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# The quasi-Hadamard product of certain subclasses of *p*-valent functions with negative coefficients

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ABSTRACT. The authors establishes certain results concerning the quasi-Hadamard product of certain analytic and p-valent functions with negative coefficients in the open unit disc.

## 1. Introduction

Throughout the paper, let the functions of the form

(1.1) 
$$f(z) = a_p z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k} \qquad (a_p > 0; \ a_{p+k} \ge 0),$$

(1.2) 
$$f_i(z) = a_{p,i} z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k,i} z^{p+k} \qquad (a_{p,i} > 0; \ a_{p+k,i} \ge 0),$$

(1.3) 
$$g(z) = b_p z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{p+k} z^{p+k} \qquad (b_p > 0; \ b_{p+k} \ge 0),$$

and

(1.4) 
$$g_j(z) = b_{p,j} z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{p+k,j} z^{p+k} \qquad (b_{p,j} > 0; \ b_{p+k,j} \ge 0),$$

where  $p, i, j \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$ , be analytic and *p*-valent in the open unit disc

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

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Let  $\mathcal{S}_{p}^{*}(\alpha,\beta,\lambda)$  denote the class of functions f of the form (1.1) and satisfying

(1.5) 
$$\left|\frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - p}{\alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + p - \lambda \left(\alpha + 1\right)}\right| < \beta$$

for some  $\alpha$   $(0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$ ,  $\beta$   $(0 < \beta \leq 1)$ ,  $\lambda$   $(0 \leq \lambda < p)$  and for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ .

Also let  $C_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$  denote the class of functions of the form (1.1) such that  $\frac{1}{p}zf' \in S_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ .

We note that when  $a_p = \alpha = \beta = 1$ , the classes  $S_p^*(1, 1, \lambda) = \mathcal{T}^*(p, \lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_p^*(1, 1, \lambda) = \mathcal{C}(p, \lambda)$  are studied by Owa [12]. When p = 1 and  $\lambda = 0$ , the classes  $S_1^*(\alpha, \beta, 0) = S_0(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1^*(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \mathcal{C}_0(\alpha, \beta)$  are studied by Owa [11] and Aouf [2].

Also, the class  $S_p(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$  consists of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}$$

and satisfying the condition (1.5) was studied by Owa and Aouf [13].

Using similar arguments as given by Owa [12], Aouf et al. [1] gave the following analogous results for functions in the classes  $\mathcal{S}_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ .

A function f defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $S_p^*(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$  if and only if  $\underline{\infty}$ 

(1.6) 
$$\sum_{k=1} \left[ \left\{ k \left( 1 + \alpha \beta \right) + \beta \left( 1 + \alpha \right) \left( p - \lambda \right) \right\} a_{p+k} \right] \leqslant \beta \left( 1 + \alpha \right) \left( p - \lambda \right) a_p$$

and f defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $C_{p}^{*}(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$  if and only if

(1.7) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{p+k}{p} \right) \left\{ k \left( 1+\alpha \beta \right) + \beta \left( 1+\alpha \right) \left( p-\lambda \right) \right\} a_{p+k} \right] \leqslant \beta \left( 1+\alpha \right) \left( p-\lambda \right) a_p.$$

The quasi-Hadamard product of two or more functions has recently been defined and used by Kumar ([7], [8] and [9]), Aouf et al. [1], Hossen [6], Darwish [3], Sekine [14] and Goyal and Goswami [5].

Accordingly, the quasi-Hadamard product of two functions f and g is defined by

(1.8) 
$$f * g(z) = a_p b_p z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} b_{p+k} z^{p+k}$$

Similarly, we can define the quasi-Hadamard product of more than two functions. Let  $\psi_p(z)$  be a fixed function of the form

(1.9) 
$$\psi_p(z) = a_p z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{p+k} z^{p+k} \qquad (a_p > 0; \ c_{p+k} \ge c_{p+1} > 0; \ k \ge 1).$$

For p = 1, we have the function  $\psi_1(z) = \psi(z)$  defined by Frasin and Aouf [4].

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Using the function defined by (1.9), we now define the following new classes.

DEFINITION 1.1. A function  $f \in \mathcal{M}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k}, \delta)$   $(c_{p+k} \ge c_{p+1} > 0; k \ge 1)$  if and only if

(1.10) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{p+k} a_{p+k} \leqslant \delta a_p,$$

where  $\delta > 0$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. A function  $f \in \mathcal{N}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k}, \delta)$   $(c_{p+k} \ge c_{p+1} > 0; k \ge 1)$  if and only if

(1.11) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right) c_{p+k} a_{p+k} \leqslant \delta a_p,$$

where  $\delta > 0$ .

Also, we introduce the following class of analytic functions which plays an important role in the discussion that follows.

DEFINITION 1.3. A function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^l(c_{p+k}, \delta)$   $(c_{p+k} \ge c_{p+1} > 0; k \ge 1)$  if and only if

(1.12) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^l c_{p+k} a_{p+k} \leqslant \delta a_p,$$

where  $\delta > 0$  and l is any fixed nonnegative real number.

It is easy to check that various subclasses of analytic and multivalent functions can be represented as  $\mathcal{B}^l_{\psi}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  for suitable choices of  $p, c_{p+k}, \delta$  and l studied by various authors. For example:

(1) (i)  $\mathcal{B}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}\left(\left\{k\left(1+\alpha\beta\right)+\beta\left(1+\alpha\right)\left(p-\lambda\right)\right\},\ \beta\left(1+\alpha\right)\left(p-\lambda\right)\right)\equiv\mathcal{S}^{*}_{p}\left(\alpha,\beta,\lambda\right)$  (Aouf et al. [1]);

$$(ii) \mathcal{B}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}\left(\left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)\left\{k\left(1+\alpha\beta\right)+\beta\left(1+\alpha\right)\left(p-\lambda\right)\right\}, \ \beta\left(1+\alpha\right)\left(p-\lambda\right)\right) \equiv \mathcal{C}^{*}_{p}\left(\alpha,\beta,\lambda\right) \quad (\text{Aouf et al. [1]});$$

(*iii*)  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^l(\{k(1+\alpha\beta)+\beta(1+\alpha)(p-\lambda)\}, \beta(1+\alpha)(p-\lambda)) \equiv \mathcal{S}_{p,l}^*(\alpha,\beta,\lambda)$  (Aouf et al. [1]);

 $\begin{array}{l} (2) \ (i) \ \mathcal{B}_{\psi_{1}}^{0} \left(\{k + \beta \left(1 + \alpha \left(k + 1\right)\right)\}, \ \beta \left(1 + \alpha\right)\right) \equiv \mathcal{S}_{0} \left(\alpha, \beta\right) \quad (\text{Owa } [\mathbf{11}]); \\ (ii) \ \mathcal{B}_{\psi_{1}}^{0} \left((k + 1) \left\{k + \beta \left(1 + \alpha \left(k + 1\right)\right)\right\}, \ \beta \left(1 + \alpha\right)\right) \equiv \mathcal{C}_{0} \left(\alpha, \beta\right) \quad (\text{Owa } [\mathbf{11}]); \\ (iii) \ \mathcal{B}_{\psi_{1}}^{l} \left(\{k + \beta \left(1 + \alpha \left(k + 1\right)\right)\right\}, \ \beta \left(1 + \alpha\right)\right) \equiv \mathcal{S}_{l} \left(\alpha, \beta\right) \quad (\text{Aouf } [\mathbf{2}]); \\ (3) \ (i) \ \mathcal{B}_{\psi_{1}}^{0} \left(k + 1 - \alpha, \ 1 - \alpha\right) \equiv \mathcal{ST}_{0}^{*} \left(\alpha\right) \quad (\text{Silverman } [\mathbf{15}]); \\ (iii) \ \mathcal{B}_{\psi_{1}}^{l} \left(k + 1 - \alpha, \ 1 - \alpha\right) \equiv \mathcal{S}_{l}^{*} \left(\alpha\right) \quad (\text{Kumar } [\mathbf{9}]). \end{array}$ 

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(4) (i)  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_1}^0(\{(1-\beta)(k+1)-\alpha\beta\}, \beta(1-\alpha)) \equiv \mathcal{S}_0^*(\alpha,\beta)$  (Owa [10]). (ii)  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_1}^0((k+1)\{(1-\beta)(k+1)-\alpha\beta\}, \beta(1-\alpha)) \equiv \mathcal{C}_0^*(\alpha,\beta)$  (Darwish [3]). (iii)  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_1}^l(\{(1-\beta)(k+1)-\alpha\beta\}, \beta(1-\alpha)) \equiv \mathcal{S}_l^*(\alpha,\beta)$  (Darwish [3]). (5)  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_1}^l(c_{1+k},\delta) \equiv \mathcal{B}_{\psi}^l(c_{1+k},\delta)$  (Frasin and Aouf [4]).

Evidently,  $\mathcal{B}^{1}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta) \equiv \mathcal{N}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  and, for l = 0,  $\mathcal{B}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  is identical to  $\mathcal{M}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ . Further,  $\mathcal{B}^{l}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta) \subset \mathcal{B}^{h}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  if  $l > h \ge 0$ , the containment being proper. Whence, for any positive integer l, we have the inclusion relation

$$\mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^l\left(c_{p+k},\delta\right) \subset \mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^{l-1}\left(c_{p+k},\delta\right) \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^2\left(c_{p+k},\delta\right) \subset \mathcal{N}_{\psi_p}^0\left(c_{p+k},\delta\right) \subset \mathcal{M}_{\psi_p}^0\left(c_{p+k},\delta\right).$$

We note that for every nonnegative real number l, the class  $\mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^l(c_{p+k},\delta)$  is nonempty as the functions of the form

$$f(z) = a_p z^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta a_p}{\left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^l c_{p+k}} \lambda_{p+k} z^{p+k} \qquad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where  $a_p > 0$ ,  $\lambda_{p+k} \ge 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{p+k} \le 1$ , satisfy the inequality (1.12).

In this work, we establish certain results concerning the quasi-Hadamard product of functions belonging to the classes  $\mathcal{B}^{l}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  and  $\mathcal{N}^{0}_{\psi_{p}}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ .

## 2. The main theorem

THEOREM 2.1. Let the functions  $f_i$  defined by (1.2) be in the class  $\mathcal{N}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ for every  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$ ; and let the functions  $g_j$  defined by (1.4) be in the class  $\mathcal{M}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$  for every  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, s$ . If  $c_{p+k} \ge \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)\delta$ , then the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_r * g_1 * g_2 * \cdots * g_s(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{B}^{2r+s-1}_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ .

PROOF. We denote the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_r * g_1 * g_2 * \cdots * g_s(z)$  by the function h(z), for the sake of convenience.

Clearly,

(2.1) 
$$h(z) = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p,j} \right\} z^{p} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p+k,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p+k,j} \right\} z^{p+k}.$$

To prove the theorem, we need to show that

$$(2.2) \qquad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{p+k}{p} \right)^{2r+s-1} c_{p+k} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p+k,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p+k,j} \right\} \right] \leqslant \delta \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p,j} \right\}.$$

Since  $f_i \in \mathcal{N}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k}, \delta)$ , we have

(2.3) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right) c_{p+k} a_{p+k,i} \leqslant \delta a_{p,i}$$

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for every  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$ . Therefore

$$a_{p+k,i} \leqslant \frac{\delta}{\left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)c_{p+k}}a_{p,i}$$

for every i = 1, 2, ..., r. The right side of the above inequality is not greater than  $\left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{-2} a_{p,i}$ . Hence

(2.4) 
$$a_{p+k,i} \leqslant \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{-2} a_{p,i},$$

for every i = 1, 2, ..., r. Similarly, for  $g_j \in \mathcal{M}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k}, \delta)$ , we have

(2.5) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{p+k} b_{p+k,j} \leqslant \delta b_{p,j}$$

for every  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, s$ . Hence we obtain

(2.6) 
$$b_{p+k,j} \leqslant \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{-1} b_{p,j},$$

for every j = 1, 2, ..., s.

Using (2.4) for i = 1, 2, ..., r, (2.6) for j = 1, 2, ..., s - 1 and (2.5) for j = s, we get

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{2r+s-1} c_{p+k} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p+k,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p+k,j} \right\} \right] \\ &\leqslant \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{2r+s-1} c_{p+k} b_{p+k,s} \left\{ \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{-2r} \left(\frac{p+k}{p}\right)^{-(s-1)} \right\} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s-1} b_{p,j} \right) \right] \\ &= \quad \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{p+k} b_{p+k,s} \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s-1} b_{p,j} \right) \\ &\leqslant \quad \delta \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{r} a_{p,i} \prod_{j=1}^{s} b_{p,j} \right\}, \end{split}$$

and therefore  $h \in \mathcal{B}_{\psi_p}^{2r+s-1}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ , completing the proof of the theorem.

We note that the required estimate can be also obtained by using (2.4) for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r - 1$ , (2.6) for  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, s$ , and (2.3) for i = r.

Now we discuss some applications of Theorem 2.1. Taking into account the quasi-Hadamard product of functions  $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_r$  only, in the proof of Theorem 2.1, and using (2.4) for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r - 1$  and (2.3) for i = r we are led to COROLLARY 2.1. Let the functions  $f_i$  defined by (1.2) belong to the class  $\mathcal{N}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ for every  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$ . Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $f_1 * f_2 * \cdots * f_r(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{B}^{2r-1}_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ .

Next, taking into account the quasi-Hadamard product of the functions  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_s$  only, in the proof of Theorem 2.1, and using (2.6) for  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, s - 1$ , and (2.5) for j = s, we have

COROLLARY 2.2. Let the functions  $g_j$  defined by (1.4) belong to the class  $\mathcal{M}^0_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ for every  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, s$ . Then the quasi-Hadamard product  $g_1 * g_2 * \cdots * g_s(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{B}^{s-1}_{\psi_p}(c_{p+k},\delta)$ .

**Remark.** (i) Taking  $c_{p+k} = k (1 + \alpha\beta) + \beta (1 + \alpha) (p - \lambda)$  and  $\delta = \beta (1 + \alpha) (p - \lambda)$ ,  $(0 \le \alpha \le 1, 0 < \beta \le 1, 0 \le \lambda < p)$ , in the above theorem, we obtain the main result given by Aouf et al. [1].

(ii) Taking p = 1 in the above theorem, we obtain the main result given by Frasin and Aouf [4].

(iii) Taking p = 1 and  $c_{1+k} = k + \beta (1 + \alpha (k+1))$  and  $\delta = \beta (1 + \alpha), (0 \le \alpha \le 1, 0 < \beta \le 1)$ , in the above theorem, we obtain the main result given by Aouf [2].

(iv) Taking p = 1 and  $c_{1+k} = k + 1 - \alpha$  and  $\delta = 1 - \alpha$ ,  $(0 \le \alpha < 1)$ , in the above theorem, we obtain the main result given by Kumar [9].

(v) Taking p = 1 and  $c_{1+k} = (1 - \beta) (k + 1) - \alpha\beta$  and  $\delta = \beta (1 - \alpha)$ ,  $(0 \le \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \le \frac{1}{2})$ , in the above theorem, we obtain the main result given by Darwish [3].

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