



SOME APPLICATIONS OF FIRST-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL SUBORDINATIONS FOR HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS IN COMPLEX NORMED SPACES

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Abstract. In Geometric Function Theory of Complex Analysis, there have been many interesting and fruitful usages of a wide variety of differential subordinations for holomorphic functions in the unit disk \mathbb{U} :

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

Here, in this article, we derive some properties of the first-order differential subordinations for holomorphic functions which are defined in the unit ball \mathbb{B} :

$$\mathbb{B} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}^n \text{ and } \|z\| < 1\}$$

by using a certain class of admissible functions. We also make use of the theory of biholomorphic functions in our investigation here.

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1. INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

We first introduce some of the notation that will be used in this paper. The symbol v' represents the transpose of the vector v . We denote by \mathbb{C}^n the space of n complex variables $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)'$ with an arbitrary norm $\|\cdot\|$. The origin $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is denoted by 0 .

Let \mathbb{B} given by

$$\mathbb{B} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}^n \text{ and } \|z\| < 1\}$$

be the unit ball in \mathbb{C}^n . and Also let $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ denote the class of holomorphic functions $f : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ which have the following form:

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

We now review the principle of subordination between holomorphic functions in the normed space $(\mathbb{C}^n, \|\cdot\|)$. Let the functions f and g be members of the class $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$.

Then the function f is said to be subordinate to g , if there exists a function $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ with

$$\varphi(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\varphi(z)\| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}),$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(\varphi(z)).$$

This subordination is denoted by

$$f \prec g \quad \text{or} \quad f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}).$$

Further, if the function g is *biholomorphic* in \mathbb{B} , then

$$f \prec g \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}) \iff f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbb{B}) \subseteq g(\mathbb{B}).$$

Formally, a biholomorphic function is a function ϕ defined on an open subset U of the n -dimensional complex space \mathbb{C}^n with values in \mathbb{C}^n , which is holomorphic and one-to-one, such that its image is an open set V in \mathbb{C}^n and the inverse $\phi^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$ is also holomorphic (see, for details, [6]).

We next define the classes of starlike and convex functions in the unit ball \mathbb{B} as follows.

Definition 1. A function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ with $f(z) \neq 0$ is said to be starlike in \mathbb{B} , if it satisfies the following condition:

$$\Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}).$$

Furthermore, a function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ with $f'(z) \neq 0$ is said to be convex in \mathbb{B} , if it satisfies the following condition:

$$\Re \left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}).$$

Our next definitions (Definitions 2, 3 and 4 below) make use of biholomorphic functions.

Definition 2 ([6]). Let $\psi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Also let h be a biholomorphic function in \mathbb{B} . If p is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} and satisfies the first-order differential subordination given by

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}), \tag{1.2}$$

then p is called a solution of the differential subordination (1.2). The function q is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination or, more simply, a dominant if $p(z) \prec q(z)$ for all solution p of (1.2). A dominant \check{q} that satisfies $\check{q}(z) \prec q(z)$ for all dominants q of (1.2) is said to be the best dominant.

Definition 3 ([6]). Let $k \geq 1$ and $\xi \in \partial\mathbb{B}$. Also let q be a biholomorphic function in \mathbb{B}_ρ with $\rho > 1$. Then the subset $Q_k(q, \xi)$ of $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ is defined by

$$Q_k(q, \xi) = \left\{ (u, v) : u = q(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad k \left\| (q'(\xi))^{-1} \right\|^{-1} \leq \|v\| \leq k \|q'(\xi)\| \right\}.$$

And the subset $Q(q)$ of $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ is defined by

$$Q(q) = \bigcup \{ Q_k(q, \xi) : k \geq 1 \quad (\xi \in \partial\mathbb{B}) \}.$$

Definition 4 ([6]). Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and q be a biholomorphic function in \mathbb{B}_ρ with $\rho > 1$. The class of admissible functions $\Psi[\Omega, q]$ consists of those functions $\psi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that satisfy the conditions $\psi(q(0), 0; 0) \in \Omega$ and $\psi(u, v; z) \notin \Omega$ when $(u, v) \in Q(q)$ and $z \in \mathbb{B}$.

The following lemma will be used in proving our main results.

Lemma 1 ([6]). Let $\psi \in \Psi[\Omega, q]$ and suppose that $p \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ with $p(0) = q(0)$. If

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in \Omega,$$

then $p \prec q$.

The existing literature in Geometric Function Theory of Complex Analysis contains a considerably large number of interesting investigations dealing with differential subordination problems for analytic functions in the unit disk \mathbb{U} (see, for example, [1–5, 7–18]). In particular, in the recently-published survey-cum-expository review article by Srivastava [7], the so-called (p, q) -calculus was exposed to be a rather trivial and inconsequential variation of the classical q -calculus, the additional parameter p being redundant or superfluous (see, for details, [7, p. 340]). In the present work, we determine certain appropriate classes of admissible functions and investigate some first-order differential subordination properties of holomorphic functions defined in unit ball \mathbb{B} . We also make use of the theory of biholomorphic functions in our investigation here.

2. A SET OF MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we first give the following definition.

Definition 5. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and q be a biholomorphic function in \mathbb{B}_ρ with $\rho > 1$. The class of admissible functions $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[\Omega, q]$ consists of those functions $\phi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that satisfy the conditions $\phi(1, 0; 0) \in \Omega$ and $\phi(s, t; z) \notin \Omega$ when $(s, t) \in Q(q)$ and $z \in \mathbb{B}$.

Theorem 1. Let $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[\Omega, q]$. If $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ satisfies the following inclusion relation:

$$\left\{ \phi \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{B}) \right\} \subset \Omega, \quad (2.1)$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z).$$

Proof. For a given $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$, we define the the function p by

$$p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}. \quad (2.2)$$

It is obvious that the function p is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} and $p(0) = 1$. By simple calculations using (2.2), we see that

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1. \quad (2.3)$$

We now define the transformation from $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ to \mathbb{C} by

$$s(u, v) = u \quad \text{and} \quad t(u, v) = u + \frac{v}{u}.$$

We also set

$$\Psi(u, v; z) = \Phi(s, t; z) = \Phi\left(u, u + \frac{v}{u}; z\right). \quad (2.4)$$

If we use the equations (2.2) and (2.3), it follows from (2.4) that

$$\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) = \Phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right). \quad (2.5)$$

In view of (2.1) and (2.5), we thus find that

$$\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in \Omega.$$

Hence, from (2.4), we observe that the admissibility condition for $\Phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[\Omega, q]$ in Definition 5 is equivalent to the admissibility condition for Ψ as given in Definition 4. Thus, clearly, $\Psi \in \Psi[\Omega, q]$ and, by applying the Lemma in Section 1, we obtain $p(z) \prec q(z)$ or, equivalently,

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. \square

We next consider the special situation when there is a biholomorphic mapping h from \mathbb{B} onto Ω . In this case, $\Omega = h(\mathbb{B})$ and the class $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[h(\mathbb{B}), q]$ is written as $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[h, q]$. The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. Let $\Phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[h, q]$ and $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$. If

$$\Phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right)$$

is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} and

$$\Phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right) \prec h(z), \quad (2.6)$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z).$$

The next result is an extension of Theorem 1 to the case when the behaviour of q on the boundary of \mathbb{B} is not known.

Theorem 3. *Let the function q be biholomorphic on \mathbb{B} . Also let $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[\Omega, q_{\eta}]$ for some $\eta \in (0, 1)$, where $q_{\eta}(z) = q(\eta z)$. Also let $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$. If*

$$\phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right)$$

is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} and

$$\phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right) \in \Omega,$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z).$$

Proof. Since q is biholomorphic on \mathbb{B} , the function q_{η} is biholomorphic on \mathbb{B}_{ρ} for some $\rho > 1$. Thus, by applying Theorem 1, we obtain

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q_{\eta}(z).$$

The result asserted by Theorem 3 is now deduced from the fact that $q_{\eta}(z) \prec q(z)$. \square

The next result gives the best dominant of the differential subordination (2.6).

Theorem 4. *Let h be a biholomorphic function on \mathbb{B}_{ρ} with $\rho > 1$. Also let $\phi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Suppose that the following differential equation:*

$$\phi\left(q(z), q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)}; z\right) = h(z) \quad (2.7)$$

has a solution q with $q(0) = 1$ and satisfies one of the following conditions:

- (1) $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[h, q]$;
- (2) $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[h, q_{\eta}]$ for some $\eta \in (0, 1)$.

If $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ and

$$\phi\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1; z\right)$$

is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} , then the differential subordination (2.6) implies that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec q(z)$$

and q is the best dominant.

Proof. By applying Theorem 1 and Theorem 3, we deduce that q is a dominant of the differential subordination (2.6). Since q satisfies (2.7), it is also a solution of (2.6) and hence q is the best dominant among all dominants of (2.6). \square

In the particular case, we introduce a class of admissible functions, which deals with differential subordinations with dominants of the form $q : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ given by $q(z) = Mz$, where M is a positive constant. In this case, q is a biholomorphic function on \mathbb{B} and $q(\mathbb{B})$ is a ball in \mathbb{C}^n . The class $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[\Omega, Mz]$, which is denoted simply by $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[M]$, can be expressed in the following form.

Definition 6. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and let M be a positive constant. The class $\Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[M]$ of admissible functions consists of those functions $\phi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ that satisfy the conditions $\phi(0, 0; 0) \in \Omega$ and $\phi(s, t; z) \notin \Omega$ when $(s, t) \in Q(M)$ and $z \in \mathbb{B}$, where

$$Q(M) \equiv Q(M, z) = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n : \|s\| = M \text{ and } \|t\| \geq M\}.$$

Theorem 5. Let $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[M]$. If $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$ satisfies the following condition:

$$\phi(zf'(z), z^2f''(z); z) \in \Omega, \quad (2.8)$$

then

$$zf'(z) \prec Mz \quad (M > 0).$$

Proof. For given $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B})$, we define the the function p by

$$p(z) = zf'(z). \quad (2.9)$$

It is obvious that the function p is holomorphic in \mathbb{B} and $p(0) = 1$. After some computations and by using (2.9), we conclude that

$$zp'(z) - p(z) = z^2f''(z). \quad (2.10)$$

We now define the transformation from $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$ to \mathbb{C}^n by

$$s(u, v) = u \quad \text{and} \quad t(u, v) = v - u.$$

We assume that

$$\Psi(u, v; z) = \phi(s, t; z) = \phi(u, v - u; z). \quad (2.11)$$

In view of (2.9) and (2.10), we find from (2.11) that

$$\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) = \phi(zf'(z), z^2f''(z); z). \quad (2.12)$$

Hence (2.8) becomes $\Psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in \Omega$.

We next find from (2.11) that the admissibility condition for $\phi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{B}}[M]$ in Definition 6 is equivalent to the admissibility condition for Ψ as given in Definition 4 and, by applying the Lemma in Section 1, we obtain $p(z) \prec Mz$ or, equivalently,

$$zf'(z) \prec Mz \quad (M > 0).$$

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3. CONCLUDING REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS

In Geometric Function Theory of Complex Analysis, there are many interesting and fruitful usages of a wide variety of differential subordinations for holomorphic functions in the unit disk \mathbb{U} :

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by using a certain class of admissible functions. In our investigation, we have made use of biholomorphic functions as well. We have also indicated how one can deduce a number of special cases and consequences for our main results (Theorem 1 and Theorem 5).

We conclude our investigation by remarking that, in order to motivate further researches on the subject-matter of this article, we have chosen to draw the attention of the interested readers toward a considerably large number of related recent publications on the subjects which we have discussed here.

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