $\text{Re}\{h(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in U$ ).

For  $0 \leq \eta$ ,  $\gamma < p$ , we denote by  $\Sigma_p S(\eta)$ ,  $\Sigma_p K(\eta)$ ,  $\Sigma_p C(\eta, \gamma)$ , and  $\Sigma_p C^*(\eta, \gamma)$ , the subclasses of  $\Sigma_p$  consisting of all  $p$ -valent meromorphic functions which are, respectively,

starlike of order  $\eta$ , convex of order  $\eta$ , close-to-convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\eta$ , and quasi-convex functions of order  $\gamma$  and type  $\eta$  in  $U$ .

Making use of the principle of subordination between analytic functions, we introduce the subclasses  $\Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi)$ ,  $\Sigma_p C(\eta; \phi)$ ,  $\Sigma_p K(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ , and  $\Sigma_p K^*(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$  ( $0 \leq \eta, \gamma < p$  and  $\phi, \psi \in M$ ) of the class  $\Sigma_p$  which are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) &= \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : \frac{1}{p-\eta} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \eta \right) \prec \phi(z), \text{ in } U \right\}, \\ \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) &= \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : \frac{1}{p-\eta} \left( -\left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right] - \eta \right) \prec \phi(z), \text{ in } U \right\}, \\ \Sigma_p C(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) &= \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : \exists g \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - \gamma \right) \prec \psi(z), \text{ in } U \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_p C^*(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) &= \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : \exists g \in \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)} - \gamma \right) \prec \psi(z), \text{ in } U \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From these definitions, we can obtain some well-known subclasses of  $\Sigma_p$  by special choices of the functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  as well as special choices of  $\eta, \gamma$ , and  $p$  (see [2, 5], and [10]).

Now, by using the linear operator  $H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha$  ( $\alpha \geq 0, \mu > 0, \beta > -1; p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and for  $\phi, \psi \in M$ ,  $0 \leq \eta, \gamma < p$ , we define new subclasses of meromorphic functions of  $\Sigma_p$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) &= \{ f \in \Sigma_p : H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \}, \\ \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) &= \{ f \in \Sigma_p : H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f \in \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) \}, \\ \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) &= \{ f \in \Sigma_p : H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f \in \Sigma_p C(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) \}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha*}(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) = \{ f \in \Sigma_p : H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f \in \Sigma_p C^*(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) \}.$$

We also note that

$$f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \Leftrightarrow -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi), \tag{1.12}$$

and

$$f(z) \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha*}(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi) \Leftrightarrow -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi). \tag{1.13}$$

In particular, we set

$$\Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha \left( \eta; \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) = \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; A, B) \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1)$$

and

$$\Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \eta; \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \right) = \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha (\eta; A, B) \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

In this paper, we investigate several inclusion properties of the classes  $\Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha (\eta; \phi)$ ,  $\Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha (\eta; \phi)$ ,  $\Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha (\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ , and  $\Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^{\alpha*} (\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$  associated with the operator  $H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha$ . Some applications involving integral operators are also considered.

In order to establish our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1** [4] *Let  $\zeta$  and  $v$  be complex constants and let  $h(z)$  be convex (univalent) in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}\{\zeta h(z) + v\} > 0$ . If*

$$q(z) = 1 + q_1 z + \dots \tag{1.14}$$

*is analytic in  $U$ , then*

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\zeta q(z) + v} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U),$$

*implies*

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

**Lemma 2** [7] *Let  $h(z)$  be convex (univalent) in  $U$  and  $\psi(z)$  be analytic in  $U$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\{\psi(z)\} \geq 0$ . If  $q$  is analytic in  $U$  and  $q(0) = h(0)$ , then*

$$q(z) + \psi(z)zq'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

*implies*

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

## 2 Some inclusion results

In this section, we give some inclusion properties for meromorphic function classes, which are associated with the operator  $H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha$ . Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume that  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $\beta > -1$ ,  $\mu > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma$ ,  $\eta < p$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 1** *For  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$ ,  $\phi \in M$  with*

$$\max_{z \in U} (\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}) < \min_{z \in U} \left[ \frac{p + \mu - \eta}{p - \eta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \right],$$

*then we have*

$$\Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha (\eta, \phi) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha (\eta, \phi) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^{\alpha-1} (\eta, \phi). \tag{2.1}$$

*Proof* We will first show that

$$\Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta, \phi) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta, \phi). \tag{2.2}$$

Let  $f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  and put

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{p - \eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha f(z)} - \eta \right), \tag{2.3}$$

where  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Applying (1.10) in (2.3), we have

$$-\mu \frac{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z)}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha f(z)} = (p - \eta)q(z) + \eta - (p + \mu). \tag{2.4}$$

Differentiating (2.4) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{p - \eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z)} - \eta \right) = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{(p + \mu) - \eta - (p - \eta)q(z)} \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.5}$$

Since

$$\max_{z \in U} (\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}) < \min_{z \in U} \frac{p + \mu - \eta}{p - \eta},$$

we see that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{(p + \mu) - \eta - (p - \eta)\phi(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$

Applying Lemma 1 to (2.5), it follows that  $q < \phi$ , that is, that  $f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ . The proof of the second part will follow by using arguments similar to those used in the first part with  $f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  and using the identity (1.9) instead of (1.10). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.  $\square$

**Theorem 2** For  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$ ,  $\phi \in M$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} (\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}) &< \min_{z \in U} \left[ \frac{p + \mu - \eta}{p - \eta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \right], \\ \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) &\subset \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \subset \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; \phi) \quad (0 \leq \eta < p; \phi \in M). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof* Applying (1.10) and using Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) &\Leftrightarrow H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z) \in \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{p} \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \right) \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha\left(-\frac{zf'(z)}{p}\right) \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z))'}{p} \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha f(z) \in \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) & \Leftrightarrow -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \\ \Rightarrow & -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1} f(z))'}{p} \in \Sigma_p S(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & H_{p,\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1} f(z) \in \Sigma_p K(\eta; \phi) \\ \Leftrightarrow & f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; \phi). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2. □

Taking

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1; z \in U)$$

in Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  and*

$$\frac{1 + A}{1 + B} < \min_{z \in U} \left( \frac{p + \mu - \eta}{p - \eta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \right) \quad (-1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

*Then we have*

$$\Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; A, B) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; A, B) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; A, B)$$

*and*

$$\Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; A, B) \subset \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; A, B) \subset \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; A, B).$$

Now, using Lemma 2, we obtain similar inclusion relations for the subclass  $\Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ .

**Theorem 3** *Let  $f(z) \in \Sigma_p$  and*

$$\max_{z \in U} \operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\} < \min_{z \in U} \left( \frac{p + \mu - \eta}{p - \eta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \right).$$

Then we have

$$\Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi) \subset \Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi) \subset \Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^{\alpha-1}(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi)$$

$$(0 \leq \eta, \gamma < p; \phi, \psi \in M).$$

*Proof* First, we will prove that

$$\Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi) \subset \Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi).$$

Let  $f \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ . Then, from the definition of the class  $\Sigma_p C_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ , there exists a function  $g \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) < \psi(z) \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.6}$$

Now, let

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right), \tag{2.7}$$

where  $q(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $q(0) = 1$ . Applying (1.10) in (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right)}{H_{p, \beta, \mu+1}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right))' + (p+\mu)H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right)}{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z))' + (p+\mu)H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)} + (p+\mu) \frac{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right)}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)}}{\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)} + (p+\mu)} - \gamma \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Since, by Theorem 1,

$$g(z) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu+1}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \subset \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi),$$

set

$$h(z) = \frac{1}{p-\eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z)} - \eta \right),$$

where  $h < \phi$  in  $U$ , and  $\phi \in M$ . Then, using (2.7) and (2.8), we have

$$H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha \left( \frac{-zf'(z)}{p} \right) = [(p-\gamma)q(z) + \gamma] H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\alpha g(z) \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha (-\frac{zf'(z)})')}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha g(z)} + (p+\mu)[(p-\gamma)q(z) + \gamma]}{p+\mu-\eta-(p-\eta)h(z)} - \gamma \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.9) with respect to  $z$  and multiplying by  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha (-\frac{zf'(z)})')}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\alpha g(z)} = (p-\gamma)zq'(z) - [(p-\gamma)q(z) + \gamma][(p-\eta)h(z) + \eta]. \tag{2.11}$$

Making use of (2.6), (2.10), and (2.11), we have

$$\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha f(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu+1}^\alpha g(z)} - \gamma \right) = q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{p+\mu-\eta-(p-\eta)h(z)} < \psi(z), \quad z \in U. \tag{2.12}$$

Since  $h < \phi$  in  $U$ , and

$$\max_{z \in U} \operatorname{Re}\{h(z)\} < \frac{p+\mu-\eta}{p-\eta},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re}\{p+\mu-\eta-(p-\eta)h(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U). \tag{2.13}$$

Hence, putting

$$\chi(z) = \frac{1}{\{p+\mu-\eta-(p-\eta)h(z)\}},$$

in Eq. (2.12) and applying Lemma 2, we can show that  $q < \psi$ , that is, that  $f \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ . The second part can be proved by using similar arguments and using (1.9). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.  $\square$

### 3 Inclusion properties involving the integral operator $F_{p,\delta}$

Now, we consider the generalized Libera integral operator  $F_{p,\delta}(f)$  (see [6] and [9]), defined by

$$F_{p,\delta}(f)(z) = \frac{\delta}{z^{\delta+p}} \int_0^z t^{\delta+p-1} f(t) dt = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta}{\delta+k} a_{k-p} z^{k-p} \quad (\delta > -p). \tag{3.1}$$

From (3.1), we have

$$z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(f)(z))' = \delta H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma f(z) - (\delta+p)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(f)(z). \tag{3.2}$$



**Theorem 4** Let  $\phi \in M$  with

$$\max_{z \in U} (\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}) < \frac{\delta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \quad (\delta > -p).$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ , then  $F_{p, \delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ .

*Proof* Let  $f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  and put

$$h(z) = \frac{1}{p - \eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma F_{p, \delta}(f)(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma F_{p, \delta}(f)(z)} - \eta \right), \tag{3.3}$$

where  $h$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$ . Then, by using (3.2) and (3.3), we have

$$-\delta \frac{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma f(z)}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma F_{p, \delta}(f)(z)} = (p - \eta)h(z) + \eta - (p + \delta). \tag{3.4}$$

Differentiating (3.4) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{p - \eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma f(z))'}{H_{p, \beta, \mu}^\sigma f(z)} - \eta \right) = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{p + \delta - \eta - (p - \eta)h(z)} \quad (z \in U).$$

Applying Lemma 1, we conclude that  $h \prec \phi$  ( $z \in U$ ), which implies that  $F_{p, \delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5** Let  $\phi \in M$  with

$$\max_{z \in U} (\operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\}) < \frac{\delta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \quad (\delta > -p).$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ , then  $F_{p, \delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ .

*Proof* Applying Theorem 4 and (1.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Rightarrow F_{p, \delta} \left( -\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \right) (z) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{z}{p} F_{p, \delta}'(f)(z) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta, \mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow F_{p, \delta}(f)(z) \in K_{p, \lambda}^\sigma(\eta; \phi). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.  $\square$

From Theorem 4 and Theorem 5, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2** Suppose that

$$\frac{1 + A}{1 + B} < \frac{\delta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \quad (\delta > -p; -1 < B < A \leq 1).$$

Then, for the classes  $\Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  and  $\Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ , the following inclusion relations hold true:

$$f \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(A, B) \Rightarrow F_{p,\delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(A, B)$$

and

$$f \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(A, B) \Rightarrow F_{p,\delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p K_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(A, B).$$

**Theorem 6** Let  $\phi, \psi \in M$  with

$$\max_{z \in U} \operatorname{Re}\{\phi(z)\} < \frac{\delta + p - \eta}{p - \eta} \quad (\delta > -p).$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ , then  $F_{p,\delta}(f) \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ .

*Proof* Let  $f \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ . Then, from the definition of the class  $\Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ , there exists a function  $g \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma f(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma g(z)} - \gamma \right) < \psi(z) \quad (z \in U). \tag{3.5}$$

Now, let

$$h(z) = \frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(f)(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z)} - \gamma \right), \tag{3.6}$$

where  $h(z)$  is analytic in  $U$  with  $h(0) = 1$ . Applying (3.2) in (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma f(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma (-\frac{zf'(z)}{p})(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma g(z)} - \gamma \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left\{ \frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(-\frac{zf'(z)}{p})(z))' + (p + \delta)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(-\frac{zf'(z)}{p})}{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z))' + (p + \delta)H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z)} - \gamma \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left\{ \frac{\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(-\frac{zf'(z)}{p})(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z)} + (p + \delta)\frac{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(-\frac{zf'(z)}{p})}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z)}}{\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z)} + p + \delta} - \gamma \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ , then by Theorem 4, we have  $F_{p,\delta}(g)(z) \in \Sigma_p S_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta; \phi)$ . Let

$$q(z) = \frac{1}{p - \eta} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}(g)(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma F_{p,\delta}g(z)} - \eta \right), \tag{3.8}$$

where  $q < \phi$  in  $U$ . Then, using the same techniques as in the proof of Theorem 3 and using (3.5) and (3.7), we have

$$\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( -\frac{z(H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma f(z))'}{H_{p,\beta,\mu}^\sigma g(z)} - \gamma \right) = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\delta + p - \eta - (p - \eta)q(z)} < \psi(z). \quad (3.9)$$

Since  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{1}{\delta + p - \eta - (p - \eta)q(z)}\right\} > 0$ , then applying Lemma 2, we find that  $h < \psi$ , which yields  $F_{p,\delta}(f)(z) \in \Sigma_p C_{\beta,\mu}^\alpha(\eta, \gamma; \phi, \psi)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 6.  $\square$

**Remark** Putting  $\mu = 1$  in the above results, we obtain the results corresponding to the operator  $H_{p,\beta,1}^\alpha$  defined by (1.11).

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