

## Certain subclasses of meromorphic functions using convolution and subordination <sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

In this paper, we define certain subclasses of meromorphic functions using convolution and differential subordination and investigate various inclusion properties of these subclasses.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M$  denote the class of functions  $f$  defined by

$$(1) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

which are analytic in the punctured unit disc  $E = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ , and having a simple pole at the origin with residue unity. Let  $\Sigma$  will denote the subclass of  $M$  consisting of univalent functions.

Given two function  $f$  and  $g$ , which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\Delta$ , the function  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , written as  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ), if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$  analytic in  $\Delta$ , with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  and such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ .

If  $g$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then  $f \prec g$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\Delta) \subset g(\Delta)$ .

The convolution (or Hadamard Product) of two power series  $f(z)$ , given by (1) and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

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In this paper, unless otherwise stated  $g \in M$  be arbitrary but a fixed function and  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of all functions  $h$  which are analytic and univalent in  $\Delta$  and for which  $h(\Delta)$  is convex with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $Re\{h(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \Delta$ ).

Let  $M_g^s(h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * f)(z)} \prec h(z)$$

where  $(g * f)(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ .

Let  $M_g^k(h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$-\left\{1 + \frac{z(g * f)''(z)}{(g * f)'(z)}\right\} \prec h(z)$$

where  $(g * f)'(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in \Delta$ .

Let  $M_g^c(h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \prec h(z),$$

for some  $\phi \in M_g^s(h)$ .

Now, we define our new subclasses of meromorphic functions using convolution and subordination.

**Definition 1** Let  $M_g(\alpha; h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$-\frac{\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * f)(z)} \prec h(z)$$

where  $(g * f)'(z)(g * f)(z) \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $MR_g(\alpha; h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$-\frac{\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * \phi)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * \phi)(z)} \prec h(z)$$

for some  $\phi \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

We note that the class  $M_g(0; h) = M_g^s(h)$ ,  $M_g(1; h) = M_g^k(h)$ . For  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z(1-z)}$  and  $h(z) = \frac{1+(1-2\beta)z}{1-z}$ , the class  $M_g(\alpha; h)$  reduces to well known class of meromorphic convex univalent function of order  $\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ) in  $\Delta$ .

Also  $M_{\frac{1}{z(1-z)}}\left(0, \frac{1+(1-2\beta)z}{1-z}\right)$  is the well known class of meromorphic starlike univalent function of order  $\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ) in  $\Delta$ .

## 2 Preliminary Result

In proving our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1** [2] Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $h \in H(\Delta)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$  in  $\Delta$ , and let

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + \cdots \in H(\Delta).$$

Then  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z)$  implies  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ .

**Lemma 2** [3] Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $h \in H(\Delta)$  be convex univalent in  $\Delta$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0$  in  $\Delta$ . Let  $q \in H(\Delta)$  with  $q(0) = 1$  and  $q(z) \prec h(z)$  in  $\Delta$ . If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + \cdots \in H(\Delta)$  then  $p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z)$  implies  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ .

**Lemma 3** [1, p. 248] Let  $\phi \in K$ , the class of convex univalent functions,  $g \in S^*$  and  $F \in H(\Delta)$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} F > 0$ . Then  $\frac{(\phi * Fg)}{(\phi * g)}$  lies in the convex hull of  $F(E)$ .

Several inclusion properties for the subclasses of analytic functions using convolution and subordination were discussed in [3, 4, 5, 6]. Motivated by the above mentioned work, in this paper, we investigate several inclusion properties of the classes  $M_g(\alpha; h)$  and  $MR_g(\alpha; h)$ . Some applications involving integral operators are also considered.

## 3 Inclusion Results

**Theorem 1** Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\max_{z \in \Delta} (\operatorname{Re}\{h(z)\}) < \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1$ , ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ). Then  $M_g(\alpha; h) \subseteq M_g(0, h) = M_g^s(h)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  and  $p(z) = -\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * f)(z)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z) \\ &= -\alpha z((g * f)(z)p'(z) + (g * f)'(z)p(z)) - (1 - \alpha)p(z)(g * f)(z) \\ &= -(\alpha zp'(z) + p(z)((1 - \alpha) - \alpha p(z)))(g * f)(z), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\alpha z(g * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * f)'(z) = (-\alpha p(z) + (1 - \alpha))(g * f)(z).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * f)(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * f)(z)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha zp'(z) + p(z)((1 - \alpha) - \alpha p(z))}{(1 - \alpha) - \alpha p(z)} \\ &= p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{-p(z) + (\alpha^{-1} - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ , we conclude by Lemma 1 that  $-p(z) \prec h(z)$ , for  $Re(-h(z) + \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1) > 0$  in  $\Delta$ , which implies  $f \in M_g^s(h)$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ . Then for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , we have  $F \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ , where

$$(2) \quad F(z) = \frac{z^{1-1/\alpha}}{\alpha} \int_0^z t^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} f(t) dt.$$

**Proof.** From (2), we get

$$\alpha z F'(z) + (1 - \alpha) F(z) = f(z).$$

This, by convolution with  $g(z)$ , gives

$$\alpha(g * zF')(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * F)(z) = (g * f)(z).$$

Using the fact that  $(g * zF')(z) = z(g * F)'(z)$ , we have

$$(3) \quad \alpha z(g * F)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * F)(z) = (g * f)(z).$$

Taking logarithmic derivative with respect to  $z$  and multiplying by  $-z$ , we get

$$(4) \quad -\frac{\alpha z(z(g * F)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * F)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * F)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * F)(z)} = -\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * f)(z)}.$$

Since  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h) \subseteq M_g^s(h)$  (by Theorem 1), we have

$$-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * f)(z)} \prec h(z),$$

which implies  $F \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ .

**Theorem 3**  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  iff  $\psi = \lambda z f' + (1 - \lambda)f \in M_g^s(h)$ .

**Proof.** Using the fact that

$$z(g * f)' = g * z f', \quad z^2(g * f)'' = g * z^2 f''$$

and the property of Hadamard product, the proof follows immediately.

**Theorem 4** If  $\phi \in K$ , the set of all convex function and  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  then  $\phi * f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ .

**Proof.** From Theorem 3, if  $\phi \in K$  and  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  then  $\psi = \alpha z f' + (1 - \alpha)f \in M_g^s(h)$ .

Let  $F = -\frac{\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * f)(z)}$ , so that  $F \prec h$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\alpha z(z(g * \phi * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * \phi * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * \phi * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * \phi * f)(z)} \\ &= -\frac{\alpha z(z(\phi * (g * f))'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(\phi * (g * f))'(z)}{\alpha z(\phi * (g * f))'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(\phi * (g * f))(z)} \\ &= -\frac{(\phi * [\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)])(z)}{(\phi * [\alpha z(g * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * f)(z)])(z)} \\ &= \frac{(\phi * [F\alpha z(g * f)' + (1 - \alpha)(f * g)])(z)}{(\phi * [\alpha z(g * f)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(f * g)])(z)} \\ &= \frac{\phi * F(\psi * g)}{\phi * (\psi * g)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi \in M_g^s(h)$ ,  $g * \psi \in MS^*$ . Thus, from Lemma 3, we have  $\phi * f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ .

**Theorem 5**  $M_g(\alpha; h) \subseteq M_{\phi * g}(\alpha; h)$  for every  $\phi \in K$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ , then by Theorem 4, we have  $\phi * f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ . Hence

$$-\frac{\alpha z(z(g * (\phi * f))'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * (\phi * f))'(z)}{\alpha z(g * (\phi * f))'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * (\phi * f))(z)} \prec h(z)$$

in  $\Delta$ , which implies  $f \in M_{\phi * g}(\alpha; h)$ .

Next, we prove an inclusion relation for the class  $MR_g(\alpha; h)$ .

**Theorem 6** Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\max_{z \in \Delta} \{Re\{h(z)\}\} < \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

Then,  $MR_g(\alpha; h) \subset MR_g(0; h) = M_g^C(h)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in M_g(\alpha; h)$ . By setting

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * f)(z)} \quad \text{and} \quad q(z) = -\frac{z(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\alpha z(z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z(g * \phi)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * \phi)(z)} \\ &= -\frac{\alpha z \left( -p'(z) - p(z) \frac{(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \right) - (1 - \alpha)p(z)}{\alpha z \frac{(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} + (1 - \alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha z p'(z) + p(z) \left( \alpha z \frac{(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \right) + (1 - \alpha)p(z)}{\alpha z \frac{(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} + (1 - \alpha)} \\ &= p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{-q(z) + \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 \right)} \prec h(z), \end{aligned}$$

since  $f \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$ . Here, by Theorem 6,  $q(z) \prec h(z)$ .

Now, by an application of Lemma 2, we have  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ , which completes Theorem 6.

**Theorem 7** *If  $f \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$  then  $F \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$  where  $F$  is as defined in (2), for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .*

**Proof.** Differentiating  $F$  as defined in (2) with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$\alpha z F'(z) + (1 - \alpha)F(z) = f(z).$$

This on convolution with  $g(z)$  yields

$$\alpha z (g * F)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * F)(z) = (g * f)(z),$$

where we used the identity  $(g * zF')(z) = z(g * F)'(z)$ .

Again differentiating with respect to  $z$  we get

$$(5) \quad - [\alpha z (z(g * F)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * F)'(z)] = -z(g * f)'(z).$$

Since  $f \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$ , there exist a  $\phi \in M_g(\alpha; h)$  such that

$$\frac{\alpha z (z(g * f)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * f)'(z)}{\alpha z (g * \phi)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * \phi)(z)} \prec h(z).$$

Then, by Theorem 2,  $\psi$  defined by

$$(6) \quad \psi(z) = \frac{z^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{\alpha} \int_0^z t^{\frac{1}{\alpha-2}} \phi(t) dt$$

is in  $M_g(\alpha; h)$ .

Differentiating (4) with respect to  $z$  and convoluting the result with  $g(z)$  yields after simplification

$$(7) \quad \alpha z (g * \psi)'(z) + (1 - \alpha)(g * \psi)(z) = (g * \phi)(z)$$

Finally (3) and (5) together yield,

$$\frac{\alpha z (z(g * F)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)(g * F)'(z)}{\alpha z (z(g * \psi)'(z))' + (1 - \alpha)z(g * \psi)'(z)} = -\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \psi)(z)}.$$

Since,  $f \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$ , then by Theorem 6, we have

$$-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \psi)(z)} \prec h(z).$$

Thus, we get  $F \in MR_g(\alpha; h)$ .

Finally, we define a new class  $MI_g(\alpha; h)$ .

**Definition 3** Let  $MI_g(\alpha; h)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in M$  such that

$$J_g(\alpha; f(z), \phi(z)) = \frac{\alpha(z(g * f)'(z))'}{(g * \phi)'(z)} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \prec h(z)$$

for some  $\phi \in M_g^s(h)$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$  in  $\Delta$ .

**Remark 1** When  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $MI_g(\alpha; h)$  coincides with  $M_g^c(\alpha; h)$ . In particular if  $\phi(z)$  is coincide with  $f(z)$  then  $MI_g(\alpha, h)$  is nothing but  $M_g^s(h)$ .

**Theorem 8**

1. If  $f \in MI_g(\alpha; h)$  then  $f \in MI_g(0, h) = M_g^c(\alpha; h)$  for  $\alpha < 0$ .

2. for  $\alpha < \beta \leq 0$ ,  $MI_g(\alpha; h) \subset MI_g(\beta; h)$ .

**Proof.**

1. Let  $f \in MI_g(\alpha; h)$ .

By setting

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \quad \text{and} \quad q(z) = -\frac{z(g * \phi)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\left( \frac{\alpha(z(g * f)'(z))'}{(g * \phi)'(z)} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \right) \\ &= \alpha \left( \frac{zp'(z)}{q(z)} + p(z) \right) + (1 - \alpha)p(z) \\ &= p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{q(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f \in MI_g(\alpha; h)$ , we have  $p(z) + \frac{\alpha zp'(z)}{q(z)} \prec h(z)$  and  $q(z) \prec h(z)$ . Now an application of Lemma 2 yields that  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ , which implies  $f \in M_g^c(\alpha; h)$ .

2. If  $\beta = 0$ , then this part reduces to part (i). Therefore, we assume that  $\beta \neq 0$ .

Suppose  $f \in MI_g(\alpha; h)$ . Then  $J_g(\alpha; f(z), \phi(z)) \prec h(z)$ .

Let  $z_1$  be arbitrary point in  $\Delta$ . Then

$$J_g(\alpha; f(z_1), \phi(z_1)) \in h(\Delta).$$

Also, by part (i), we have  $-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)} \prec h(z)$  and so

$$-\frac{z_1(g * f)'(z_1)}{(g * \phi)(z_1)} \in h(\Delta).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & J_g(\beta; f(z), \phi(z)) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) \left(-\frac{z(g * f)'(z)}{(g * \phi)(z)}\right) + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} (J_g(\alpha; f(z), \phi(z))). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 < \frac{\beta}{\alpha} < 1$  and  $h(\Delta)$  is convex, we have

$$J_g(\beta; f(z_1), \phi(z_1)) \in h(\Delta).$$

Therefore  $J_g(\beta; f(z), \phi(z)) \prec h(z)$ , that is  $f \in MI_g(\beta; f(z), \phi(z))$ , which implies

$$MI_g(\alpha; h) \subseteq MI_g(\beta; h).$$

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