

## Some Properties for Certain Subclass of p-Valent Analytic Functions Defined Using Convolution

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a new subclass of analytic p-valent functions defined using convolution and investigate many properties of functions of this class using Jack's lemma.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $A(p)$  denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are analytic and p-valent in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ .

For two functions  $f$  and  $\phi$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , we say that the function  $f(z)$  is subordinate to  $\phi(z)$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , written  $f(z) \prec \phi(z)$ , if there exists a Schwarz function  $w(z)$ , which (by definition) is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ , such that  $f(z) = \phi(w(z))$ . Indeed, it is known that

$$f(z) \prec \phi(z) \Rightarrow f(0) = \phi(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{U}) \subset \phi(\mathbb{U}).$$

Furthermore, if the function  $\phi$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have the following equivalence (see [1] and [6]):

$$f(z) \prec \phi(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = \phi(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{U}) \subset \phi(\mathbb{U}). \quad (1.2)$$

Let  $g, h \in A(p)$  be given by

$$g(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad (1.3)$$

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$$h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} c_k z^k. \quad (1.4)$$

Given two functions  $f$  and  $g$  in the class  $A(p)$ , where  $f(z)$  is given by (1.1) and  $g(z)$  is given by (1.3), the Hadamard product (or convolution)  $f * g$  of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined (as usual) by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z). \quad (1.5)$$

A function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is said to be in the class of p-valently strongly starlike functions of order  $\beta$ , denoted by  $\overline{S}_p^*(\beta)$ , if

$$\left| \arg \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\beta \pi}{2p} \quad (0 \leq \beta < p; p \in \mathbb{N}; z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

A function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is said to be in the class of p-valently strongly convex functions of order  $\beta$ , denoted by  $\overline{K}_p(\beta)$ , if

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\beta \pi}{2p} \quad (0 \leq \beta < p; p \in \mathbb{N}; z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

A function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is said to be in the class of p-valently strongly close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$ , denoted by  $\overline{CK}_p(\beta)$ , if

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{z^{p-1}} \right\} \right| < \frac{\beta \pi}{2p} \quad (0 \leq \beta < p; p \in \mathbb{N}; z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

The classes  $\overline{S}_p^*(\beta)$ ,  $\overline{K}_p(\beta)$  and  $\overline{CK}_p(\beta)$  were introduced by Sharma and Srivastava [8].

For  $f(z) \in A(p)$  of the form (1.1) and  $g(z) \in A(p)$  of the form (1.3), we have (see Chen et al. [3])

$$(f * g)^{(m)}(z) = \delta(p, m) z^{p-m} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \delta(k, m) a_k b_k z^{k-m} \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\delta(p, m) = \begin{cases} 1 & (m = 0) \\ p(p-1) \dots (p-m-1) & (m \neq 0). \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

**Definition 1.** A function  $f(z) \in A(p)$  is said to be in the class  $K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$  if and only if for any functions  $g, h \in A(p)$  of the form (1.3) and (1.4), respectively, we have

$$\left| \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1 - \lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m) \right| < \beta, \quad (1.8)$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda \leq 1; 0 < \beta \leq p - m; p \in \mathbb{N}; p > m; m \in \mathbb{N}_0; z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

or, equivalently,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1 - \lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z)} \right\} > p - m - \beta \quad (1.9)$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda \leq 1; 0 < \beta \leq p - m; p \in \mathbb{N}; p > m; m \in \mathbb{N}_0; z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Putting  $h(z) = g(z)$  in (1.8), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} K(g, g, p, m, \lambda, \beta) &= KL(g, p, m, \lambda, \beta) \\ &= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \left| \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1 - \lambda)(f * g)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m) \right| < \beta \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

**Remark 1.** Putting  $\lambda = 0$  in (1.8) or (1.9) reduces the class  $K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$  to the class  $R_h^g(p, m, \beta)$  introduced and studied by Sharma and Srivastava [8].

We can obtain the following new classes for various choices of  $g, h, \lambda, p, m$  and  $\beta$  :

(i)  $KL(\frac{z^p}{1-z}, p, m, \lambda, \beta) = KL(p, m, \lambda, \beta)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \left| \frac{zf^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2 f^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1 - \lambda)f^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z f^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m) \right| < \beta \right\};$$

(ii)  $KL(g, p, m, 1, \beta) = KL(g, p, m, \beta)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \left| 1 + \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m) \right| < \beta \right\};$$

(iii)  $KL(z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ell+p+\mu(k-p)}{\ell+p} \right]^n z^k, p, m, \lambda, \beta) = KL(n, \mu, \ell; p, m, \lambda, \beta)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A(p) : \left| \frac{z(I_p^n(\mu, \ell) f(z))^{(m+1)} + \lambda z^2 (I_p^n(\mu, \ell) f(z))^{(m+2)}}{(1 - \lambda)(I_p^n(\mu, \ell) f(z))^{(m)} + \lambda z (I_p^n(\mu, \ell) f(z))^{(m+1)}} - (p - m) \right| < \beta \right\},$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \mu, \ell \geq 0$  and the operator  $I_p^n(\mu, \ell)$  was defined by Cătaş [2], which is a generalization of many other linear operators considered earlier.

In order to prove our results, we shall make use of the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** [4] (*Jack's lemma*). Let  $w(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and such that  $w(0) = 0$ . Then if  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on a circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ , we have

$$z_0 w'(z_0) = \zeta w(z_0),$$

where  $\zeta \geq 1$  is a real number.

**Lemma 2.** [5]. Let  $\varphi(u, v)$  be a complex valued function:

$$\varphi : D \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (D \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}; \mathbb{C} \text{ is a complex plane}),$$

and let  $u = u_1 + iu_2$  and  $v = v_1 + iv_2$ . Suppose that the function  $\varphi(u, v)$  satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $\varphi(u, v)$  is continuous in  $D$ ;

(ii)  $(1, 0) \in D$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(1, 0)) > 0$ ;

(iii)  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(iu_2, v_1)) \leq 0$  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  $\mathbb{U}$  such that  $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ .

If  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(p(z), zp'(z))) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), then  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ).

**Lemma 3.** [7]. Let a function  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$|\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \text{ for } |z| < |z_0|,$$

and

$$|\arg p(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2}\delta,$$

with  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = it\delta,$$

where

$$t \geq 1 \text{ when } \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\delta,$$

and

$$t \leq -1 \text{ when } \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\delta.$$

## 2. Main results for the class $K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$

**Theorem 1.** Let the functions  $f(z), g(z), h(z) \in A(p)$  be defined by (1.1), (1.3) and (1.4), respectively. If

$$\left| 1 + \frac{z(1+\lambda)(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)} - \frac{z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*h)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z)} \right| < \frac{\beta}{p-m+\beta}, \quad (2.1)$$

then  $f(z) \in K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w(z)$  be defined by

$$\frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z)} = (p-m) + \beta w(z), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . Differentiating (2.2) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{z(1+\lambda)(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)} - \frac{z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*h)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z)} = \frac{\beta z w'(z)}{(p-m) + \beta w(z)}.$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

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

By using Lemma 1 and taking  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  ( $\theta \neq 0$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| 1 + \frac{z_0(1+\lambda)(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*g)^{(m+3)}(z_0)}{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)} - \frac{z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*h)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{(1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{z_0 \beta w'(z_0)}{[(p-m) + \beta w(z_0)]} \right| = \frac{\beta \zeta}{\left[ (p-m)^2 + \beta^2 + 2\beta(p-m) \cos \theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\geq \frac{\beta}{p-m+\beta} \quad (\zeta \geq 1), \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the condition (2.1) of Theorem 1. Then we have  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ . Consequently, we conclude that  $f(z) \in K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$ , which complete the proof of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** If  $p > m$ , then  $KL(g, p, m+1, \lambda, \beta) \subset KL(g, p, m, \lambda, \alpha)$ , where

$$0 < \alpha \leq \frac{-(p-m-\beta+1) + \sqrt{(p-m-\beta+1)^2 + 4\beta(p-m)}}{2} \leq p-m. \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) \in KL(g, p, m + 1, \lambda, \beta)$ . Then we have

$$\left| \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + (1 - \lambda)(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m - 1) \right| < \beta, \quad (2.4)$$

and let  $w(z)$  be defined by

$$\frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1 - \lambda)(f * g)^{(m)}(z)} - (p - m) = \alpha w(z). \quad (2.5)$$

Clearly,  $w(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $w(0) = 0$ . Differentiating (2.5) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{z(1+\lambda)(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)} - \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1-\lambda)(f * g)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z)} = \frac{\alpha z w'(z)}{(p-m) + \alpha w(z)},$$

that is,

$$\frac{z(1+\lambda)(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)} - (p - m - 1) = \alpha w(z) \left[ 1 + \frac{z w'(z)}{w(z)[(p-m) + \alpha w(z)]} \right].$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| < |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1 (w(z_0) \neq 1).$$

By using Lemma 1 and taking  $w(z_0) = e^{i\theta}$  ( $\theta \neq 0$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{z_0(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f * g)^{(m+3)}(z_0)}{(1-\lambda)(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)} - (p - m - 1) \right| = |\alpha w(z_0)| \left| 1 + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{w(z_0)[(p-m) + \alpha w(z_0)]} \right| \\ & = \alpha \left| 1 + \frac{\zeta}{[(p-m) + \alpha e^{i\theta}]} \right| \geq \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{\zeta}{(p-m)} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{\alpha}{(p-m)} \cos \theta - \frac{i\alpha}{(p-m)} \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{2\alpha}{(p-m)} \cos \theta - \frac{2i\alpha}{(p-m)} \sin \theta + \frac{\alpha^2}{(p-m)^2}} \right] \right\} \\ & \geq \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{\alpha}{(p-m)} \cos \theta}{1 + \frac{2\alpha}{(p-m)} \cos \theta + \frac{\alpha^2}{(p-m)^2}} \right] \right\} = \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{\frac{\alpha^2}{(p-m)^2} - 1}}{2 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{(p-m)} \cos \theta}} \right] \right\} \\ & \geq \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left[ \frac{(p-m+\alpha)(p-m)}{2(p-m+\alpha)(p-m) + \alpha^2 - (p-m)^2} \right] \right\} = \alpha \left[ \frac{p - m + \alpha + 1}{p - m + \alpha} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.3) we have

$$\left| \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z) + (1 - \lambda)(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z)} - (p - m - 1) \right| \geq \beta,$$

which contradicts (2.4). Hence,  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Consequently, we conclude that  $f(z) \in KL(g, p, m, \lambda, \alpha)$ . Thus, the proof of Theorem 2 is completed.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f(z) \in A(p)$ . If

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \psi \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} + (1-\psi) z \left[ \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} \right]' \right\} > \gamma, \quad (2.6)$$

for some  $\gamma < \psi(p-m)$ ,  $0 \leq \psi \leq 1$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then  $f(z) \in K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$ , where  $\beta = \frac{2[\psi(p-m)-\gamma]}{1+\psi} \leq p$ .

*Proof.* If  $\psi = 1$ , the result holds true. Let  $0 \leq \psi < 1$  and define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$\frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} = (p-m-\beta) + \beta p(z). \quad (2.7)$$

Then  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$  is regular in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Differentiating (2.7) logarithmically with respect to  $z$ , we have

$$1 + \frac{z(1+\lambda)(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+3)}(z)}{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)} - \frac{z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*h)^{(m+2)}(z)}{(1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z) + \lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z)} = \frac{\beta z p'(z)}{[(p-m-\beta) + \beta p(z)]},$$

that is,

$$z \frac{[\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)]}{[(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)]} \left\{ \frac{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\}' = \frac{\beta z p'(z) - [(p-m-\beta) + \beta p(z)]}{[(p-m-\beta) + \beta p(z)]},$$

or, equivalently,

$$z^2 \left\{ \frac{(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\}' = \beta z p'(z) - [(p-m-\beta) + \beta p(z)].$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left\{ \psi \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} + (1-\psi) z \left[ \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} \right]' \right\} - \gamma \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left\{ \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} + (1-\psi) z^2 \left[ \frac{z(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z)} \right]' \right\} - \gamma \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \{ \psi(p-m-\beta) + \beta \psi p(z) + (1-\psi) \beta z p'(z) - \gamma \} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we define a function  $\varphi(u, v)$  by

$$\varphi(u, v) = \psi(p-m-\beta) + \beta \psi u + (1-\psi) \beta v - \gamma \quad (2.8)$$

with  $u = u_1 + iu_2$  and  $v = v_1 + iv_2$ , then

(i)  $\varphi(u, v)$  is continuous in  $D$ ;

(ii)  $(1, 0) \in D$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(1, 0)) = \psi(p-m) - \gamma > 0$ ;

(iii) For all  $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$  and such that  $v_1 \leq -(1+u_2^2)/2$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(iu_2, v_1)) = \psi(p-m-\beta) + (1-\psi) \beta v_1 - \gamma$$

$$\leq \psi(p - m - \beta) - (1 - \psi)\beta(1 + u_2^2)/2 - \gamma \leq -(1 - \psi)\beta u_2^2/2 \leq 0.$$

Therefore,  $\varphi(u, v)$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2. This shows that  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), that is,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1 - \lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\} > p - m - \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

which proves that  $f(z) \in K(g, h, p, m, \lambda, \beta)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

**Theorem 4.** *If*

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} + z \left[ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} \right]' \right\} \right\} \right| < \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\delta}{p} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.9)$$

then

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\} \right| < \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

In particular, if

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \left[ 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right] \right\} \right| < \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\delta}{p} \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then  $f(z) \in \overline{S}_p^*(\beta)$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\}.$$

Then

$$z\varphi'(z) = \frac{z}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z) + \lambda z^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z)}{\lambda z(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z)} \right\}'.$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$  such that

$$|\arg \varphi(z)| < \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} \text{ for } |z| < |z_0|, \quad |\arg \varphi(z_0)| = \frac{\delta\pi}{2p}.$$

By using Lemma 3, we have

$$\arg \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z_0(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z_0)} + z_0 \left[ \frac{z_0(f * g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f * g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f * h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f * h)^{(m)}(z_0)} \right]' \right\} \right\}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \arg \left\{ \varphi(z_0) + z_0 \varphi'(z_0) \right\} = \arg \left\{ \varphi(z_0) \left[ 1 + \frac{z_0 \varphi'(z_0)}{\varphi(z_0)} \right] \right\} \\
&= \arg \varphi(z_0) + \arg \left( 1 + it \frac{\delta}{p} \right) = \arg(\varphi(z_0)) + \tan^{-1} \left( t \frac{\delta}{p} \right). \tag{2.10}
\end{aligned}$$

When  $\arg \varphi(z_0) = \frac{\delta\pi}{2p}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\arg \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z_0(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z_0)} + z_0 \left[ \frac{z_0(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z_0)} \right]' \right\} \right\} \\
&\geq \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\delta}{p} \right). \tag{2.11}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $\arg \varphi(z_0) = -\frac{\delta\pi}{2p}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\arg \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-m)} \left\{ \frac{z_0(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z_0)} + z_0 \left[ \frac{z_0(f*g)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + \lambda z_0^2(f*g)^{(m+2)}(z_0)}{\lambda z_0(f*h)^{(m+1)}(z_0) + (1-\lambda)(f*h)^{(m)}(z_0)} \right]' \right\} \right\} \\
&\leq - \left( \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\delta}{p} \right) \right). \tag{2.12}
\end{aligned}$$

We find that (2.11) and (2.12) contradict the condition (2.9). Consequently, we conclude that

$$|\arg \varphi(z)| < \frac{\delta\pi}{2p} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

**Remark 2.** (i) Putting  $\lambda = 0$  in the above results, we obtain the corresponding results of Sharma and Srivastava [8, Theorem 3, 4, 5 and 6];

(ii) For special choices of  $g$ ,  $h$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $p$ ,  $m$  and  $\beta$ , we can obtain corresponding results for different classes defined in the introduction.

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