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# Some Properties of Certain Classes of Meromorphic Univalent Functions \*

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we obtain distortion theorem and the Hadamard products of functions belonging the class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  of meromorphic functions with positive and missing coefficients. Also some properties of neighborhoods of functions in the class  $\Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  are investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\sum$  denote the class of functions of the form :

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$
 (1.1)

which are analytic and univalent in the punctured disc  $U^* = \{z : z \in$ C and 0 < |z| < 1 = U\{0} and which have a simple pole at the origin with residue one there. Let  $\sum_{p}$  denote the class of functions f(z) defined by (1.1) with  $a_j = 0$   $(j = 1, 2, ..., p - 1; p \in N = \{1, 2, ...\})$  that is , by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} a_k z^k \qquad (p \in N),$$
 (1.2)

which are analytic and univalent in  $U^*$ . Setting

$$F(z) = (1 - \lambda)f(z) + \lambda z f'(z) \quad (f \in \sum_{p}; \ 0 \le \lambda < \frac{1}{2}), \tag{1.3}$$

so that , obviously ,

$$F(z) = \frac{1 - 2\lambda}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} [1 + \lambda(k-1)]a_k z^k \ (p \in N; \ 0 \le \lambda < \frac{1}{2}),$$

since  $f(z) \in \sum_p$  is given by (1.2). For a function  $f(z) \in \sum_p$ , we say that f(z) is a member of the class  $\Omega(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  if the function F(z) defined by (1.3) satisfies the inequality:

$$\left|\frac{z^2 F'(z) + (1 - 2\lambda)}{[(B - A)\gamma - B]z^2 F'(z) + (1 - 2\lambda)[(B - A)\gamma \alpha - B]}\right| < \beta \quad (z \in U^*), \quad (1.4)$$

where (and throughout this paper) the parameters  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B$  and  $\lambda$  are constrained as follows:

$$0 \le \alpha < 1; \ 0 < \beta \le 1; -1 \le A < B \le 1; \ 0 < B \le 1; \frac{B}{(B-A)} < \gamma \le \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} B \\ \overline{(B-A)\alpha} \\ 1 \end{array} \right. \qquad (\alpha \ne 0) \\ \alpha = 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

We note that  $\Omega(1; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda) = \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda).$ 

Furthermore, we say that a function  $f(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  whenever f(z) is of the form [cf. Equation (1.2)] :

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} |a_k| \, z^k \quad (k \ge p \, ; \, p \in N).$$
(1.5)

The class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  was introduced and studied by Joshi et al. [8]. We note that :

(i) $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, -1, 1, 0) = \sum_p (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) (0 \le \alpha < 1; 0 < \beta \le 1; \frac{1}{2} \le \gamma \le 1)$ ( Cho et al. [6] );

(ii)  $\Omega^+(1; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, -1, 1, 0) = \sum_1 (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) (0 \le \alpha < 1; 0 < \beta \le 1; \frac{1}{2} \le \gamma \le 1)$ ( Cho et al. [5] );

(iii)  $\Omega^+(1; 0, 1, 1, -A, -B, 0) = \sum_d (A, B)(-1 \le B < A \le 1; -1 \le B < 0)$ ( Cho [4] ).

In order to derive our results , we need the following lemma given by Joshi et al. [8].

**Lemma 1.1.** [8]. Let  $f(z) \in \sum_{p}^{+}$  be given by (1.5). Then  $f(z) \in \Omega^{+}(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k \left\{ 1 + \beta [(B-A)\gamma - B] \right\} \left[ 1 + \lambda(k-1) \right] |a_k| \le (B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda).$$

#### 2. Distortion Theorem

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**Theorem 2.1.** If a function f(z) defined by (1.5) is in the class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ , then

$$\left\{ m! - \frac{(p-1)!(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{(p-m)!\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}r^{p+1} \right\} r^{-(m+1)}$$
  
$$\leq \left| f^{(m)}(z) \right| \leq$$

$$\left\{m! + \frac{(p-1)!(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{(p-m)!\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}r^{p+1}\right\}r^{-(m+1)}$$
(2.1)

$$(0 < |z| = r < 1; p \in N; 0 \le m < p).$$

The result is sharp for the function f(z) given by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{p\left\{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - A]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(p-1)\right]} z^p \quad (p \in N).$$
(2.2)

**Proof.** In view of Lemma 1.1, we have

$$\frac{p\left\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(p-1)\right]}{p!}\sum_{k=p}^{\infty}k! |a_k|$$
  
$$\leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty}k\left\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(k-1)\right]|a_k| \le (B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda),$$

which yields

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} k! |a_k| \le \frac{(p-1)!(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\} [1+\lambda(p-1)]} \quad (p \in N).$$
(2.3)

Now, by differentiating both sides of (1.5) m times with respect to z, we have

$$f^{(m)}(z) = (-1)^m m! \, z^{-(m+1)} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-m)!} \, |a_k| \, z^{k-m},$$
$$(p \in N; 0 \le m < p), \tag{2.4}$$

and Theorem 2.1 follows easily from (2.3) and (2.4).

Finally, it is easy to see that the bounds in (2.1) are attained for the function f(z) given by (2.2) at the points  $z = r, \pm ir$  (0 < r < 1).

# 3. Neighborhoods and Partial Sums

Following the earlier works (based upon the familiar concept of neighborhoods of analytic functions) by Goodman [7] and Ruscheweyh [12], and (more recently) by Altintas et al. ([1], [2] and [3]), Liu [9] and Liu and Srivastava (

[10] and [11] ), we begin by introducing here the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of a function  $f(z) \in \sum$  of the form (1.1) by means of the definition given below :

$$N_{\delta}(f) = \left\{ g \in \sum : g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \text{ and} \right.$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta [(B-A)\gamma - B] \right\} [1 + \lambda(k-1)]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} \quad |a_k - b_k| \le \delta,$$
$$(-1 \le A < B \le 1, 0 \le \lambda < \frac{1}{2}, \ p \in N, \ \delta > 0) \right\}.$$
(3.1)

Making use of the definition (3.1), we now prove Theorem 3.1 below :

**Theorem 3.1.** Let the function f(z) defined by (1.1) be in the class  $\Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ .

If f(z) satisfies the following condition :

$$\frac{f(z) + \varepsilon z^{-1}}{1 + \varepsilon} \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda) \ (\varepsilon \in C, |\varepsilon| < \delta, \delta > 0), \tag{3.2}$$

then

$$N_{\delta}(f) \subset \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda).$$
(3.3)

**Proof.** It is easily seen from (1.4) that  $g(z) \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  if and only if for any complex number  $\sigma$  with  $|\sigma| = 1$ ,

$$\frac{z^2 F'(z) + 1 - 2\lambda}{[(B - A)\gamma - B]F'(z) + (1 - 2\lambda)[(B - A)\gamma\alpha - B]} \neq \sigma\beta \quad (z \in U),$$

which, is equivalent to

$$\frac{(g*h)(z)}{z^{-1}} \neq 0 \quad (z \in U), \tag{3.4}$$

where, for convenience,

$$h(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \{1 - \beta \sigma [(B - A)\gamma - A]\} [1 + \lambda (k - 1)]}{(B - A)\sigma \beta \gamma (1 - \alpha) (1 - 2\lambda)} z^k.$  (3.5)

From (3.5), we have

$$|c_k| \le \frac{k \{1 + \beta[(B - A)\gamma - A]\} [1 + \lambda(k - 1)]}{(B - A)\beta\gamma(1 - \alpha)(1 - 2\lambda)} \quad (k \in N, 0 \le \lambda < \frac{1}{2}, p \in N).$$

Now, if  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in \sum$  satisfies the condition (3.2), then (3.4) yields

$$\left|\frac{(f*h)(z)}{z^{-1}}\right| \ge \delta \quad (z \in U; \delta > 0).$$

By letting

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \in N_{\delta}(f),$$

so that

$$\left|\frac{[g(z) - f(z)] * h(z)}{z^{-1}}\right| = \left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k - a_k)c_k z^{k+1}\right|$$

$$\leq |z| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - A]\} [1 + \lambda(k-1)]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} |b_k - a_k| < \delta \ (z \in U; \ \delta > 0).$$

Thus we have (3.4), and hence also for any  $\sigma \in C$  such that  $|\sigma| = 1$ , which implies that  $g(z) \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ . This evidently proves the assertion (3.3) of Theorem 3.1.

Next we prove the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f(z) \in \sum$  be given by (1.1) and define the partial sums  $s_1(z)$  and  $s_m(z)$  as follows :

$$s_1(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$
 and  $s_m(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} a_k z^k$   $(m \in N)$ 

Suppose also that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k z^k \leq 1 \left( d_k = \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta \left[ (B - A)\gamma - A \right] \right\} \left[ 1 + \lambda (k - 1) \right]}{(B - A)\beta \gamma (1 - \alpha)(1 - 2\lambda)} \right).$$
(3.6)

Then we have

(i) 
$$f(z) \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda),$$
  
(ii)  $Re\left\{\frac{f(z)}{s_m(z)}\right\} > 1 - \frac{1}{d_m} \quad (z \in U; m \in N),$ 
(3.7)

and

(iii) 
$$Re\left\{\frac{s_m(z)}{f(z)}\right\} > \frac{d_m}{1+d_m} \quad (z \in U; m \in N).$$
 (3.8)

The estimates (3.7) and (3.8) are sharp for each  $m \in N$ .

**Proof.** It is not difficult to see that

$$z^{-1} \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda).$$

Thus, from Theorem 3.1 and the hypothesis (3.6) of Theorem 3.2, we have

$$N_1(z^{-1}) \subset \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda),$$

which shows that  $f(z) \in \Omega(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  as asserted by Theorem 3.2.

(ii) For the coefficients  $d_k$  given by (3.6), it is not difficult to verify that

$$d_{k+1} > d_k > 1 \ (k \in N).$$

Therefore , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |a_k| + d_m \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |a_k| \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k |a_k| \le 1,$$
(3.9)

where we have used the hypothesis (3.6) again .

By setting

$$h_1(z) = d_m \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{s_m(z)} - (1 - \frac{1}{d_m}) \right\}$$
$$= 1 + \frac{d_m \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k z^{k+1}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} a_k z^{k+1}} ,$$

and applying (3.9), we find that

$$\left|\frac{h_1(z) - 1}{h_1(z) + 1}\right| \le \frac{d_m \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |a_k|}{2 - z \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |a_k| - d_m \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |a_k|} \le 1 \quad (z \in U),$$

which readily yields the assertion (3.7) of Theorem 3.2. If we take

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} - \frac{z^m}{d_m} , \qquad (3.10)$$

then

$$\frac{f(z)}{s_m(z)} = 1 - \frac{z^{m+1}}{d_m} \to 1 - \frac{1}{d_m}, \text{ as } z \to 1^-,$$

which shows that the bound in (3.7) is the best possible for each  $m \in N$ .

(iii) Just as in Part (ii) above, if we put

$$h_2(z) = (1+d_m)\left(\frac{s_m(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{d_m}{1+d_m}\right)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{(1+d_m)\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k z^{k+1}}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^{k+1}} ,$$

and make use of (3.9), we can deduce that

$$\left|\frac{h_2(z)-1}{h_2(z)+1}\right| \le \frac{(1+d_m)\sum_{k=m}^{\infty}|a_k|}{2-2\sum_{k=1}^{m-1}|a_k|-(1-d_m)\sum_{k=m}^{\infty}|a_k|} \le 1 \quad (z \in U),$$

which leads us immediately to the assertion (3.8) of Theorem 3.2.

The bound in (3.8) is sharp for each  $m \in N$ , with the extremal function f(z) given by (3.10). The proof of Theorem 3.2 is thus completed.

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# 4. Convolution Properties

For the functions

$$f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} |a_{k,j}| \, z^k \quad (j = 1, 2; p \in N),$$
(4.1)

we denote by  $(f_1 * f_2)(z)$  the Hadamard product (or convolution) of the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$ , that is,

$$(f_1 * f_2)(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} |a_{k,1}| |a_{k,2}| z^k.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  defined by (4.1) be in the class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ .

Then  $(f_1 * f_2)(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \delta, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ , where

$$\delta = 1 - \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{p\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions

$$f_j(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{p\left\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(p-1)\right]}z^p \quad (j=1,2; \ p\in N).$$
(4.2)

**Proof.** Employing the technique used earlier by Schild and Silverman [13], we need to find the largest  $\delta$  such that

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta \left[ (B-A)\gamma - B \right] \right\} \left[ 1 + \lambda(k-1) \right]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\delta)(1-2\lambda)} \left| a_{k,1} \right| \left| a_{k,2} \right| \le 1$$

for  $f_j(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  (j = 1, 2). Since  $f_j(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$  (j = 1, 2), we readily see that

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta \left[ (B-A)\gamma - B \right] \right\} \left[ 1 + \lambda(k-1) \right]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} \left| a_{k,j} \right| \le 1 \quad (j=1,2).$$

Therefore, by the Cauchy - Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta \left[ (B-A)\gamma - B \right] \right\} \left[ 1 + \lambda(k-1) \right]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} \sqrt{|a_{k,1}| |a_{k,2}|} \le 1.$$
(4.3)

This implies that we need only to show that

$$\frac{|a_{k,1}| |a_{k,2}|}{(1-\delta)} \le \frac{\sqrt{|a_{k,1}| |a_{k,2}|}}{(1-\alpha)} \quad (k \ge p)$$

or, equivalently, that

$$\sqrt{|a_{k,1}| |a_{k,2}|} \le \frac{(1-\delta)}{(1-\alpha)} \quad (k \ge p).$$

Hence, by the inequality (4.3), it is sufficient to prove that

$$\frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{k\left\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(k-1)\right]} \le \frac{(1-\delta)}{(1-\alpha)} \quad (k\ge p).$$
(4.4)

It follows from (4.10) that

$$\delta \le 1 - \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{k\left\{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - B]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(k-1)\right]} \quad (k \ge p).$$

Now, defining the function  $\varphi(k)$  by

$$\varphi(k) = 1 - \frac{(B - A)\beta\gamma(1 - \alpha)^2(1 - 2\lambda)}{k\left\{1 + \beta[(B - A)\gamma - B]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(k - 1)\right]} \quad (k \ge p).$$

We see that  $\varphi(k)$  is an increasing function of k. Therefore, we conclude that

$$\delta \le \varphi(p) = 1 - \frac{(B - A)\beta\gamma(1 - \alpha)^2(1 - 2\lambda)}{p\{1 + \beta[(B - A)\gamma - B]\}[1 + \lambda(p - 1)]},$$

which evidently completes the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Using arguments similar to those in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let the function  $f_1(z)$  defined by (4.1) be in the class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ . Suppose also that the function  $f_2(z)$  defined by (4.1) be in the class  $\Omega^+(p; \zeta, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ . Then  $(f_1 * f_2)(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \zeta, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ , where

$$\xi = 1 - \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-\zeta)(1-2\lambda)}{p\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}.$$

The result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  given by

$$f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)}{p\left\{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - B]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(p-1)\right]} z^p \ (p \in N),$$

and

$$f_2(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\zeta)(1-2\lambda)}{p\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}z^p \ (p \in N)$$

**Theorem 4.3.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  defined by (4.1) be in the class  $\Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ .

Then the function h(z) defined by

$$h(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} (|a_{k,1}|^2 + |a_{k,2}|^2) z^k$$

belongs to the class  $\Omega^+(p; \tau, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda)$ , where

$$\tau = 1 - \frac{2(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{p\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(p-1)]}.$$

This result is sharp for the functions  $f_j(z)(j = 1, 2)$  given already by (4.2).

**Proof.** Noting that

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\left(k\left\{1+\beta\left[(B-A)\gamma-B\right]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(k-1)\right]\right)^2}{\left[(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)\right]^2} |a_{k,j}|^2$$
  
$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{k\left\{1+\beta\left[(B-A)\gamma-B\right]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(k-1)\right]}{(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} |a_{k,j}|\right)^2 \leq 1 \quad (j=1,2),$$

for  $f_j(z) \in \Omega^+(p; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, A, B, \lambda) (j = 1, 2)$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{\left(k\left\{1+\beta\left[(B-A)\gamma-B\right]\right\}\left[1+\lambda(k-1)\right]\right)^2}{2\left[(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)\right]^2}(|a_{k,1}|^2+|a_{k,2}|^2) \le 1.$$

Therefore, we have to find the largest  $\tau$  such that

$$\frac{1}{(1-\tau)} \le \frac{k \left\{ 1 + \beta [(B-A)\gamma - B] \right\} [1 + \lambda(k-1)]}{2(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)(1-2\lambda)} \quad (k \ge p),$$

that is, that

$$\tau \le 1 - \frac{2(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{k\left\{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - B]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(k-1)\right]} \quad (k \ge p).$$

Now, defining a function  $\Psi(k)$  by

$$\Psi(k) = 1 - \frac{2(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{k\left\{1 + \beta[(B-A)\gamma - B]\right\}\left[1 + \lambda(k-1)\right]} \quad (k \ge p).$$

We observe that  $\Psi(k)$  is an increasing function of k. We thus conclude that

$$\tau \le \Psi(p) = 1 - \frac{2(B-A)\beta\gamma(1-\alpha)^2(1-2\lambda)}{p\{1+\beta[(B-A)\gamma-B]\}[1+\lambda(k-1)]},$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 4.3.

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