

**SUBORDINATION RESULTS FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF  
ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY CONVOLUTION WITH  
COMPLEX ORDER**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we drive several interesting subordination results of certain classes of analytic functions defined by convolution with complex order.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . We also denote by  $K$  the class of functions  $f(z) \in A$  which are convex in  $U$ .

For functions  $f$  given by (1.1) and  $g \in A$  given by

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n \quad (c_n \geq 0), \quad (1.2)$$

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

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n c_n z^n = (g * f)(z).$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $U$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$  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., [5] and [14]):

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

(Subordinating Factor Sequence) [21]. A sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of complex numbers is said to be a subordinating factor sequence if, whenever  $f$  of the form (1.1) is analytic, univalent and convex in  $U$ , we have the subordination given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n a_n z^n \prec f(z) \quad (z \in U; a_1 = 1). \quad (1.3)$$

For  $\lambda \geq 0, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, b \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and for all  $z \in U$ , let  $S(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  denote the subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) and  $g(z)$  of the form (1.2) and satisfying the analytic criterion:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) - 1 \right] \right\} > \alpha, \quad (1.4)$$

and for  $\lambda \geq 0, \beta > 1, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and for all  $z \in U$ , let  $M(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$  denote the subclass of  $A$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) and  $g(z)$  of the form (1.2) and satisfying the analytic criterion:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) - 1 \right] \right\} < \beta. \quad (1.5)$$

We note that for suitable choices of  $g, \lambda, \alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we obtain the following subclasses.

(1) If  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Psi_n(\alpha_1) z^n$  (or  $c_n = \Psi_n(\alpha_1)$ ), where

$$\Psi_n(\alpha_1) = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-1} \dots (\alpha_q)_{n-1}}{(\beta_1)_{n-1} \dots (\beta_s)_{n-1} (n-1)!} \quad (1.6)$$

$$(\alpha_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, q; \beta_j > 0, j = 1, \dots, s; q \leq s + 1; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$$

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ), then the class  $S(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Psi_n(\alpha_1) z^n; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  reduces to the class  $S_{q,s}([\alpha_1]; \lambda, \alpha, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{H_{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z} + \lambda (H_{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} > \alpha, \right.$$

$$\left. \lambda \geq 0, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

and the class  $M(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Psi_n(\alpha_1) z^n; \lambda, \beta, b)$  reduces to the class  $M_{q,s}([\alpha_1]; \lambda, \beta, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{H_{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z)}{z} + \lambda (H_{q,s}(\alpha_1)f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} < \beta, \right.$$

$$\left. \lambda \geq 0, \beta > 1, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

where  $H_{q,s}(\alpha_1)$  is the Dziok-Srivastava operator ( see [10] and [11] ) which contains well known operators such as Carlson-Shaffer linear operator (see [6]), the Bernardi-Libera-Livingston operator (see [4], [12] and [13]), Srivastava - Owa fractional derivative operator (see [16]), the Choi-Saigo-Srivastava operator (see [9]), the Cho-Kwon-Srivastava operator (see [8]), the Ruscheweyh derivative operator (see [17]) and the Noor integral operator (see [15]);

(2) If  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+\gamma(n-1)+l}{1+l} \right)^m z^n$  (or  $c_n = \left( \frac{1+\gamma(n-1)+l}{1+l} \right)^m$ ,  $\gamma \geq 0$ ,  $l \geq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ),

then the class  $S(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+\gamma(n-1)+l}{1+l} \right)^m z^n; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  reduces to the class  $S(\gamma, l, m; \lambda, \alpha, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{I^m(\gamma, l)f(z)}{z} + \lambda (I^m(\gamma, l)f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} > \alpha, \right. \\ \left. \lambda \geq 0, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \gamma \geq 0, l \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

the class  $S(\gamma, l, m; \lambda, 0, b)$  reduces to the class  $G^m(\gamma, l; \lambda, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{(I^m(\gamma, l)f(z))}{z} + \lambda (I^m(\gamma, l)f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} > 0, \right. \\ \left. \lambda \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0, l \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\} \text{ (see [2]),}$$

and the class  $M(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1+\gamma(n-1)+l}{1+l} \right)^m z^n; \lambda, \beta, b)$  reduces to the class  $M(\gamma, l, m; \lambda, \beta, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{I^m(\gamma, l)f(z)}{z} + \lambda (I^m(\gamma, l)f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} < \beta, \right. \\ \left. \lambda \geq 0, \beta > 1, \gamma \geq 0, l \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

where  $I^m(\gamma, l)f(z)$  is the extended multiplier transformation (see [7]);

(3) If  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^k z^n$  (or  $c_n = n^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ), then the class  $S(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^k z^n; \lambda, \beta, b)$  reduces to the class  $S\mathfrak{S}(k; \lambda, \alpha, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{D^k f(z)}{z} + \lambda (D^k f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} > \alpha, \lambda \geq 0, \right. \\ \left. 0 \leq \alpha < 1, k \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

the class  $S\mathfrak{S}(k; \lambda, 0) = G_k(\lambda, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{D^k f(z)}{z} + \lambda (D^k f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} > 0, \lambda \geq 0, \right. \\ \left. k \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\} \text{ (see [1]),}$$

and the class  $M(f, z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^k z^n; \lambda, \beta, b)$  reduces to the class  $M\mathfrak{S}(k; \lambda, \beta, b)$

$$= \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ (1-\lambda) \frac{D^k f(z)}{z} + \lambda (D^k f(z))' - 1 \right] \right\} < \beta, \right. \\ \left. \lambda \geq 0, \beta > 1, k \in \mathbb{N}_0, b \in \mathbb{C}^*, z \in U \right\},$$

where  $D^k$  is the Sălăgean differential operator (see [18]);

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Unless otherwise mentioned, we shall assume in the remainder of this paper that,  $\lambda \geq 0, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \beta > 1, n \geq 2, z \in U, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and  $g(z)$  is defined by (1.2). To prove our main results we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [20]. *The sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a subordinating factor sequence if and only if*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n \right\} > 0, \quad (z \in U). \quad (2.1)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let the function  $f$  defined by (1.1) satisfy the following condition:*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n |a_n| \leq (1 - \alpha) |b|. \quad (2.2)$$

Then  $f \in S(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that the inequality (2.2) holds true. Then we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) - 1 \right| \\ & - \left| (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) + 2(1 - \alpha)b - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n a_n z^{n-1} \right| - \left| 2(1 - \alpha)b + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n a_n z^{n-1} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n |a_n| |z^{n-1}| - \left\{ 2(1 - \alpha) |b| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n |a_n| |z^{n-1}| \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n |a_n| \leq (1 - \alpha) |b|. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.2.  $\square$

Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $S(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{(1 - \alpha) |b|}{[1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n} \quad (n \geq 2). \quad (2.4)$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(1 - \alpha) |b|}{[1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n} z^n \quad (n \geq 2). \quad (2.5)$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let the function  $f$  defined by (1.1) satisfy the following condition:*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)] c_n |a_n| \leq (\beta - 1) |b|. \quad (2.6)$$

Then  $f \in M(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that the inequality (2.6) holds true. Then we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) - 1 \right| \\ & \leq \left| (1 - \lambda) \frac{(f * g)(z)}{z} + \lambda (f * g)'(z) - [2(\beta - 1)b + 1] \right|, \end{aligned}$$

that is, that

$$\left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n a_n z^{n-1} \right| \leq \left| 2(\beta - 1)b + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n a_n z^{n-1} \right|.$$

The last expression is bounded above by 1 if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n |a_n| \leq 2(\beta - 1) |b| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n |a_n|.$$

Then  $f \in M(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.3. □

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $M(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$ , then*

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{(\beta - 1) |b|}{[1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n} \quad (n \geq 2). \tag{2.7}$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(\beta - 1) |b|}{[1 + \lambda(n - 1)] c_n} z^n \quad (n \geq 2). \tag{2.8}$$

Let  $S^*(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) \in A$  whose coefficients satisfy the condition (2.2). We note that  $S^*(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b) \subseteq S(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  and let  $M^*(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$  denote the class of functions  $f(z) \in A$  whose coefficients satisfy the condition (2.6). We note that  $M^*(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b) \subseteq M(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$ .

Employing the technique used earlier by Attiya [3] and Srivastava and Attiya [19], we prove:

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $f \in S^*(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$ ,  $c_n \geq c_2 > 0$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Then for every function  $\psi \in K$ , we have*

$$\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|]} (f * \psi)(z) \prec \psi(z), \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} > -\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|}{(1 + \lambda) c_2}. \tag{2.10}$$

The constant  $\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|]}$  is the best estimate.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in S^*(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  and let  $\psi(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} d_n z^n \in K$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|]} (f * \psi)(z) \\ &= \frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|]} \left( z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n d_n z^n \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Thus, by Definition 1, the subordination result (2.9) will hold true if the sequence

$$\left\{ \frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|]} a_n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \tag{2.12}$$

is a subordinating factor sequence, with  $a_1 = 1$ . In view of Lemma 2.1, this is equivalent to the following inequality:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} a_n z^n \right\} > 0. \quad (2.13)$$

Now, since

$$\{[1 + \lambda(n-1)]c_n\},$$

is an increasing function of  $n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} a_n z^n \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} z + \frac{1}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1+\lambda)c_2 a_n z^n \right\} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} r - \left( \frac{1}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n-1)]c_n |a_n| r^n \right) \\ &> 1 - \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} r - \frac{(1-\alpha)|b|}{(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|} r \\ &= 1 - r > 0 \quad (|z| = r < 1), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used assertion (2.2) of Lemma 2.2. Thus (2.13) holds true in  $U$ . This proves the inequality (2.9). The inequality (2.10) follows from (2.9) by taking the convex function  $\psi(z) = \frac{z}{1-z} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} z^n \in K$ .

To prove the sharpness of the constant  $\frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{2[(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|]}$ , we consider the function  $f_0(z) \in S^*(f, g; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  given by

$$f_0(z) = z - \frac{(1-\alpha)|b|}{(1+\lambda)c_2} z^2. \quad (2.14)$$

Thus from (2.9), we have

$$\frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{2[(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|]} f_0(z) \prec \frac{z}{1-z}. \quad (2.15)$$

Moreover, it can be verified for the function  $f_0(z)$  given by (2.14) that

$$\min_{|z| \leq r} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{2[(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|]} f_0(z) \right\} = -\frac{1}{2}. \quad (2.16)$$

This show that the constant  $\frac{(1+\lambda)c_2}{2[(1+\lambda)c_2 + (1-\alpha)|b|]}$  is the best possible. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

Putting  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Psi_n z^n$  (or  $c_n = \Psi_n$ ), where  $\Psi_n$  is defined by (1.6) in Lemma 2.2 and Theorem 2.5, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $f$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $S_{q,s}^*([\alpha_1]; \lambda, \alpha, b)$  and satisfy the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] \Psi_n(\alpha_1) |a_n| \leq (1 - \alpha) |b|.$$

Then for every function  $\psi \in K$ , we have

$$\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1)}{2[(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1) + (1 - \alpha) |b|]} (f * \psi)(z) \prec \psi(z),$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} > -\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2 + (1 - \alpha) |b|}{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2}.$$

The constant  $\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1)}{2[(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1) + (1 - \alpha) |b|]}$  is the best estimate.

**Remark.** (1) Putting  $c_n = n^k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) and  $\alpha = 0$  in Lemma 2.2 and Theorem 2.5, we obtain the result obtained by Aouf [1, Theorem 1];

(2) Putting  $c_n = \left(\frac{1+\gamma(n-1)+l}{1+l}\right)^m$  ( $\gamma \geq 0, l \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) and  $\alpha = 0$  in Lemma 2.2 and Theorem 2.5, we obtain the result obtained by Aouf and Hidan [2, Theorem 3].

Similarly, we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $f \in M^*(f, g; \lambda, \beta, b)$ ,  $c_n \geq c_2 > 0$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Then for every function  $\psi \in K$ , we have

$$\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (\beta - 1) |b|]} (f * \psi)(z) \prec \psi(z) \tag{2.17}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} > -\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (\beta - 1) |b|}{(1 + \lambda) c_2}. \tag{2.18}$$

The constant  $\frac{(1 + \lambda) c_2}{2[(1 + \lambda) c_2 + (\beta - 1) |b|]}$  is the best estimate.

Putting  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Psi_n(\alpha_1) z^n$  (or  $c_n = \Psi_n(\alpha_1)$ ), where  $\Psi_n(\alpha_1)$  is defined by (1.6) in Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 2.7, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $f$  defined by (1.1) be in the class  $M_{q,s}^*([\alpha_1]; \lambda, \beta, b)$  and satisfy the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(n - 1)] \Psi_n(\alpha_1) |a_n| \leq (\beta - 1) |b|.$$

Then for every function  $\psi \in K$ , we have

$$\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1)}{2[(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1) + (\beta - 1) |b|]} (f * \psi)(z) \prec \psi(z),$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f(z)\} > -\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1) + (\beta - 1) |b|}{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1)}.$$

The constant  $\frac{(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1)}{2[(1 + \lambda) \Psi_2(\alpha_1) + (\beta - 1) |b|]}$  is the best estimate.

**Remark.** Specializing  $g, \lambda$  and  $\beta$ , in Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 2.7, we obtain the corresponding results for the corresponding operators (1-3) defined in the introduction.

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