

# On a second-order nonlinear differential subordination I

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## Abstract

We find conditions on the complex-valued functions  $A, B, C, D$  and  $E$  in the unit disc  $U$  such that the differential inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} [A(z)z^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p^2(z) + D(z)p(z) + E(z)] > 0$$

implies  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ , where  $p(z) = 1 + p_n z^n + p_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$  is analytic in  $U$ .

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

In [1] chapter IV the authors have analyzed a second-order linear differential subordination

$$(1) \quad A(z)z^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p(z) + D(z) \prec h(z),$$

where  $A, B, C, D$  and  $h$  are complex-valued functions. A more general version of (1) is given by:

$$(2) \quad A(z)z^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p(z) + D(z) \in \Omega,$$

where  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

In this paper we shall extend this problem by considering a second-order nonlinear differential subordination given by

$$(3) \quad A(z)z^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p^2(z) + D(z)p(z) + E(z) \prec h(z).$$

A more general version of (3) is given by:

$$(4) \quad A(z)z^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p^2(z) + D(z)p(z) + E(z) \in \Omega,$$

where  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

Conditions on the complex-valued functions  $A, B, C, D, E$  and  $h$  will be determined so that the differential subordinations given by (3) and (4) will have dominants and even best dominants.

We let  $\mathcal{H}[U]$  denote the class of holomorphic functions in the unit disc

$$U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}.$$

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}[U], f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}[U], f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + a_{n+2} z^{n+2} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ .

We let  $Q$  denote the class of functions  $q$  that are holomorphic and injective in  $\bar{U} \setminus E(q)$ , where

$$E(q) = \left\{ \zeta \in \partial U : \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta} q(z) = \infty \right\}$$

and furthermore  $q'(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$ , where  $E(q)$  is called exception set.

In order to prove the new results we shall use the following:

**Definition.** [1, Definition 2.3.a. p. 27] Let  $\Omega$  be a set in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $q \in Q$  and  $n$  be a positive integer. The class of admissible functions  $\Psi_n[\Omega, q]$ , consists of those functions  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the admissibility condition:

$$(5) \quad \psi(r, s, t; z) \notin \Omega$$

whenever  $r = q(\zeta)$ ,  $s = m\zeta q'(\zeta)$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{t}{s} + 1 \geq m \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\zeta q''(\zeta)}{q'(\zeta)} + 1 \right],$$

$z \in U$ ,  $\zeta \in \partial U \setminus E(q)$  and  $m \geq n$ .

We write  $\Psi_1[\Omega, q]$  as  $\Psi[\Omega, q]$ .

In the special case when  $\Omega$  is a simply connected domain,  $\Omega \neq \mathbb{C}$ , and  $h$  is conformal mapping of  $U$  onto  $\Omega$  we denote this class by  $\Psi_n[h, q]$ .

If  $\Omega = \Delta = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ ,  $q(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ ,  $q \in Q$ , satisfies  $q(U) = \Delta$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ ,  $E(q) = \{1\}$ , the class of admissible functions  $\Psi_n[\Omega, q]$  is denoted by  $\Psi_n[\Omega, 1] = \Psi_n\{1\}$ , the condition of admissibility (5) becomes

$$(A) \quad \psi(\rho i, \sigma, \mu + \nu i; z) \notin \Omega,$$

when  $\rho, \sigma, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \leq -\frac{n}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$ ,  $\sigma + \mu \leq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , and  $n \geq 1$ .

**Lemma B.** [1, Theorem 2.3.i p. 35] *Let  $\psi \in \Psi_n\{1\}$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  and*

$$\operatorname{Re} [\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z)] > 0$$

*then*

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0.$$

More general forms of this lemma can be found in [1] p. 35.

In this paper we shall analyze the case when  $\Omega = \Delta = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ , and  $h(z) = q(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ ,  $z \in U$ .

## 2 Main results

**Theorem.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $A(z) \equiv A \geq 0$ . Suppose that the functions  $B, C, D, E : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfy

$$(6) \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq A \operatorname{Re} [nB(z) + 2C(z)] \geq nA \\ [\operatorname{Im} D(z)]^2 \leq \operatorname{Re} [nB(z) + 2C(z) - nA] \cdot \operatorname{Re} [nB(z) - 2E(z) - nA]. \end{cases}$$

If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  and if

$$(7) \quad \operatorname{Re} [Az^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)p^2(z) + D(z)p(z) + E(z)] > 0$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

**Proof.** We let  $r = p(z)$ ,  $s = zp'(z)$ ,  $z^2p''(z) = t$ ,  $z \in U$ ,  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{C}$ . If we let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by

$$(8) \quad \psi(r, s, t; z) = At + B(z)s + C(z)r^2 + D(z)r + E(z),$$

then the conclusion of the theorem will follow from Lemma B.

For  $\rho, \sigma, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \leq -\frac{n}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$ ,  $\sigma + \mu \leq 0$  and  $z \in U$ , by using (6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(\rho i, \sigma, \mu + \nu i; z) &= \operatorname{Re} [A(\mu + \nu i) + \sigma B(z) + (\rho i)^2 C(z) + D(z)\rho i + E(z)] = \\ &= A\mu + \sigma \operatorname{Re} B(z) - \rho^2 \operatorname{Re} C(z) - \rho \operatorname{Im} D(z) + \operatorname{Re} E(z) \leq \\ &\leq -A\sigma + \sigma \operatorname{Re} B(z) - \rho^2 \operatorname{Re} C(z) - \rho \operatorname{Im} D(z) + \operatorname{Re} E(z) \leq \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2}[\operatorname{Re} (nB(z) + 2C(z)) - nA]\rho^2 - \operatorname{Im} D(z)\rho - \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Re} [nB(z) - nA - 2E(z)] \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the function  $\psi$  given by (8) verifies the admissibility condition (A). Since  $h(0) = \psi(1, 0, 0, 0)$  we have that  $\psi \in \Psi_n\{1\}$ . By using Lemma B we have that  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ .  $\square$

For  $C(z) = 0$  we obtain Theorem 4.1.a [1] p. 188.

If  $A(z) = A > 0$ ,  $E(z) = -C(z)$  then we obtain the following:

**Corollary.** *Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Suppose that the functions  $B, C, D : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfy:*

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} B(z) \geq A \\ |\operatorname{Im} D(z)| \leq \operatorname{Re} [nB(z) + 2C(z) - nA] \end{cases}$$

*If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  and if*

$$\operatorname{Re} \{Az^2p''(z) + B(z)zp'(z) + C(z)[p^2(z) - 1] + D(z)p(z)\} > 0$$

*then*

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

If  $A = 0$  and  $C(z) \equiv 0$ , then Corollary reduces to a particular form of Corollary 4.1.a.1 [1, p. 189].

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