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# A Companion for the Generalized Ostrowski and the Generalized Trapezoid Type Inequalities \*

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## Abstract

In this paper we will establish a companion for the generalized Ostrowski and the generalized trapezoid inequalities, including functions of bounded variation, Lipschitzian, convex and absolutely continuous functions, which generalizes Barnett et al.'s some results (N.S. Barnett et al., Math. Comput. Modeling 50 (2009) 179-187). Applications for weighted means are also given.

**Keywords and Phrases:** *Generalized Ostrowski type inequalities, Generalized trapezoid type inequalities, Riemann-Stieltjes integral.*

## 1. Introduction

In 2000, Dragomir [2] answered to the problem of approximating the Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^b f(x)du(x)$  by the quantity  $[u(b) - u(a)]f(x)$ , which is a natural generalization of the Ostrowski problem [3] analysed in 1937. He obtained the

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following result:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_a^b f(t) du(x) - [u(b) - u(a)]f(x) \right| \\
& \leq H \left[ (x-a)^r \bigvee_a^x(f) + (b-x)^r \bigvee_x^b(f) \right] \\
& \leq H \begin{cases} [(x-a)^r + (b-x)^r] \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bigvee_a^b(f) + \frac{1}{2} \left| \bigvee_a^x(f) - \bigvee_x^b(f) \right| \right]; \\ [(x-a)^{qr} + (b-x)^{qr}]^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \left( \bigvee_a^x(f) \right)^p + \left( \bigvee_x^b(f) \right)^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, \\ \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r \bigvee_a^b(f), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)
\end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , provided  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , while  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous, i.e., we recall that:

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq H|x - y|^r \quad \text{for each } x, y \in [a, b].$$

From a different view point, the problem of approximating the Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^b f(x) du(x)$  by the generalized trapezoid rule  $[(u(b) - u(x))f(b) + (u(x) - u(a))f(a)]$  was considered by Dragomir et al. [4]. The following inequality was obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_a^b f(x) du(x) - [(u(b) - u(x))f(b) + (u(x) - u(a))f(a)] \right| \\
& \leq H \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r \bigvee_a^b(f) \leq H(b-a)^r \bigvee_a^b(f)
\end{aligned}$$

for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , provided  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  while  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous.

For a Riemann-Stieltjes integrable function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and for a given  $x \in [a, b]$ , it is natural to investigate the distances between the quantities

$$f(x), \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} \int_a^b f(x) du(x) \text{ and } \frac{(u(b) - u(x))f(b) + (u(x) - u(a))f(a)}{u(b) - u(a)} \quad (1.2)$$



respectively, and to seek sharp upper bounds for these distances in terms of different measure that can be associated with  $f$ , where  $f$  is restricted to particular classes of functions including functions of bounded variation, Lipschitzian, convex and absolutely continuous functions.

The authors of [2, 4] have been given sharp upper bounds for absolute value between the first quantity and the second, the second and the third in (1.2).

The main aim of this paper is to provide sharp upper bounds for absolute value of the remaining difference between the first quantity and the third in (1.2), that is,

$$\Psi_f(x) := f(x) - \frac{(u(b) - u(x))f(b) + (u(x) - u(a))f(a)}{u(b) - u(a)}, \quad x \in [a, b]. \quad (1.3)$$

As applications, some bounds for the absolute value of the difference

$$\Phi_f(x) := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) - \frac{(u(b) - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i u(x_i))f(b) + (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i u(x_i) - u(a))f(a)}{u(b) - u(a)}, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $x_i \in [a, b]$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ , are also given.

**Remark** Using the Stieltjes integral by Dragomir [2], generalization of the Ostrowski problem [3] was considered, so our results are natural to generalize some results obtained by Barnett et al.'s some results [1].

## 2. The case when $f$ is of bounded variation and $u$ Hölder continuous

The following representation holds.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $f$  is of bounded function on  $[a, b]$  and let  $T : [a, b]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by*

$$T(x, s) := \begin{cases} u(x) - u(a), & \text{if } s \in [a, x], \\ u(x) - u(b), & \text{if } s \in [x, b]. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

Then we have the following representation,

$$\Psi_f(x) = \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} \int_a^b T(x, s) df(s), \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (2.2)$$

where the integral is considered in the Riemann-Stieltjes sense.

**Proof.** If  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then for any  $t \in [a, b]$ , the Riemann-Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^x df(s) = f(x) - f(a)$ ,  $\int_x^b df(s) = f(b) - f(x)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b T(x, s) df(s) &= (u(x) - u(a)) \int_a^x df(s) + (u(x) - u(b)) \int_x^b df(s) \\ &= (u(b) - u(a)) \Psi_f(x), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $t \in [a, b]$ .  $\square$

The following provides a sharp bound for the absolute value of  $\Psi_f$  where  $f$  is of bounded variation and  $u$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous.

**Theorem 2.2** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of bounded variation and  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ , i.e.,*

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq H|x - y|^r \quad \text{for each } x, y \in [a, b].$$

Then

$$|\Psi_f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ |u(x) - u(a)| \bigvee_a^x(f) + |u(x) - u(b)| \bigvee_x^b(f) \right] \quad (2.3)$$

$$\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ (x - a)^r \bigvee_a^x(f) + (b - x)^r \bigvee_x^b(f) \right] \quad (2.4)$$

$$\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \begin{cases} [(x - a)^r + (b - x)^r] \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bigvee_a^b(f) + \frac{1}{2} \left| \bigvee_a^x(f) - \bigvee_x^b(f) \right| \right]; \\ [(x - a)^{qr} + (b - x)^{qr}]^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \left( \bigvee_a^x(f) \right)^p + \left( \bigvee_x^b(f) \right)^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b - a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r \bigvee_a^b(f), \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ . The constant  $1/2$  is also the best possible in both branches of (2.5).

**Proof.** Utilizing the representation (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi_f(x)| &= \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left| (u(x) - u(a)) \int_a^x df(s) + (u(x) - u(b)) \int_x^b df(s) \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ |u(x) - u(a)| \left| \int_a^x df(s) \right| + |u(x) - u(b)| \left| \int_x^b df(s) \right| \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ |u(x) - u(a)| \bigvee_a^x(f) + |u(x) - u(b)| \bigvee_x^b(f) \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ (x - a)^r \bigvee_a^x(f) + (b - x)^r \bigvee_x^b(f) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies the inequalities (2.3) and (2.4).

Combination inequality (1.1) and the above inequality, we have inequality (2.5).

Now, we prove that The constant  $1/2$  is also the best possible in both branches of (2.5). Consider the function  $f_0(t) = |t - (a + b)/2|$  which is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , with  $f_0(a) = f_0(b) = (b - a)/2$  and  $\bigvee_a^b(f_0) = b - a$ . And  $u_0(x) = x$  which is 1-1-Hölder continuous. According to the proof of the best possibility of the constant in Theorem 1 in [1], the sharpness of the constant  $1/2$  in the inequality (2.5) is the best possible.  $\square$

As application, we give the case when  $f$  and  $u$  have some slight variations as follows.

**Corollary 2.3** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $L_1$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, x]$  and  $L_2$ -Lipschitzian on  $[x, b]$ ,  $L_1, L_2 > 0$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ , while the function  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies some local Hölder continuous, namely,*

$$|u(t) - u(a)| \leq H_1 |t - a|^{r_1} \quad \text{for any } t \in [a, x] \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$|u(b) - u(t)| \leq H_2 |b - t|^{r_2} \quad \text{for any } t \in [x, b] \quad (2.7)$$

where  $H_1, H_2 > 0$ ,  $r_1, r_2 \in (-1, +\infty)$ , then

$$|\Psi_f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [L_1|u(x) - u(a)|(x - a) + L_2|u(x) - u(b)|(b - x)] \quad (2.8)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [H_1 L_1 (x - a)^{r_1+1} + H_2 L_2 (b - x)^{r_2+1}] \quad (2.9)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \begin{cases} \max\{H_1 L_1, H_2 L_2\} [(x - a)^{r_1+1} + (b - x)^{r_2+1}]; \\ [(H_1 L_1)^p + (H_2 L_2)^p]^{\frac{1}{p}} [(x - a)^{qr_1} + (b - x)^{qr_2}]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ \max\{(x - a)^{r_1+1}, (b - x)^{r_2+1}\} (H_1 L_1 + H_2 L_2), \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Proof.** It is well known that if  $g : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian, then  $g$  is of bounded variation and  $V_\alpha^\beta(g) \leq L(\beta - \alpha)$ . Therefore, by the first inequality (2.4), we get the corresponding inequality (2.8). Using the local Hölder continuity of the function  $u$ , we have inequality (2.9) from (2.8). The other inequalities follow by the Hölder inequality and the details are omitted.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing, while  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$ , where  $L > 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_f(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [|u(x) - u(a)|(f(x) - f(a)) + |u(x) - u(b)|(f(b) - f(x))] \\ &\leq \frac{L}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [(x - a)(f(x) - f(a)) + (b - x)(f(b) - f(x))] \\ &\leq \frac{L}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \begin{cases} [\frac{1}{2}(b - a) + |x - \frac{a+b}{2}|] [f(b) - f(a)]; \\ [(x - a)^p + (b - x)^p]^{\frac{1}{p}} [(f(x) - f(a))^q + (f(b) - f(x))^q]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ (b - a) \left[ \frac{1}{2}(f(b) - f(a)) + \left| f(x) - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right| \right], \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Proof.** It is easy to observe that we obtain Corollary 2.4 by using Theorem 2.2 and Hölder inequality, so the details are omitted.  $\square$

### 3. The case when $f$ is absolutely continuous and $u$ Hölder continuous

When  $f$  is absolutely continuous, the following representation holds.

**Lemma 3.1** *If  $f$  is of bounded function on  $[a, b]$ . Then we have the following representation,*

$$\Psi_f(x) = \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} \int_a^b T(x, s) f'(s) ds, \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (3.1)$$

where the integral is considered in the Lebesgue sense and where the kernel  $T : [a, b]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has been defined in (2.1).

We cite the following Lebesgue norms defined in Section 3 in [1] as follows.

$$\|f'\|_{[a,b],\infty} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in [a,b]} |f'(x)|, \quad \|f'\|_{[a,b],p} := \left( \int_a^b |f'(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad p \geq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.2** *If  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous on  $[a, b]$ , where  $H > 0$  and  $r \in (-1, \infty)$ . Then we have the following inequalities:*

$$|\Psi_f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [|u(x) - u(a)| \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + |u(b) - u(x)| \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}] \quad (3.2)$$

$$\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [(x - a)^r \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + (b - x)^r \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}] \quad (3.3)$$

$$\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} W(x), \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (3.4)$$

where  $W(x)$  is defined by

$$W(x) := \begin{cases} (x - a)^{r+1} \|f'\|_{[a,x],\infty}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b] \\ (x - a)^{r+\frac{1}{q}} \|f'\|_{[a,x],p}, & \text{if } f' \in L_p[a, b], \quad p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ (b - x)^{r+1} \|f'\|_{[x,b],\infty}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b], \\ (b - x)^{r+\frac{1}{\beta}} \|f'\|_{[x,b],\alpha}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \quad \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \end{cases}$$

and  $W(x)$  should be seen as all four possible combinations.

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Psi_f(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} [(u(x) - u(a))(f(x) - f(a)) + (u(b) - u(x))(f(b) - f(x))] \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} \left[ (u(x) - u(a)) \int_a^x f'(s) ds + (u(b) - u(x)) \int_x^b f'(s) ds \right] \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ |u(x) - u(a)| \int_a^x |f'(s)| ds + |u(b) - u(x)| \int_x^b |f'(s)| ds \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [|u(x) - u(a)| \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + |u(b) - u(x)| \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}] \\
&\leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [(x - a)^r \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + (b - x)^r \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}],
\end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in [a, b]$ , which implies inequalities (3.2) and (3.3).

Utilizing (3.4) and (3.5) in [1] and the above inequality, we obtain the desired inequality (3.4).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3** *If  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ , the function  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies some local Hölder continuous defined by (2.6) and (2.7). Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Psi_f(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [|u(x) - u(a)| \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + |u(b) - u(x)| \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} [H_1(x - a)^{r_1} \|f'\|_{[a,x],1} + H_2(b - x)^{r_2} \|f'\|_{[x,b],1}] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|u(b) - u(a)|} W(x), \quad x \in [a, b],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $W(x)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
W(x) &:= \begin{cases} H_1(x - a)^{r_1+1} \|f'\|_{[a,x],\infty}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b] \\ H_1(x - a)^{r_1+\frac{1}{q}} \|f'\|_{[a,x],p}, & \text{if } f' \in L_p[a, b], \quad p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ H_2(b - x)^{r_2+1} \|f'\|_{[x,b],\infty}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b], \\ H_2(b - x)^{r_2+\frac{1}{\beta}} \|f'\|_{[x,b],\alpha}, & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \quad \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

and  $W(x)$  should be seen as all four possible combinations.

**Proof.** It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2, so the details are omitted.  $\square$

## 4. The case when $f$ is convex and $u$ monotonic nondecreasing and bi-Hölder

Before giving the case when  $f$  is convex and  $u$  is monotonic nondecreasing and bi-Hölder, we establish sharp lower and upper bounds for the remaining differences as follows:

$$\Omega_1(x) := \int_a^b f(x) du(x) - (u(b) - u(a))f(x) \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\Omega_2(x) := [(u(b) - u(x))f(b) + (u(x) - u(a))f(a)] - \int_a^b f(x) du(x). \quad (4.2)$$

**Theorem 4.1** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$  with  $f'_-(b)$  and  $f'_+(a)$  finite, and  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing and bi-Hölder function on  $[a, b]$ , that is,*

$$\mathcal{L}_1(y - x)^r \leq u(y) - u(x) \leq \mathcal{L}_2(y - x)^r, \quad \text{for } x \leq y, \quad x, y \in [a, b], \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2 > 0$  and  $r > -1$ . Then we have the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r+1} [\mathcal{L}_1(b-x)^{r+1} f'_+(x) - \mathcal{L}_2(x-a)^{r+1} f'_-(x)] \\ & \leq \Omega_1(x) \leq \frac{1}{r+1} [\mathcal{L}_2(b-x)^{r+1} f'_-(b) - \mathcal{L}_1(x-a)^{r+1} f'_+(a)] \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r+1} [\mathcal{L}_1(b-x)^{r+1} f'_+(x) - \mathcal{L}_2(x-a)^{r+1} f'_-(x)] \\ & \leq \Omega_2(x) \leq \frac{1}{r+1} [\mathcal{L}_2(b-x)^{r+1} f'_-(b) - \mathcal{L}_1(x-a)^{r+1} f'_+(a)], \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

where  $\Omega_1(x)$  and  $\Omega_2(x)$  are defined by (4.1) and (4.2). The constant  $1/(r+1)$  is sharp in both inequalities.

**Proof.** First of all, we give the proof of inequality (4.4). It is easy to see that for any locally absolutely continuous function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^x (u(t) - u(a))f'(t)dt + \int_x^b (u(t) - u(b))f'(t)dt \\ = (u(b) - u(a))f(x) - \int_a^b f(t)du(t) \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

for any  $x \in (a, b)$ , where  $f'$  is the derivation of  $f$  which exists a.e. on  $(a, b)$ .

Since  $f$  is convex, then it is locally Lipschitzian and thus (4.6) holds. Moreover, for any  $x \in (a, b)$ , we have the inequalities

$$f'(t) \leq f'_-(x) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [a, x] \quad (4.7)$$

and

$$f'(t) \geq f'_+(x) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [x, b]. \quad (4.8)$$

If we multiply (4.7) by  $u(t) - u(a) \geq 0$ ,  $t \in [a, x]$  and integrate on  $[a, x]$ , by (4.3), we get

$$\int_a^x (u(t) - u(a))f'(t)dt \leq f'_-(x) \int_a^x (u(t) - u(a))dt \leq \frac{1}{r+1} \mathcal{L}_2(x-a)^{r+1} f'_-(x) \quad (4.9)$$

and if we multiply (4.8) by  $u(b) - u(x) \geq 0$ ,  $t \in [x, b]$  and integrate on  $[x, b]$ , by (4.3), we get

$$\int_x^b (u(b) - u(t))f'(t)dt \geq f'_+(x) \int_x^b (u(b) - u(t))dt \geq \frac{1}{r+1} \mathcal{L}_1(b-x)^{r+1} f'_+(x). \quad (4.10)$$

If we subtract (4.10) from (4.9) and use the representation (4.6), we deduce the first inequality in (4.4).

Since  $f$  is convex, then we have the inequalities

$$f'(t) \geq f'_+(a) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [a, x] \quad (4.11)$$

and

$$f'(t) \leq f'_-(b) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [x, b]. \quad (4.12)$$



If we multiply (4.11) by  $u(t) - u(a) \geq 0$ ,  $t \in [a, x]$  and integrate on  $[a, x]$ , by (4.3), we get

$$\int_a^x (u(t) - u(a))f'(t)dt \geq f'_+(a) \int_a^x (u(t) - u(a))dt \geq \frac{1}{r+1} \mathcal{L}_1(x-a)^{r+1} f'_+(a) \quad (4.13)$$

and if we multiply (4.12) by  $u(b) - u(x) \geq 0$ ,  $t \in [x, b]$ , integrate on  $[x, b]$  and integrate on  $[a, x]$ , by (4.3), we get

$$\int_x^b (u(b) - u(t))f'(t)dt \leq f'_-(b) \int_x^b (u(b) - u(t))dt \leq \frac{1}{r+1} \mathcal{L}_2(b-x)^{r+1} f'_-(b). \quad (4.14)$$

If we subtract (4.14) from (4.13) and use the representation (4.6), we deduce the second inequality in (4.4).

Now we prove that the constant  $1/(r+1)$  is also the best possible in inequalities (4.4). Consider the function  $f_0(t) = k|t - (a+b)/2|$  which is a convex function on the interval  $[a, b]$ , where  $k > 0$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ . Then

$$f'_{0-}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = -k, \quad f'_{0+}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = k \quad \text{and} \quad f_0\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 0.$$

And  $u_0(x) = x$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2 = r = 1$ . Thus we have  $\int_a^b f_0(t)dt = k(b-a)^2/2$ . If in (4.4) we choose  $f = f_0$ ,  $u = u_0$  and  $x = (a+b)/2$ . According to the proof of the best possibility of the constant in Lemma 2.1 in [5], the sharpness of the constant  $1/(r+1)$  in the inequality (4.4) is the best possible.

Secondly, we give the proof of inequality (4.5). It is easy to see that for any locally absolutely continuous function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (u(t) - u(x))f'(t)dt &= (u(b) - u(x))f(b) \\ &\quad + (u(x) - u(a))f(a) - \int_a^b f(t)du(t) \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

for any  $x \in (a, b)$ , where  $f'$  is the derivation of  $f$  which exists a.e. on  $(a, b)$ .

Since  $f$  is convex, then it is locally Lipschitzian and thus (4.15) holds. The following proof is similar to the proof of inequalities (4.4) and Lemma 2.1 in [6], so the details are omitted.  $\square$

In the following we give sharp lower and upper bounds for the remaining difference (1.4) when  $f$  is convex and  $u$  is monotonic nondecreasing and bi-Hölder.

**Theorem 4.2** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$  with  $f'_-(b)$  and  $f'_+(a)$  finite, and  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing and bi-Hölder function on  $[a, b]$  defined by (4.3). Then we have the following inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} [\mathcal{L}_1(x - a)^{r+1} f'_+(a) - \mathcal{L}_2(b - x)^{r+1} f'_-(b)] &\leq \Psi_f(x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{u(b) - u(a)} [\mathcal{L}_2(x - a)^{r+1} f'_-(x) - \mathcal{L}_1(b - x)^{r+1} f'_+(x)] \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

where  $\Psi_f(x)$  is defined by (1.3). The constant 1 is the best possible on both sides of (4.16).

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} (u(b) - u(a))\Phi_f(x) &= (u(x) - u(a))(f(x) - f(a)) \\ &\quad - (u(b) - u(x))(f(b) - f(x)), \quad x \in [a, b]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

Let  $x \in (a, b)$ , then, by the convexity of  $f$ , we have

$$(x - a)f'_-(x) \geq f(x) - f(a) \geq (x - a)f'_+(a) \quad (4.18)$$

and

$$(b - x)f'_-(b) \geq f(b) - f(x) \geq (b - x)f'_+(x). \quad (4.19)$$

If we multiply (4.18) by  $u(x) - u(a) > 0$  and (4.19) by  $u(b) - u(x) > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (u(x) - u(a))(x - a)f'_-(x) &\geq (u(x) - u(a))(f(x) - f(a)) \\ &\geq (u(x) - u(a))(x - a)f'_+(a) \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (u(b) - u(x))(b - x)f'_-(b) &\geq (u(b) - u(x))(f(b) - f(x)) \\ &\geq (u(b) - u(x))(b - x)f'_+(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

By (4.3), the above inequalities can rewrite

$$\mathcal{L}_2(x - a)^{r+1} f'_-(x) \geq (u(x) - u(a))(f(x) - f(a)) \geq \mathcal{L}_1(x - a)^{r+1} f'_+(a) \quad (4.22)$$

and

$$-\mathcal{L}_1(b-x)^{r+1}f'_+(x) \geq -(u(b)-u(x))(f(b)-f(x)) \geq -\mathcal{L}_2(b-x)^{r+1}f'_-(b). \quad (4.23)$$

Finally, on adding (4.22) to (4.23), we deduce the desired result (4.16).

Now we prove that The constant 1 is also the best possible in inequalities (4.16). Consider the function  $f_0(t) = k|t - (a+b)/2|$  which is a convex function on  $[a, b]$ , where  $k > 0$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ . Then

$$f'_{0-}(b) = -k, \quad f'_{0+}(a) = k, \quad f'_{0-}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = -k, \quad f'_{0+}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = k,$$

$$f_0\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_0(a) = f_0(b) = \frac{k(b-a)}{2}.$$

And  $u_0(x) = x$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2 = r = 1$ . If in (4.4) we choose  $f = f_0$ ,  $u = u_0$  and  $x = (a+b)/2$ . According to the proof of the best possibility of the constant in Theorem 3 in [1], the sharpness of the constant 1 in the inequality (4.16) is the best possible.  $\square$

## 5. Some applications

As applications, some bounds for the absolute value of the difference (1.4).

**Proposition 5.1** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of bounded variation and  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ -H-Hölder continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then*

$$|\Phi_f(x)| \leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r \bigvee_a^b(f), \quad (5.1)$$

where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ , the constant  $1/2$  is also the best possible in both branches of (5.1).

**Proof.** We use the third inequality in (2.5) to state:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(x_i) - \frac{(u(b) - u(x_i))f(b) + (u(x_i) - u(a))f(a)}{u(b) - u(a)} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x_i - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r \bigvee_a^b(f) \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If we multiply (5.2) by  $p_i \geq 0$ , sum over  $i = 1$  to  $n$ , we deduce the desired result (5.1).

The fact that  $1/2$  is the best possible follows from the fact that it is the best possible for  $n = 1$ .  $\square$

In a similar manner, on utilizing the third inequality in (2.10), we can state the following result:

**Proposition 5.2** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  and  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then*

$$|\Phi_f(x)| \leq \frac{HL(b-a)}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^r,$$

where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ .

Finally, on utilizing the inequality in (3.3), we can also state that:

**Proposition 5.3** *If  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ - $H$ -Hölder continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then*

$$|\Phi_f(x)| \leq \frac{H}{|u(b) - u(a)|} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - a)^r \|f'\|_{[a, x_i], 1} + \sum_{i=1}^n (b - x_i)^r \|f'\|_{[x_i, b], 1} \right],$$

where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ .

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# On $W_2$ -Curvature Tensor in a Kenmotsu Manifold\*

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to study some properties of  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in Riemannian and Kenmotsu manifolds.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1958, Boothby and Wong [1] studied odd dimensional manifolds with contact and almost contact structures from topological point of view. Sasaki and Hatakeyama [11] re-investigated them using tensor calculus in 1961. In 1972, K. Kenmotsu studied a class of contact Riemannian manifold and call them Kenmotsu manifold [7]. He proved that if Kenmotsu manifold satisfies the condition  $R(X, Y).R = 0$ , then the

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manifold is of negative curvature -1, where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor of type (1, 3) and  $R(X, Y)$  denotes the derivation of the tensor algebra at each point of the tangent space. The properties of Kenmotsu manifold have been studied by several authors such as De [4], Sinha and Shrivastava [12], Jun, De and Pathak [6], De and Pathak [3], De, Yildiz and Yaliniz [5], Özgür and De [10] and many others. In this paper, we consider Kenmotsu manifold satisfying the conditions  $R(\xi, X).W_2 = 0$ ,  $W_2(\xi, X).R = 0$ ,  $P(\xi, X).W_2 = 0$  and  $W_2(\xi, X).P = 0$ , where  $W_2$  and  $P$  denotes the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and projective curvature tensor respectively. Also we have studied the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in a Riemannian manifold and obtained the relation between different curvature tensors. In last section, we have shown that the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in a Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$  is irrotational if and only if  $R(X, Y)Z = g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ \eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) - \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X) \}$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

If on an odd dimensional differentiable manifold  $M^n$  ( $n = 2m+1$ ), of differentiability class  $C^{r+1}$ , there exists a vector valued real linear function  $\phi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$ , the associated vector field  $\xi$  and the Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfying

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (1)$$

$$\eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (3)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , then  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold [2] and the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an almost contact metric structure to  $M^n$ .

In view of equations (1), (2) and (3), we have

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \phi(\xi) = 0. \quad (4)$$

An almost contact metric manifold is called Kenmotsu manifold [7] if

$$(\nabla_X \phi) = -\eta(Y)\phi X - g(X, \phi Y)\xi, \quad (5)$$

$$(\nabla_X \xi) = X - \eta(X)\xi, \quad (6)$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (7)$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ . Also the following relations hold in Kenmotsu manifold [3], [5], [6]



$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (8)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi = -R(X, \xi)Y, \quad (9)$$

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \eta(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z), \quad (10)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X), \quad (11)$$

$$Q\xi = -(n-1)\xi, \quad (12)$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n-1)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (13)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M^n$ .

A Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (14)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are smooth functions on  $M^n$ .

Projective curvature tensor  $P$ , concircular curvature tensor  $C$  and the conformal curvature tensor  $V$  are given by [8]

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1} [S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y]. \quad (15)$$

$$P(\xi, Y)Z = -\{g(Y, Z) + \frac{1}{n-1} S(Y, Z)\}\xi, \quad (16)$$

$$P(X, Y)\xi = 0. \quad (17)$$

$$C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{r}{n(n-1)} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}. \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} \{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY\} \\ &\quad + \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

### 3. $W_2$ – Curvature Tensor of a Kenmotsu Manifold

Pokhariyal and Mishra [10] have defined a new curvature tensor  $'W_2$  as

$$'W_2(X, Y, Z, U) = 'R(X, Y, Z, U) + \frac{1}{n-1} [g(X, Z)S(Y, U) - g(Y, Z)S(X, U)], \quad (20)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  and  $U$ , where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  and

$'W_2(X, Y, Z, U) = g(W_2(X, Y)Z, U)$  and  $'R(X, Y, Z, U) = g(R(X, Y)Z, U)$  called  $W_2$ -curvature tensor of  $M^n$ .

**Proposition:** *On an  $n$ - dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$ ,*

$$\eta(W_2(X, Y)Z) = 0.$$

**Proof:** From equation (20), we have

$$W_2(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \frac{1}{n-1} [g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX]. \quad (21)$$

Taking the inner product of above equation with  $\xi$  and using equations (10), (11) and (12), we get

$$\eta(W_2(X, Y)Z) = 0. \quad (22)$$

**Theorem 1:** *On an  $n$ - dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$ ,*

$$R(\xi, X).W_2 = 0 \text{ if and only if } W_2 = 0.$$

**Proof:** Let on an  $n$ - dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $R(\xi, X).W_2 = 0$ , then

$$R(\xi, X)W_2(Y, Z)U - W_2(R(\xi, X)Y, Z)U - W_2(Y, R(\xi, X)Z)U - W_2(Y, Z)R(\xi, X)U = 0. \quad (23)$$

From equations (9) and (23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta(W_2(Y, Z)U)X - 'W_2(Y, Z, U, X)\xi - \eta(Y)W_2(X, Z)U \\ & + g(X, Y)W_2(\xi, Z)U - \eta(Z)W_2(Y, X)U + g(X, Z)W_2(Y, \xi)U \\ & - \eta(U)W_2(Y, Z)X + g(X, U)W_2(Y, Z)\xi = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Taking the inner product of above equation with  $\xi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta(W_2(Y, Z)U) \eta(X) - 'W_2(Y, Z, U, X) - \eta(Y) \eta(W_2(X, Z)U) \\ & + g(X, Y) \eta(W_2(\xi, Z)U) - \eta(Z) \eta(W_2(Y, X)U) \\ & + g(X, Z) \eta(W_2(Y, \xi)U) - \eta(U) \eta(W_2(Y, Z)X) + \mathbf{g(X, U)} \boldsymbol{\eta(W_2(Y, Z)\xi)} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

which on using equation (22) gives

$$'W_2(Y, Z, U, X) = 0,$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad W_2 = 0.$$

Conversely, suppose  $W_2 = 0$ , then from equation (23), we have

$$R(\xi, X).W_2 = 0.$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2:** *An  $n$ -dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$  satisfying  $W_2(\xi, X).R = 0$ , is an Einstein manifold.*

**Proof:** Let  $W_2(\xi, X).R = 0$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & W_2(\xi, X).R(Y, Z)U - R(W_2(\xi, X)Y, Z)U - R(Y, W_2(\xi, X)Z)U \\ & - \mathbf{R(Y, Z)} \mathbf{W_2(\xi, X)U} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Now putting  $X = \xi$  in equation (21) and using equations (9) and (12), we obtain

$$W_2(\xi, Y)Z = \eta(Z)[Y + \frac{1}{n-1} QY]. \quad (27)$$

Now from equations (26) and (27), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta(R(Y, Z)U)\{X + \frac{1}{n-1} QX\} - \eta(Y)\{R(X, Z)U + \frac{1}{n-1} R(QX, Z)U\} \\ & - \eta(Z)\{R(Y, X)U + \frac{1}{n-1} R(Y, QX)U\} - \eta(U)\{R(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} R(Y, Z)QX\} \\ & = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

which on taking the inner product with  $\xi$  and using equations (4), (11) and (12) gives

$$-\eta(U)\{\eta(Z)g(X, Y) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\} - \frac{1}{n-1}\{\eta(Z)S(X, Y) - \eta(Y)S(X, Z)\}\eta(U) = 0. \quad (29)$$

Putting  $U = Z = \xi$  in above equation and using equations (4) and (11), we get

$$S(X, Y) = (1-n)g(X, Y), \quad (30)$$

which shows that  $M^n$  is an Einstein Manifold.

**Theorem 3:** *An  $n$ -dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$  satisfying  $P(\xi, X).W_2 = 0$ , is an Einstein manifold.*

**Proof:** Let  $P(\xi, X).W_2 = 0$ , then

$$P(\xi, X)W_2(Y, Z)U - W_2(P(\xi, X)Y, Z)U - W_2(Y, P(\xi, X)Z)U - W_2(Y, Z)P(\xi, X)U = 0. \quad (31)$$

Using equations (11) and (16) in above equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -'W_2(Y, Z, U, X)\xi - \frac{1}{n-1}'W_2(Y, Z, U, QX)\xi \\ & + \{g(X, Y) + \frac{1}{n-1}S(X, Y)\}W_2(\xi, Z)U \\ & + \{g(X, Z) + \frac{1}{n-1}S(X, Z)\}W_2(Y, \xi)U \\ & + \{g(X, U) + \frac{1}{n-1}S(X, U)\}W_2(Y, Z)\xi = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Now taking the inner product of above equation with  $\xi$  and using equation (22), we get

$$'W_2(Y, Z, U, QX) = (1-n)'W_2(Y, Z, U, X),$$

which on using equation (21), gives

$$\begin{aligned} & g(QX, R(Y, Z)U) + \frac{1}{n-1}\{g(Y, U)g(QX, QZ) - g(Z, U)g(QX, QY)\} \\ & = (1-n)[g(X, R(Y, Z)U) + \frac{1}{n-1}\{g(Y, U)g(X, QZ) - g(Z, U)g(X, QY)\}]. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Z = U = \xi$  in above equation and using equations (4), (8) and (11), we get

$$-S(X, QY) = 2(n-1)S(X, Y) + (n-1)^2g(X, Y),$$

which on using equation (11), gives

$$S(X, Y) = (1-n)g(X, Y).$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 4:** *An  $n$ -dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$  satisfying  $W_2(\xi, X).P = 0$ , is an Einstein manifold.*

**Proof:** Let  $W_2(\xi, X).P = 0$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\xi, X)P(Y, Z)U - P(W_2(\xi, X)Y, Z)U - P(Y, W_2(\xi, X)Z)U \\ - P(Y, Z)W_2(\xi, X)U = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

which on using equation (27), gives

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(P(Y, Z)U) \{X + \frac{1}{n-1} QX\} - \eta(Y) \{P(X, Z)U + \frac{1}{n-1} P(QX, Z)U\} \\ - \eta(Z) \{P(Y, X)U + \frac{1}{n-1} P(Y, QX)U\} - \eta(U) \{P(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} P(Y, Z)QX\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Now taking the inner product of above equation with  $\xi$  and using equation (11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Y) \{ \eta(P(X, Z)U) + \frac{1}{n-1} \eta(P(QX, Z)U) \} \\ + \eta(Z) \{ \eta(P(Y, X)U) + \frac{1}{n-1} \eta(P(Y, QX)U) \} \\ + \eta(U) \{ \eta(P(Y, Z)X) + \frac{1}{n-1} \eta(P(Y, Z)QX) \} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Putting  $U = Z = \xi$  in above equation and using equations (15), (16) and (17), we get

$$S(QX, Y) = (n-1)^2 g(X, Y),$$

which on using equation (11), gives

$$S(X, Y) = (1-n)g(X, Y).$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 5:** *The  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and projective curvature tensor of the Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  are linearly dependent if and only if  $M^n$  is an Einstein Manifold.*

**Proof:** Let

$$W_2(X, Y)Z = \alpha P(X, Y)Z,$$

where  $\alpha$  being any non-zero constant. In view of equations (15) and (21), above equation assumes the form

$$(1 - \alpha) R(X, Y)Z + \frac{1}{n-1} \{g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX\} + \frac{\alpha}{n-1} \{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y\} = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$(1 - \alpha) R(X, Y, Z, U) + \frac{1}{n-1} \{g(X, Z)S(Y, U) - g(Y, Z)S(X, U)\} \\ + \frac{\alpha}{n-1} \{S(Y, Z)g(X, U) - S(X, Z)g(Y, U)\} = 0.$$

Now putting  $X = U = e_i$  in above equation and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we get

$$(1 - \alpha) S(Y, Z) + \frac{1}{n-1} \{S(Y, Z) - r g(Y, Z)\} + \frac{\alpha}{n-1} \{n S(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z)\} = 0,$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad S(Y, Z) = \frac{r}{n} g(Y, Z) \Rightarrow QY = \frac{r}{n} Y,$$

which shows that  $M^n$  is an Einstein manifold.

Conversely, let  $M^n$  be an Einstein manifold, i.e.  $S(Y, Z) = \frac{r}{n} g(Y, Z)$  and  $QY =$

$\frac{r}{n} Y$ , then from equations (15) and (21), we have

$$W_2(X, Y)Z = \alpha P(X, Y)Z.$$

**Theorem 6:** *A necessary and sufficient condition for a Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  to be an Einstein manifold is that the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and concircular curvature tensor  $C$  are linearly dependent.*

**Proof:** Let  $W_2(X, Y)Z = \alpha C(X, Y)Z$ ,

where  $\alpha$  being any non-zero constant. In consequence of equations (18) and (21), we have

$$(1 - \alpha) R(X, Y)Z + \frac{1}{n-1} \{g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX\}$$

$$+ \frac{\alpha r}{n(n-1)} \{ g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y \} = 0,$$

from which, we get

$$(1-\alpha) 'R(X, Y, Z, U) + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ g(X, Z)S(Y, U) - g(Y, Z)S(X, U) \} \\ + \frac{\alpha r}{n(n-1)} \{ g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U) \} = 0.$$

Now putting  $X = U = e_i$  in above equation and taking the summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we get

$$\frac{(n-1)(1-\alpha)+1}{(n-1)} S(Y, Z) + \frac{\{(n-1)\alpha-n\}r}{n(n-1)} g(Y, Z) = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$S(Y, Z) = \frac{k}{n} g(Y, Z),$$

where  $k = \frac{\{(n-1)\alpha-n\}r}{\{(n-1)(\alpha-1)+1\}}$ . This shows that Riemannian manifold is an Einstein manifold. Converse part is obvious from the equations (18) and (21).

**Theorem 7:** *A Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  becomes an Einstein manifold if and only if conformal curvature tensor and  $W_2$ -curvature tensor of the manifold are linearly dependent.*

**Proof:** Let  $W_2(X, Y)Z = \alpha V(X, Y)Z$ .

The above equation on straight forward calculations, gives

$$(1-\alpha) 'R(X, Y, Z, U) + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ g(X, Z) S(Y, U) - g(Y, Z) S(X, U) \} \\ + \frac{\alpha}{(n-2)} \{ S(Y, Z) g(X, U) - S(X, Z) g(Y, U) + g(Y, Z)S(X, U) \\ - g(X, Z)S(Y, U) \} - \frac{\alpha r}{(n-1)(n-2)} \{ g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U) \} = 0.$$

Now putting  $X = U = e_i$  in above equation and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-\alpha) S(Y, Z) + \frac{1}{n-1} \{S(Y, Z) - r g(Y, Z)\} \\
+ \frac{\alpha}{(n-2)} \{n S(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z) + r g(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z)\} \\
- \frac{\alpha r}{(n-1)(n-2)} \{n g(Y, Z) - g(Y, Z)\} = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

which reduces to

$$S(Y, Z) = \frac{r}{n} g(Y, Z) \Rightarrow QY = \frac{r}{n} Y.$$

This shows that Riemannian manifold is an Einstein manifold. Converse part is obvious from equations (19) and (21).

**Corollary:** *In an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M^n$ , the following statements are equivalent-*

- (i)  $M^n$  is an Einstein manifold,
- (ii)  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and projective curvatures are linearly dependent,
- (iii)  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and concircular curvature tensors are linearly dependent,
- (iv)  $W_2$ -curvature tensor and conformal curvature tensors are linearly dependent.

## 4. The Irrotational $W_2$ -Curvature Tensor

**Definition:** Let  $\nabla$  be a Riemannian connection. The rotation (Curl) of  $W_2$ -curvature tensor on Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Rot}W_2 = (\nabla_U W_2)(X, Y)Z + (\nabla_X W_2)(U, Y)Z \\
+ (\nabla_Y W_2)(X, U)Z - (\nabla_Z W_2)(X, Y)U.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

In consequence of Bianchi's second identity for Riemannian connection  $\nabla$ , equation (36) becomes

$$\text{Rot}W_2 = -(\nabla_Z W_2)(X, Y)U. \tag{37}$$

If the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor is irrotational, then  $\text{curl } W_2 = 0$  and hence

$$(\nabla_Z W_2)(X, Y)U = 0,$$



which gives

$$\nabla_Z(W_2(X, Y)U) = W_2(\nabla_Z X, Y)U + W_2(X, \nabla_Z Y)U + W_2(X, Y)\nabla_Z U. \quad (38)$$

**Theorem 8:** *The  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in a Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n$  is irrotational if and only if*

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ \eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) - \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X) \}.$$

In particular, if  $\eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) = \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X)$ , then the manifold is locally isometric to the hyperbolic space  $H^n(-1)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in  $M^n$  be irrotational then putting  $U = \xi$  in equation (38), we get

$$\nabla_Z(W_2(X, Y)\xi) = W_2(\nabla_Z X, Y)\xi + W_2(X, \nabla_Z Y)\xi + W_2(X, Y)\nabla_Z \xi. \quad (39)$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in equation (21) and using equations (4) and (8), we get

$$W_2(X, Y)\xi = \{ \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X \} + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ \eta(X)QY - \eta(Y)QX \}. \quad (40)$$

Using above equation in equation (39), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_Z \eta)(X)Y - (\nabla_Z \eta)(Y)X + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ (\nabla_Z \eta)(X)QY - (\nabla_Z \eta)(Y)QX \\ & + \eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) - \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X) \} \\ & = W_2(X, Y)Z - \eta(Z)[\{ \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X \} + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ \eta(X)QY - \eta(Y)QX \}], \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

which on using equation (7) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX + \eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) \\ & - \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X) \} = W_2(X, Y)Z. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Using equation (21) in above equation, we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{n-1} \{ \eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) - \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X) \}. \quad (43)$$

Conversely, retreating the steps, we can show that  $W_2$ -curvature tensor is an irrotational.

Now if  $\eta(X)(\nabla_Z Q)(Y) = \eta(Y)(\nabla_Z Q)(X)$ , then equation (43) reduces to

$$R(X, Y)Z = -(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y),$$

which shows that Kenmotsu manifold is locally isometric to hyperbolic space  $H^n(-1)$ .

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# A sufficient condition for the existence of 2-repeated low-density burst error correcting code \*

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## Abstract

This paper presents upper bound on the number of parity-check digits required for linear codes that correct 2-repeated low-density burst errors of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less ( $w \leq b$ ). Further, an illustration for the existence of a linear code that corrects 2-repeated burst errors of length 3(fixed) with weight 2 or less over  $\text{GF}(2)$  has also been provided.

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## 1. Introduction

In the theory of error correcting codes, burst errors have played a dominant role amongst the several kinds of errors (refer Abramson (1959), Fire (1959)). A burst of length  $b$  is defined as follows:

**Definition 1.** A burst of length  $b$  is a vector whose only non-zero components are among some  $b$  consecutive components, the first and the last of which are non-zero.

It was observed by Chien and Tang (1965) that in many channels errors occur in the form of a burst but do not occur towards the end digits of the burst. They modified the definition as follows:

**Definition 2.** A burst of length  $b$  is a vector whose only non-zero components are confined to some  $b$  consecutive positions, the first of which is non-zero.

There are certain channels viz. studied by Alexander, Gryb and Nast (1960) which deals with such bursts commonly known as CT bursts.

A further modification to this definition was made by Dass (1980) which is useful for channels not producing errors near the end of a code word and is as follows:

**Definition 3.** A burst of length  $b$ (fixed) is an  $n$ -tuple whose only non-zero components are confined to  $b$  consecutive positions, the first of which is non-zero and the number of its starting positions in an  $n$ -tuple is the first  $n - b + 1$  positions.

In situations like lightning or other similar disturbances which introduce burst errors usually operate in a way that, over a given length, some digits are received correctly while others get corrupted i.e. errors occur in the form of low-density bursts. The study of low-density bursts was initiated by Wyner (1963). Further study on low-density burst error correcting codes has been made by Sharma and Dass (1974), Dass (1975), Dass (1983) and others.

As has been observed that in very busy communication channels errors repeat themselves, Dass and Garg (2009) studied 2-repeated burst errors of length  $b$ (fixed) and this concept was generalized for  $m$ -repeated bursts of length  $b$ (fixed) by Dass, Garg and Zannetti (2008a). Further results have also been obtained by Dass, Garg and Zannetti (2008b).

Different situations demand development of codes which correct those errors that are repeated burst errors of specified length, i.e., repeated low-density

burst errors of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less. Such 2-repeated low-density burst errors and also the general case of  $m$ -repeated bursts have been studied by Dass and Garg (2011). An  $m$ -repeated low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less ( $w \leq b$ ) has been defined as follows:

**Definition 4.** An  $m$ -repeated low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less is an  $n$ -tuple whose only non-zero components are confined to  $m$  distinct sets of  $b$  consecutive positions, the first component of each set is non-zero where each set can have at the most  $w$  non-zero components ( $w \leq b$ ), and the number of its starting positions in an  $n$ -tuple is among the first  $n - mb + 1$  positions.

In particular, 2-repeated low-density burst error of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less becomes as follows:

**Definition 5.** A 2-repeated low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less is an  $n$ -tuple whose only non-zero components are confined to two distinct sets of  $b$  consecutive positions, the first component of each set is non-zero where each set can have at the most  $w$  non-zero components ( $w \leq b$ ), and the number of its starting positions in an  $n$ -tuple is among the first  $n - 2b + 1$  positions.

It may be noted that according to Definition 5, when the first low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less starts from the first position of the vector then the second low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less is in the last  $n - b$  components. When the first low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less starts from the second position of the vector then the second low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less will be in the last  $n - b - 1$  components. In general, when the first low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less starts from the  $i$ -th position, then the second low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less will be in the remaining last  $(n - b - i + 1)$  components where  $i$  can take the values from 1 to  $n - 2b + 1$  since the starting positions are among the first  $n - 2b + 1$  components. Further, in the last  $2b - 1$  components only single low-density burst of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less can exist, with the starting positions to be atmost upto  $n - b + 1$ .

Lower bound for the correction of  $m$ -repeated low-density bursts of length  $b(\text{fixed})$  with weight  $w$  or less ( $w \leq b$ ) has been obtained by Dass and Garg (2012). In the same paper, an upper bound for codes which can detect such errors has also been obtained.

This paper has been organized as follows:

In section 2, an upper bound for the existence of linear codes that can correct any 2-repeated low-density burst errors of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less is given. The paper concludes with an illustration of such a code.

In what follows a linear code will be considered as a subspace of the space of all  $n$ -tuples over  $GF(q)$ . The distance between two vectors shall be considered in the Hamming sense.

## 2. Bound for codes correcting 2-repeated low-density burst errors

In this section, we derive an upper bound on the number of parity-check digits that assures the existence of a code capable of correcting 2-repeated low-density burst errors of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less. The proof involves a technique given by Dass (1983) which is a suitable modification of the technique used by Sacks (1958) in establishing the well-known Varsharmov-Gilbert bound. Before deriving the main result, we state below a result obtained by Dass and Garg (2012, Theorem 1) to be used.

**Result.** An  $(n, k)$  linear code over  $GF(q)$  that corrects  $m$ -repeated low-density bursts of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less ( $w \leq b$ ) must satisfy:

$$q^{n-k} \geq \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{n-ib+i}{i} (q-1)^i [1 + (q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)},$$

where  $[1+x]^{(m,r)} = 1 + \binom{m}{1}x + \binom{m}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{m}{r}x^r$ .

We now derive the following theorem:



**Theorem 1.** *Given positive integers  $w$  and  $b$  such that  $w \leq b$ , there exists an  $(n, k)$  linear code that corrects all 2-repeated low-density burst errors of length  $b$  (fixed) ( $n > 4b$ ) with weight  $w$  or less provided that*

$$\begin{aligned}
q^{n-k} &> ([1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \\
&\times \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^3 \binom{n - (i+1)b + i}{i} (q-1)^i [1 + (q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)} \right. \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-4b+1} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)\} \right. \\
&\times \{(n-4b+k_2-i+2)(q-1)[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \Big\} \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{i=n-4b+1+k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=k_3}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)\} \right. \\
&\times \{(n-4b+k_2-i+2)(q-1)[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \Big\} \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-4b+1} \left\{ \left( (q-1)[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)} \right) \right. \\
&\times \left\{ (n-4b-i+2) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \Big\} \Big\} \\
&+ \left\{ ((q-1)[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\} \\
&+ (n-3b+1) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \\
&+ (n-4b+3) \sum_{\substack{k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{i_1, k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq i_1 \leq b-2 \\ i_1+1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\substack{i_1, k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq i_1 \leq b-2 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ i_1+1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \Big\} \\
& + \sum_{k_1=1}^{b-1} \left\{ L(b, k_1, r_1, r_2, r_3) \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^2 \binom{n-(2+i)b+(k_1+i)}{i} \right. \right. \\
& \times (q-1)^i [1+(q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)} + (n-4b+k_1+1) \\
& \times \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \Big\} \Big\} \\
& + \sum_{\substack{k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_2(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\
& \times \{1 + (n-4b+k_5+k_6+1)(q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \\
& + \sum_{\substack{k_8, k_9, k_{10} \\ 1 \leq k_{10} \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_9 \leq b-k_{10} \\ 1 \leq k_8 \leq b-k_9}} L_4(b, k_8, k_9, k_{10}, r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{14}, r_{15}, r_{16}, r_{17}, r_{18}). \tag{1}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$[1+x]^{(m,r)} = 1 + \binom{m}{1}x + \binom{m}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{m}{r}x^r,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& L(b, k_1, r_1, r_2, r_3) \\
& = \sum_{r_1, r_2, r_3} \binom{b-k_1}{r_1} \binom{k_1-1}{r_2} \binom{b-k_1-1}{r_3} (q-1)^{r_1+r_2+r_3+1}, \\
& L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \\
& = \sum_{r_4, r_5, r_6} \binom{b-k_2}{r_4} \binom{k_2-1}{r_5} \binom{b-k_2-1}{r_6} (q-1)^{r_4+r_5+r_6+2}, \\
& L_2(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\
& = \sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b-k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5-1}{r_8} \binom{b-k_5-k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6-1}{r_{10}} \\
& \times \binom{b-k_6-1}{r_{11}} (q-1)^{r_7+r_8+r_9+r_{10}+r_{11}+2},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b-k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5-1}{r_8} \binom{b-k_5-k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6-1}{r_{10}} \\
&\quad \times \binom{b-k_6-1}{r_{11}} (q-1)^{r_7+r_8+r_9+r_{10}+r_{11}+3}, \\
& L_4(b, k_8, k_9, k_{10}, r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{14}, r_{15}, r_{16}, r_{17}, r_{18}) \\
&= \sum_{r_{12}, \dots, r_{18}} \binom{b-k_8}{r_{12}} \binom{k_8-1}{r_{13}} \binom{b-k_8-k_9}{r_{14}} \binom{k_9-1}{r_{15}} \binom{b-k_9-k_{10}}{r_{16}} \\
&\quad \times \binom{k_{10}-1}{r_{17}} \binom{b-k_{10}-1}{r_{18}} (q-1)^{r_{12}+r_{13}+r_{14}+r_{15}+r_{16}+r_{17}+r_{18}+3}
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq r_1 \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_2 \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_3 \leq w-1, \\
& r_2 + r_3 \geq w-1, r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \leq 2w-2, \\
& 0 \leq r_4 \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_5 \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_6 \leq w-1, \\
& r_5 + r_6 \geq w-1, r_4 + r_5 + r_6 \leq 2w-2, \\
& 0 \leq r_7 \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_8 \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_9 \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_{10} \leq 2w-2, \\
& 0 \leq r_{11} \leq w-1, r_{10} + r_{11} \geq w-1, r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} \geq 2w-2, \\
& r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} \leq 3w-3, \\
& 0 \leq r_{12} \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_{13} \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_{14} \leq w-1, \\
& 0 \leq r_{15} \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_{16} \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_{17} \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_{18} \leq w-1, \\
& r_{17} + r_{18} \geq w-1, \\
& r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} \geq 2w-2, \\
& r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} \geq 3w-3, \\
& r_{12} + r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} \leq 4w-4.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** The existence of such a code will be shown by constructing an appropriate  $(n-k) \times n$  parity-check matrix  $H$ . Firstly, we construct a matrix  $H'$

from which the requisite parity-check matrix  $H$  shall be obtained by reversing the order of its columns altogether. Any non-zero  $(n - k)$ -tuple is chosen as the first column  $h_1$  of  $H'$ . Subsequent columns are added to  $H'$  such that after having selected the first  $j - 1$  columns  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{j-1}$ , the  $j$ th column  $h_j$  may be added provided that it is not a linear combination of any  $w - 1$  or fewer columns from amongst the immediately preceding  $b - 1$  columns and  $w$  or fewer columns from amongst any  $b$  consecutive columns from the first  $j - b$  columns, together with any two sets of  $w$  or fewer columns, each chosen from a distinct set of  $b$  consecutive columns from amongst all the  $j - 1$  columns (note that  $b$  consecutive columns here do not include less than  $b$  columns).

In other words,  $h_j$  may be added provided that

$$h_j \neq \alpha_{j_1} h_{j_1} + \alpha_{j_2} h_{j_2} + \dots + \alpha_{j_{w-1}} h_{j_{w-1}} + \beta_{r_1} h_{r_1} + \beta_{r_2} h_{r_2} + \dots + \beta_{r_w} h_{r_w} \\ + \gamma_{\ell_1} h_{\ell_1} + \gamma_{\ell_2} h_{\ell_2} + \dots + \gamma_{\ell_w} h_{\ell_w} + \delta_{p_1} h_{p_1} + \delta_{p_2} h_{p_2} + \dots + \delta_{p_w} h_{p_w} \quad (2)$$

where the  $h_{j_1}, h_{j_2}, \dots, h_{j_{w-1}}$  are any  $w - 1$  columns among  $h_{j-(b-1)}, h_{j-(b-2)}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  and  $h_r, h_\ell, h_p$  are any  $w$  columns each from three sets of  $b$  consecutive columns such that one of the sets of  $b$  consecutive columns is amongst the first  $j - b$  columns, and the other two sets of  $b$  consecutive columns are distinct and from amongst all the  $j - 1$  columns.

It may be noted that either all  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell, \delta_p$  are zero or if  $\beta_t$  is the last non-zero coefficient of the first set of  $b$  consecutive columns, then

$$b \leq t \leq j - b, \alpha_j, \beta_r, \gamma_\ell, \delta_p \text{ are in } \text{GF}(q). \quad (3)$$

Also if  $\gamma_{t_1}$  is the last non-zero coefficient of the second set of  $b$  consecutive columns, then

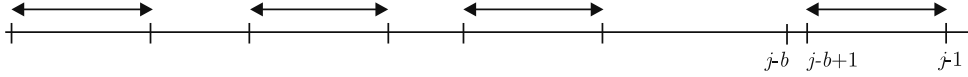
$$b \leq t_1 \leq j - 1. \quad (4)$$

The restriction  $t_1 \leq j - 1$  is obviously satisfied since the selection of the columns is out of all the  $j - 1$  previously chosen columns.

The condition (2) ensures that there would not be a code word which is expressible as sum or difference of two vectors, each of which is a 2-repeated low-density burst of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less.

To enumerate all possible linear combinations on the R.H.S of (2), there are as many as 9 different cases to be examined, We analyze these as follows:

**Case 1.** When  $h_j$  are selected from  $h_{j-b+1}, h_{j-b+2}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  and the  $h_r, h_\ell, h_p$  are selected from three distinct sets of  $b$  consecutive columns from amongst the first  $j - b$  columns.



In this case, the number of ways in which coefficients  $\alpha_j$  can be selected is

$$[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (5)$$

The number of ways in which the  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell, \delta_p$  can be selected is equivalent to enumerate the number of 3-repeated low-density bursts of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less in a vector of length  $j - b$ , which is (refer Theorem 1, Dass and Garg (2012))

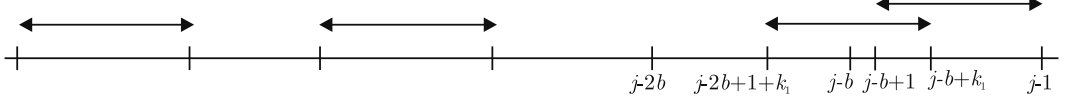
$$\sum_{i=0}^3 \binom{(j-b) - ib + i}{i} (q-1)^i [1 + (q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the total number of choices of coefficients in this case is

$$[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^3 \binom{j - (i+1)b + i}{i} (q-1)^i [1 + (q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)} \right\}. \quad (7)$$

**Case 2.** When the  $h_p$  are selected from  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  such that all the  $h_p$  are neither taken from  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  nor from  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  i.e. the last

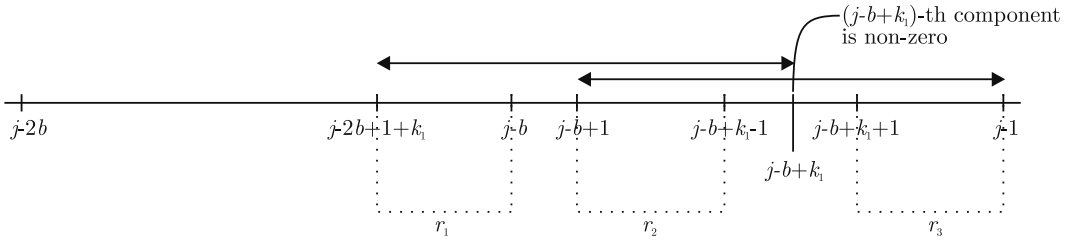
$h_p$  is among  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$ . The  $h_r$  and  $h_\ell$  are selected from two distinct sets of  $b$  consecutive columns among the first  $j - 2b + k_1$  columns,  $1 \leq k_1 \leq b - 1$ .



In this case, the coefficients  $\delta_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components, which starts from the  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_1)$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j - b + k_1)$ -th component. We shall first select  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components among  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_1, \dots, j - b + k_1 - 1)$ -th positions, the  $(j - b + k_1)$ -th component is non-zero, together with  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components among  $(j - b + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions. Now the aim is to select the coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  which are  $w$  or less non-zero components each selected from a distinct set of  $b$  consecutive components among the first  $j - 2b + k_1$  positions,  $1 \leq k_1 \leq b - 1$ .

In order to do so, let us choose  $r_1$  components from the  $(j - 2b + k_1 + 1, \dots, j - b)$ -th positions,  $r_2$  components from the  $(j - b + 1, \dots, j - b + k_1 - 1)$ -th positions and  $r_3$  components from the  $(j - b + k_1 + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions, where

$$0 \leq r_1 \leq w - 1, \quad 0 \leq r_2 \leq 2w - 2, \quad 0 \leq r_3 \leq w - 1. \quad (8)$$



Keeping in view the situations considered in case 1,  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  should be such that

$$r_2 + r_3 \geq w - 1, r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \leq 2w - 2. \quad (9)$$

Such a selection of coefficients gives us

$$\sum_{r_1, r_2, r_3} \binom{b-k_1}{r_1} \binom{k_1-1}{r_2} \binom{b-k_1-1}{r_3} (q-1)^{r_1+r_2+r_3}$$

possible linear combinations where  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  each satisfy the constraints stated in (8) and (9). Also, the  $(j-b+k_1)$ -th component can be selected in  $(q-1)$  ways, therefore selection of coefficients give us

$$\sum_{r_1, r_2, r_3} \binom{b-k_1}{r_1} \binom{k_1-1}{r_2} \binom{b-k_1-1}{r_3} (q-1)^{r_1+r_2+r_3+1} \quad (10)$$

choices.

Suppose  $L(b, k_1, r_1, r_2, r_3)$  represents the expression in (10) with conditions in (8) and (9). Now to select  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$ , it is equivalent to enumerate the number of 2-repeated low-density bursts of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less in a vector of length  $j-2b+k_1$ , which gives us (refer Theorem 1 for  $m=2$ , Dass and Garg (2012))

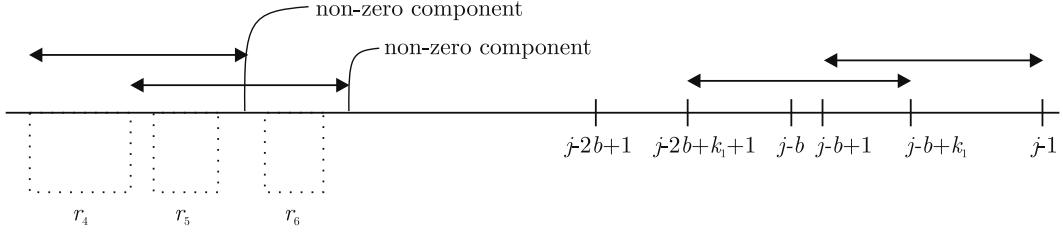
$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \binom{(j-2b+k_1)-ib+i}{i} (q-1)^i [1 + (q-1)]^{i(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (11)$$

Therefore in this case, the total number of choices of coefficients turns out to be

$$\sum_{k_1=1}^{b-1} \{(\text{expr. (10)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (11)})\}. \quad (12)$$

**Case 3.** When the  $h_p$  are selected from  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  such that all the  $h_p$  are neither taken from  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  nor from  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$ , i.e the last

$h_p$  is among  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$ . The  $h_r$  and  $h_\ell$  are selected together from  $2b - 1$  or fewer consecutive columns (but from  $b + 1$  or more) which are taken from first  $j - 2b + k_1$  columns,  $1 \leq k_1 \leq b - 1$ .



In this case, the coefficients  $\delta_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components, which starts from the  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_1)$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j - b + k_1)$ -th component. We shall first select  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components from amongst  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_1, \dots, j - b + k_1 - 1)$ -th positions, the  $(j - b + k_1)$ -th component is non-zero, together with  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - b + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions. Such a selection of coefficients  $\delta_p$  and  $\alpha_j$ , following the procedure as in case 2 gives rise to the number of choices of coefficients  $\delta_p$  and  $\alpha_j$  as  $L(b, k_1, r_1, r_2, r_3)$  with the constraints stated in (8) and (9). The coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  are selected following the same procedure as in case 2. The last non-zero coefficient of  $\gamma_\ell$  can be selected in  $(q - 1)$  ways, thus such a selection of coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  gives us

$$\sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} \sum_{r_4, r_5, r_6} \binom{b-k_2}{r_4} \binom{k_2-1}{r_5} \binom{b-k_2-1}{r_6} (q-1)^{r_4+r_5+r_6+2} \quad (13)$$

choices,

$$\text{where } 0 \leq r_4 \leq w - 1, \quad 0 \leq r_5 \leq 2w - 2, \quad 0 \leq r_6 \leq w - 1. \quad (14)$$



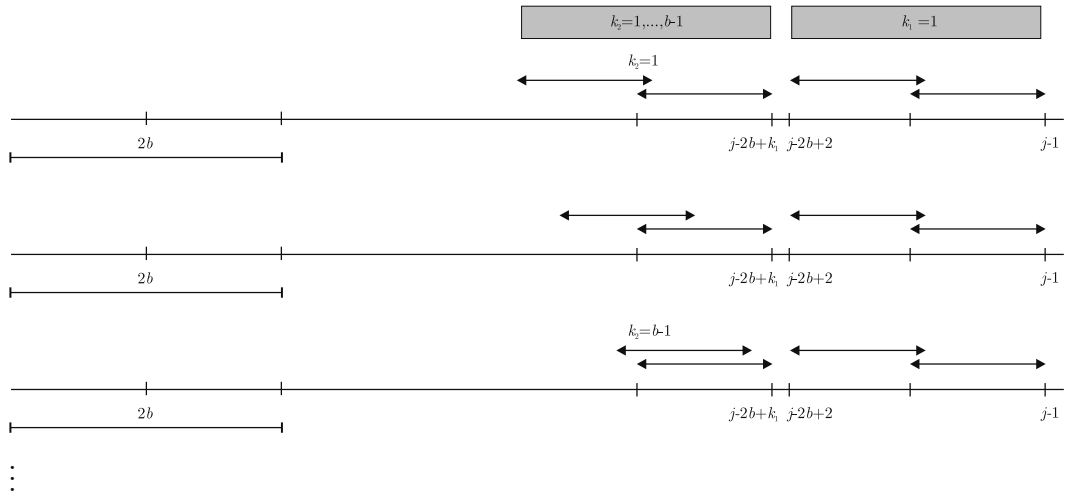
Keeping in view the situations considered in cases 1 and 2,  $r_4, r_5, r_6$  should be such that

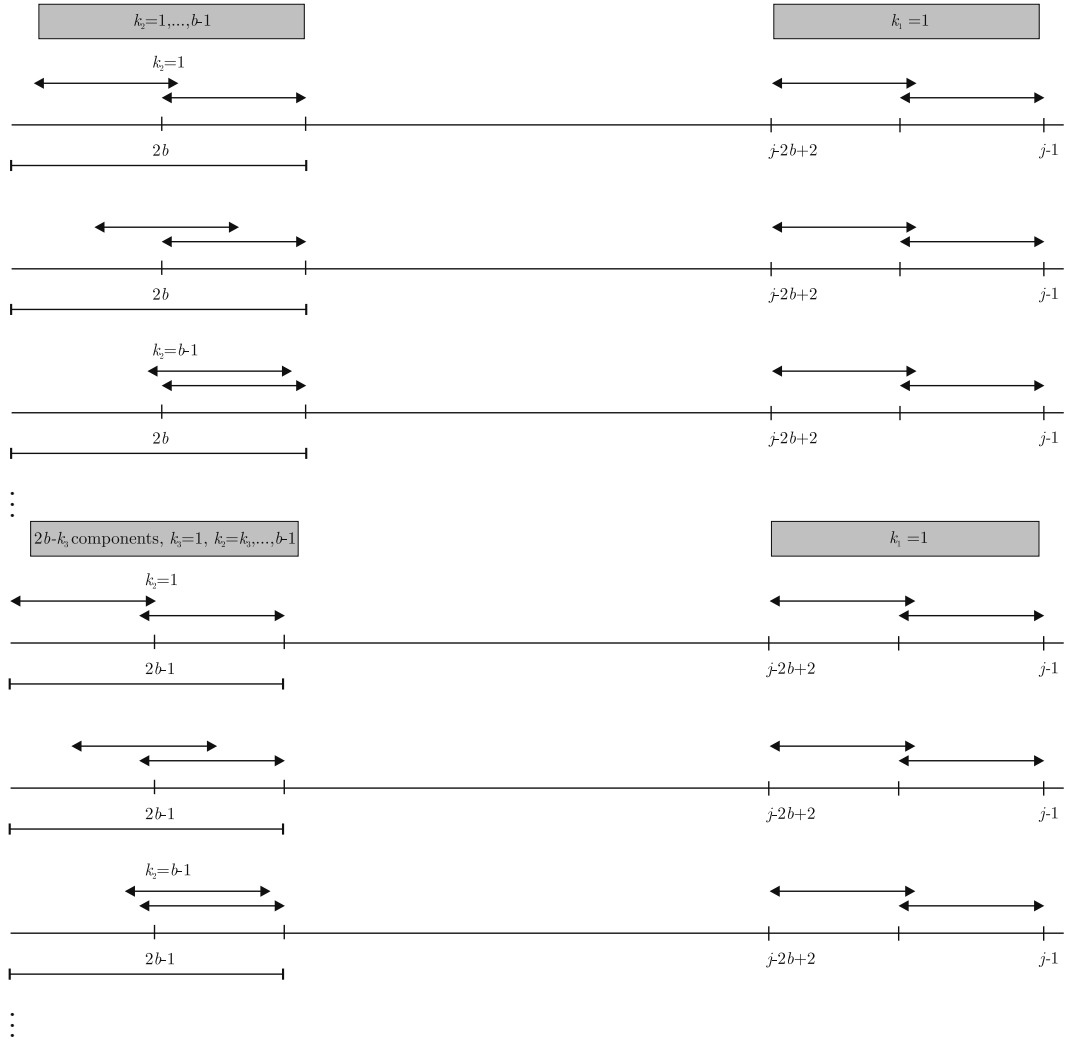
$$r_5 + r_6 \geq w - 1, r_4 + r_5 + r_6 \leq 2w - 2. \quad (15)$$

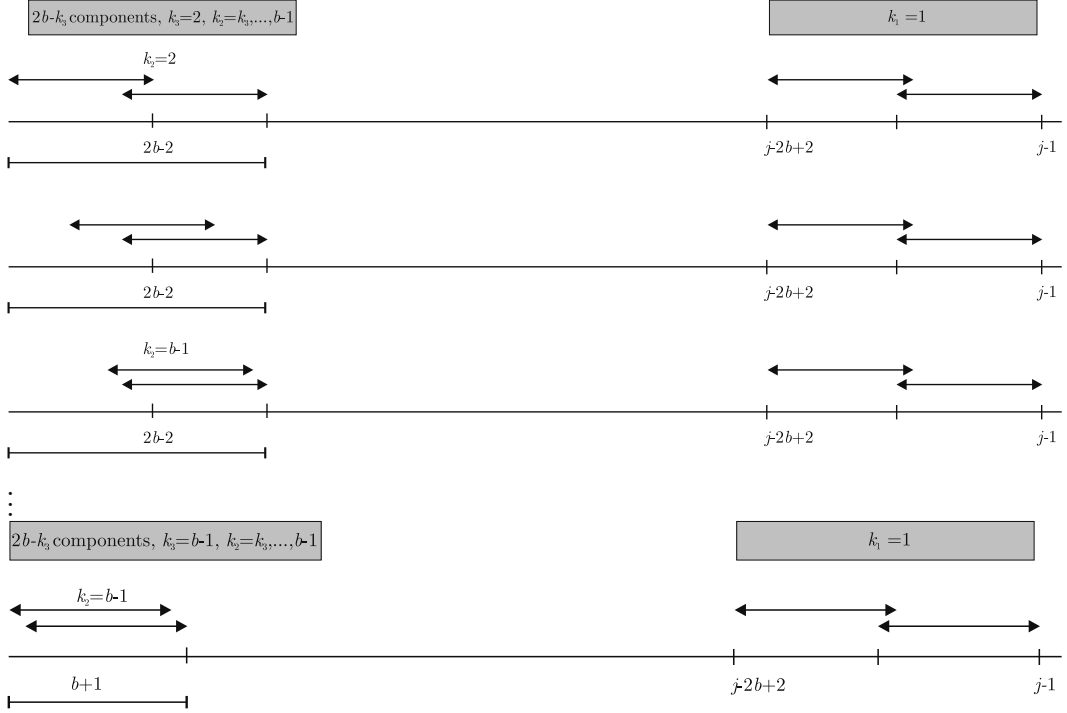
Since the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  is made among the first  $(j-2b+k_1)$  components, therefore such a selection of coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  gives us

$$\left\{ ((j-2b+k_1) - 2b + 1) \cdot (\text{expr. (13)}) \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} \sum_{r_4, r_5, r_6} \binom{b-k_2}{r_4} \binom{k_2-1}{r_5} \binom{b-k_2-1}{r_6} (q-1)^{r_4+r_5+r_6+2} \right\}, \quad (16)$$

(the last non-zero coefficient during the selection of coefficients  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell$  has the positions  $(j-2b+k_1, \dots, 2b)$ -th with  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b-1$  and further it has  $(2b-k_3)$ -th position where  $k_3 = 1, 2, \dots, b-1$  with  $k_2 = k_3, \dots, b-1$ ).







Similarly, when  $k_1 = 2$ , the last non-zero coefficient has the positions  $(j - 2b + 2, \dots, 2b)$  with  $k_2 = 1, \dots, b - 1$  and further it has  $(2b - k_3)$ -th positions where  $k_3 = 1, 2, \dots, b - 1$  with  $k_2 = k_3, \dots, b - 1$ .

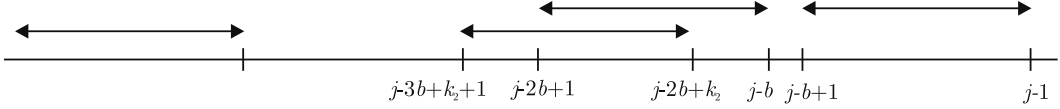
Thus in this case, the total number of choices of coefficients turns out to be

$$\sum_{k_1=1}^{b-1} \{ (L(b, k_1, r_1, r_2, r_3)) \cdot (\text{expr. (16)}) \}. \quad (17)$$

The expression  $\sum_{r_4, r_5, r_6} \binom{b - k_2}{r_4} \binom{k_2 - 1}{r_5} \binom{b - k_2 - 1}{r_6} (q - 1)^{r_4 + r_5 + r_6 + 2}$  with constraints stated in (14) and (15), is denoted with  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$ .

*Case 4.* When the  $h_r$  and  $h_p$  are selected together from  $2b - 1$  or fewer columns (but from  $b + 1$  or more) from amongst the columns  $h_{b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  i.e. suppose the columns are selected from  $h_{j-3b+k_2+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  such that all the  $h_r$

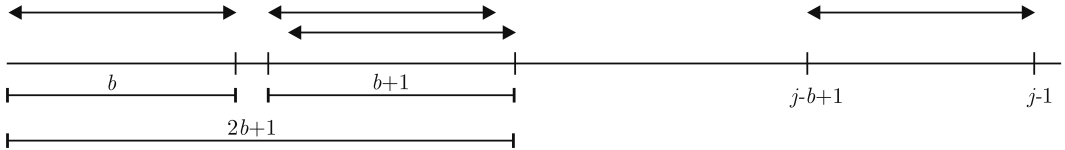
are neither taken from  $h_{j-3b+k_2+1}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  nor from  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ , the  $h_p$  are selected from  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ , the  $h_\ell$  are taken from some  $b$  consecutive columns amongst the first  $j - 3b + k_2$  columns,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ .



In this case, the number of ways in which the coefficients  $\alpha_j$  can be selected is

$$[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (18)$$

The coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  are selected as in case 3 which gives us  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$ . The coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$  as a single low-density burst of length  $b$  (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less is selected from amongst the first  $j - 3b + k_2 - i + 1$  components,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ ,  $i$  represents the positions  $(j - b), \dots, (2b + 1)$ .

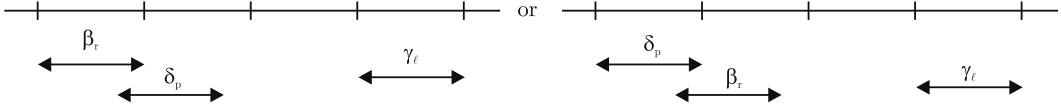


To enumerate the total number of choices of  $\gamma_\ell$ ,  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  we prove the following Lemma:

**Lemma 1.**  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$  denotes the number of ways for the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$ . The total number of choices of  $\gamma_\ell$ ,  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  with varying starting position of the first non-zero component when  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  are selected together from  $2b - 1$  or fewer components (but from  $b + 1$  or more) along with the selection of  $\gamma_\ell$  which forms a single low-density burst of length  $b$  (fixed) with weight

$w$  or less in the remaining components of the vector of length  $n_1$  (considering  $(j - b)$ -th position as the first position) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^{n_1-3b+1} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \{((n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \} \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{i=n_1-3b+1+k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=k_3}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \{((n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \} \}. \quad (19)
 \end{aligned}$$



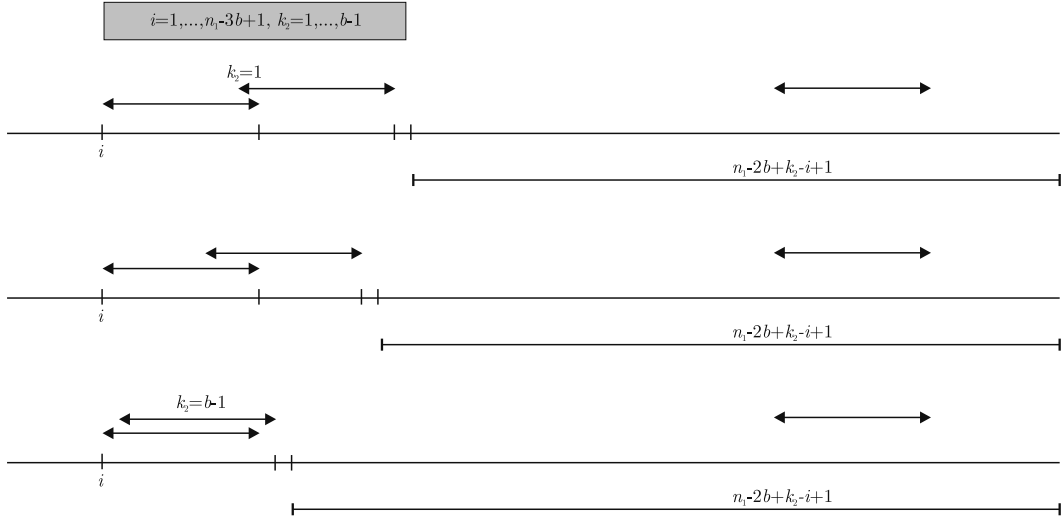
**Proof of Lemma 1.** Consider a vector of length  $n_1$ . When first non-zero component during the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  selected together from  $2b - 1$  or less components (but from  $b + 1$  or more) is at the first position then the single low-density burst of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less is in the remaining  $n_1 - 2b + k_2$  components,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ . When first non-zero component is at the  $i$ -th position then the single low-density burst is in the remaining  $n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1$  components, where  $1 \leq i \leq n_1 - 3b + 1$ . The number for the selection of  $\delta_p$  and  $\beta_r$  is  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$  as in case 3. The number of single low-density bursts of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less in a vector of length  $(n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1)$  (not including vector of all zeros) is (Dass (1983))

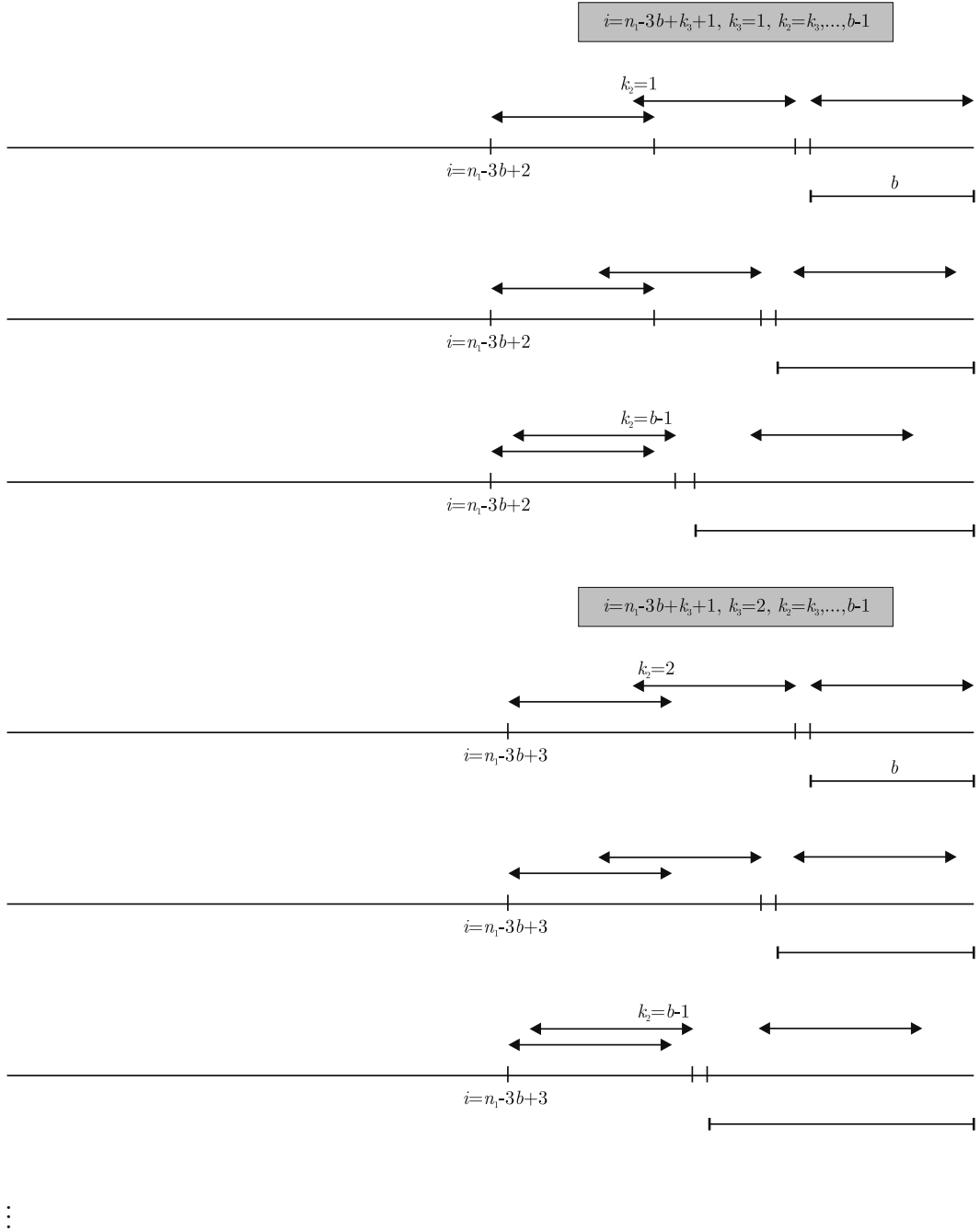
$$((n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}.$$

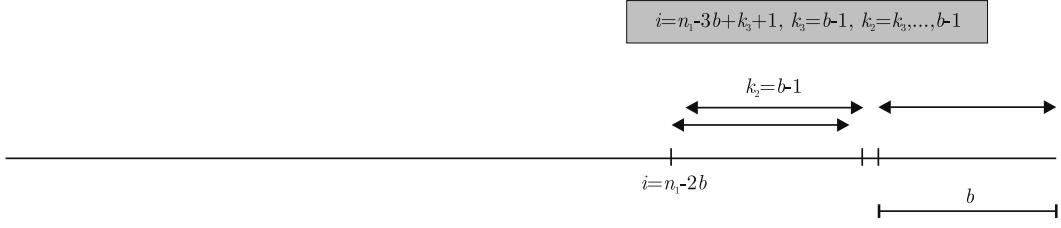
Summing on  $i$ , the number of such vectors is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_1-3b+1} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \times \{((n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\}\} \right\}. \quad (20)$$

Also, when  $i$  takes the value  $n_1 - 3b + 2$ ,  $k_2$  can take values  $1, \dots, b - 1$ , then the single low-density burst of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less is in the remaining  $n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1$ , i.e., when  $i$  takes the value  $n_1 - 3b + k_3 + 1$ ,  $1 \leq k_3 \leq b - 1$ , with  $k_3 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ , then single low-density burst of length  $b$ (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less is in the remaining  $n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1$  components.







Therefore, further summing on  $i$  we get

$$\sum_{\substack{i=n_1-3b+k_3+1 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=k_3}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\ \left. \times \{((n_1 - 2b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \} \right\}. \quad (21)$$

Thus, the total number of such vectors is

$$(\text{expr. (20)}) + (\text{expr. (21)}) \quad (22)$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 1.

Now, total number of choices of coefficients  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell$  and  $\delta_p$  in a vector of length  $j - b$  turns out to be (using Lemma 1)

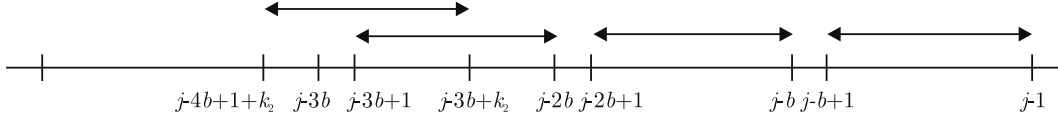
$$\sum_{i=1}^{(j-b)-3b+1} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\ \left. \times \{((j - 3b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \} \right\} \\ + \sum_{\substack{i=(j-b)-3b+1+k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}} \left\{ \sum_{k_2=k_3}^{b-1} \{L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\ \left. \times \{((j - 3b + k_2 - i + 1) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}\} \} \right\}. \quad (23)$$

Therefore, the number of choices of all the coefficients is

$$(\text{expr. (18)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (23)}). \quad (24)$$



**Case 5.** When the  $h_r$  and  $h_\ell$  are selected together from  $2b - 1$  or fewer columns (but from  $b + 1$  or more) from amongst the columns  $h_1, \dots, h_{j-2b}$ , i.e, suppose the columns are selected from  $h_{j-4b+k_2+1}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  such that all  $h_r$  are neither taken from  $h_{j-4b+k_2+1}, \dots, h_{j-3b}$  nor from  $h_{j-3b+1}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$ , the columns  $h_\ell$  are selected from  $h_{j-3b+1}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  and the columns  $h_p$  are selected from  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ , ( $1 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ ).



In this case, the number of ways in which the coefficients  $\alpha_j$  can be selected is

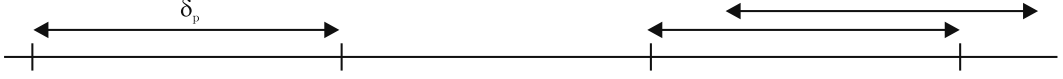
$$[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (25)$$

The coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  are selected as in case 3 which gives us  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$ . To enumerate the total number of choices of the coefficients  $\delta_p$  along with  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  we prove the following Lemma 2.

**Lemma 2.**  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$  denotes the number as in case 3 for the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$ . The number of vectors with varying starting position of  $\delta_p$  which forms single low-density burst of length  $b$  (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less (consider the position  $(j - b)$ -th as the first position) along with the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  together from  $2b - 1$  or fewer components (but from  $b + 1$  or more) in the

remaining components of the vector of length  $n_1$ , is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^{n_1-3b+1} \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1,w-1)}) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ ((n_1-b-i+1)-2b+1) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\} \left. \right\} \\
 & \quad + \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1,w-1)}) \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\}. \quad (26)
 \end{aligned}$$

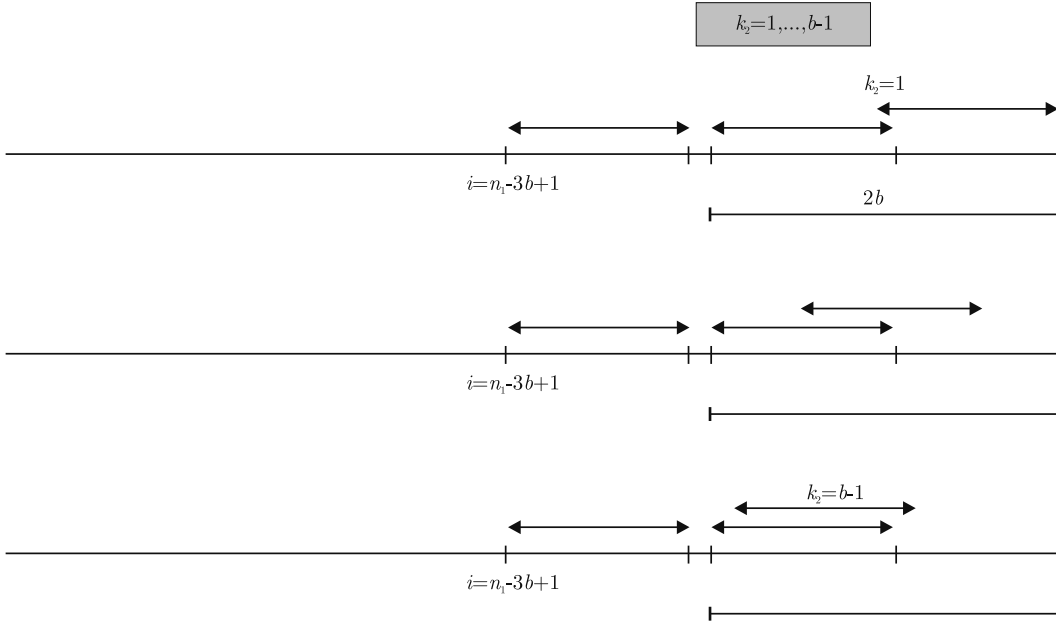


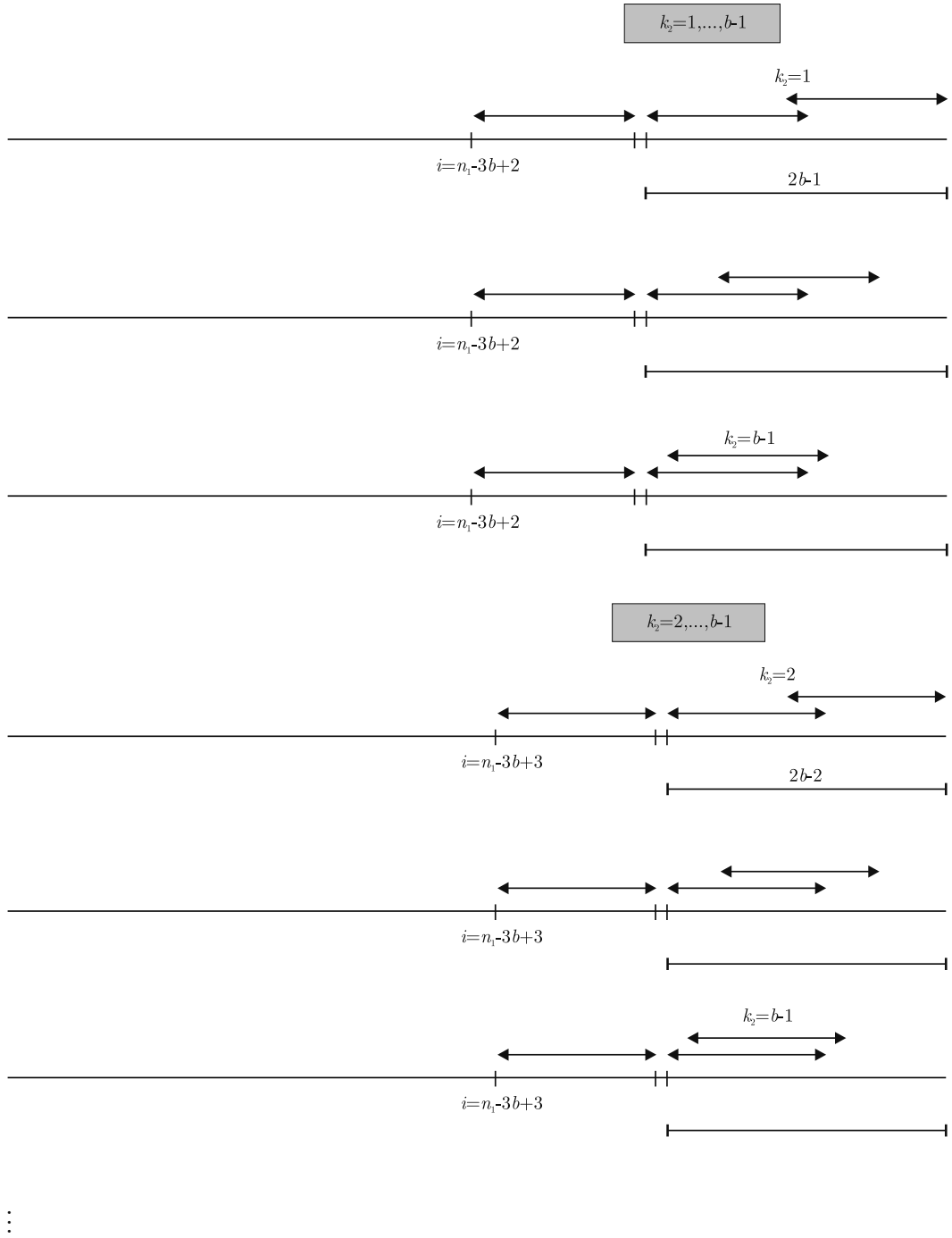
**Proof of Lemma 2.** Consider a vector of length  $n_1$ . When the first non-zero component of  $\delta_p$  is at the first position then the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  is made (together from  $2b-1$  or fewer but from  $b+1$  or more components) from the remaining  $n_1-b$  components. When the first non-zero component of  $\delta_p$  is at the  $i$ -th position then the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  together is made from the remaining  $n_1-b-i+1$  components,  $1 \leq i \leq n_1-3b+1$ .

Summing on  $i$ , the number of such vectors is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^{n_1-3b+1} \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1,w-1)}) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ ((n_1-b-i+1)-2b+1) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\} \left. \right\}. \quad (27)
 \end{aligned}$$

Further, when  $i$  takes the value  $n_1 - 3b + 2$ , the selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  is made from the remaining  $n_1 - b - (n_1 - 3b + 2) + 1$  i.e.,  $2b - 1$  components,  $k_2$  can take the values as  $1, \dots, b - 1$ , i.e., when  $i$  takes the value  $n_1 - 3b + k_4 + 1$ ,  $1 \leq k_4 \leq b - 1$ , selection of  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  is made from the remaining  $n_1 - b - i + 1$ ,  $k_2$  can take the values as  $k_4, \dots, b - 1$ .







Therefore, further summing on  $i$  we get

$$\sum_{\substack{i=n_1-3b+1+k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}} \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ k_2=b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\}$$

i.e.

$$\left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\}. \quad (28)$$

Thus, total number of such vectors is

$$(\text{expr. (27)}) + (\text{expr. (28)}) \quad (29)$$

which completes the proof of the Lemma 2.

Now, the number of choices of coefficients  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell$  and  $\delta_p$  in a vector of length

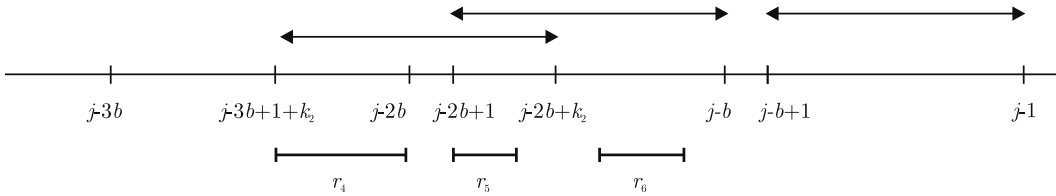
$j - b$  is obtained by replacing  $n_1$  by  $j - b$  in expression (29) giving rise to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{(j-b)-3b+1} \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \right. \\
& \quad \times \left\{ ((j-2b-i+1)-2b+1) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_3 \\ 1 \leq k_3 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right\} \Big\} \\
& \quad + \left\{ ((q-1)[1+(q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}) \right. \\
& \quad \times \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \Big\}. \tag{30}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the total number of choices of all the coefficients is

$$(\text{expr. (25)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (30)}). \tag{31}$$

**Case 6.** When the  $h_r$  and  $h_\ell$  are selected together from  $2b-1$  or fewer columns (but from  $b+1$  or more) from amongst the columns  $h_1, \dots, h_{j-b}$  i.e. suppose the  $h_r$  and  $h_\ell$  are selected from  $h_{j-3b+1+k_2}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ , the  $h_\ell$  are selected from  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  and the  $h_r$  are selected from  $h_{j-3b+1+k_2}, \dots, h_{j-2b+k_2}$  such that all the  $h_r$  are neither from  $h_{j-3b+1+k_2}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  nor from  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ ,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b-1$ .



In this case, the number of ways in which the coefficients  $\alpha_j$  can be selected is

$$[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (32)$$

The number of ways in which the coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  are selected is  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$  (refer case 3). Further,  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  are to be selected such that the last non-zero coefficient of  $\gamma_\ell$  can take position  $j - b, j - b - 1, \dots, b + 1$  in a vector of length  $j - b$ .

To enumerate total number of choices of the coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  we prove the following Lemma 3 (consider the position  $(j - b)$ -th as the first position).

**Lemma 3.**  $L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$  represents the number as in case 3 for the selection of  $\gamma_\ell$  and  $\beta_r$ . The number of such vectors with the varying starting position of  $\gamma_\ell$  in a vector of length  $n_1$  is

$$(n_1 - 2b + 1) \left( \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right) + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6). \quad (33)$$

**Proof of Lemma 3.** Consider a vector of length  $n_1$ . The first non-zero component can take the position  $i = 1, \dots, n_1 - b$ . Obviously, for  $i = 1, \dots, n_1 - 2b + 1$ ,  $k_2$  can take values as  $1 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$  and for  $i = n_1 - 2b + 2, \dots, n_1 - b$  i.e. for  $i = n_1 - 2b + 1 + k_4$ ,  $1 \leq k_4 \leq b - 1$ ,  $k_2$  can take values as  $k_4 \leq k_2 \leq b - 1$ . Thus total number of such vectors is

$$(n_1 - 2b + 1) \left( \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) \right) + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6)$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 3.

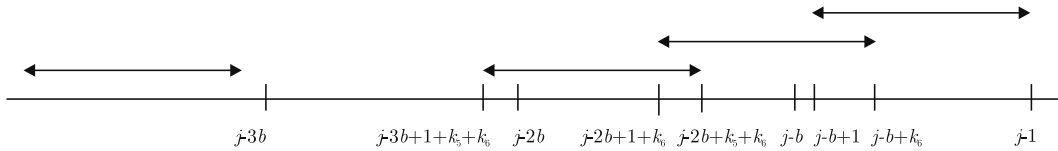
Now the number of choices of the coefficients  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_\ell$  in a vector of length  $j - b$  can be obtained by replacing  $n_1$  by  $j - b$  in expression (33) which gives

$$(j - 3b + 1) \sum_{k_2=1}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6) + \sum_{\substack{k_2=k_4 \\ 1 \leq k_4 \leq b-1}}^{b-1} L_1(b, k_2, r_4, r_5, r_6). \quad (34)$$

Therefore, total number of choices of all the coefficients is

$$(\text{expr. (32)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (34)}). \quad (35)$$

**Case 7.** When the  $h_r$ ,  $h_p$  and  $h_j$  are selected together from  $3b - 3$  or fewer columns (but from  $2b - 1$  or more) i.e. the  $h_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  with the last  $h_p$  among  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  and the  $h_r$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-3b+3}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  with the last  $h_r$  among  $h_{j-2b+1+k_6}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  (depending on the selection of  $h_p$ 's),  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1$ , together with the  $h_\ell$  being selected from some  $b$  consecutive columns from the first  $j - 3b + 1 + k_7$  columns,  $1 \leq k_7 \leq b - 1$  (depending upon the  $b$  consecutive columns from which  $h_r$ 's are selected).



In this case, the coefficients  $\delta_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components, which starts from  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_6)$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j - b + k_6)$ -th component. The coefficients  $\beta_r$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components, which starts from  $(j - 3b + 1 + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component which may



continue obviously upto  $(j - 2b + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component,  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1$ ,  $1 \leq k_5 \leq b - k_6$ . Suppose  $k_5 + k_6 - 1 = k_7$ .

Our main objective is to select  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - 3b + 1 + k_5 + k_6, \dots, j - 2b + k_5 + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,  $(j - 2b + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component is non-zero,  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - 2b + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - b + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,  $(j - b + k_6)$ -th component is non-zero and  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - b + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions. Also we have to select the coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$  which appear as  $w$  or less non-zero components from a set of  $b$  consecutive components among the first  $j - 3b + k_5 + k_6$  components where  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1$ ,  $1 \leq k_5 \leq b - k_6$ .

In order to do so, let us choose

$r_7$  components from the  $(j - 3b + 1 + k_5 + k_6, \dots, j - 2b + k_6)$ -th positions,

$r_8$  components from the  $(j - 2b + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - 2b + k_5 + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,

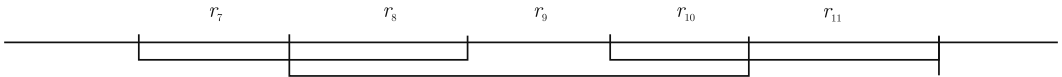
$r_9$  components from the  $(j - 2b + k_5 + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - b)$ -th positions,

$r_{10}$  components from the  $(j - b + 1, \dots, j - b + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,

$r_{11}$  components from the  $(j - b + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions,

where

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq r_7 \leq w - 1, \quad 0 \leq r_8 \leq 2w - 2, \quad 0 \leq r_9 \leq w - 1, \quad 0 \leq r_{10} \leq 2w - 2, \\ 0 \leq r_{11} \leq w - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$



Keeping in view the situations considered in cases 1, 2 and 4,  $r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}$

should be such that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{10} + r_{11} &\geq w - 1, r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} \geq 2w - 2, \\ r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} &\leq 3w - 3. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Such a selection of coefficients give us

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b - k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5 - 1}{r_8} \binom{b - k_5 - k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6 - 1}{r_{10}} \\ \times \binom{b - k_6 - 1}{r_{11}} (q - 1)^{r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11}} \end{aligned}$$

possible linear combinations where  $r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}$  each satisfy the constraints stated in (36) and (37). The  $(j - 2b + k_5 + k_6)$ -th and  $(j - b + k_6)$ -th components can be selected in  $(q - 1)$  ways each, therefore selection of coefficients give us

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b - k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5 - 1}{r_8} \binom{b - k_5 - k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6 - 1}{r_{10}} \\ \times \binom{b - k_6 - 1}{r_{11}} (q - 1)^{r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} + 2}. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Now to select the coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$  it is equivalent to enumerate the single low-density burst of length  $b$  (fixed) with weight  $w$  or less in a vector of length  $j - 3b + k_5 + k_6$ , which gives us (Dass (1983))

$$1 + ((j - 3b + k_5 + k_6) - b + 1)(q - 1)[1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (39)$$

Therefore, in this case total number of choices of coefficients turns out to be

$$\sum_{\substack{k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} (\text{expr. (38)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (39)}). \quad (40)$$

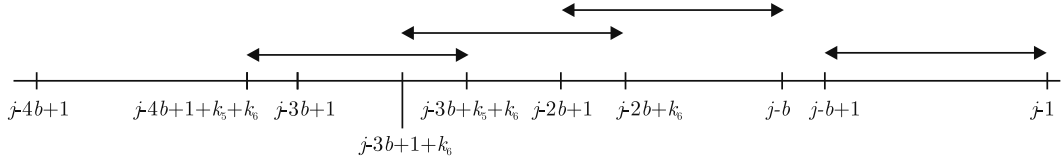
The expression

$$\sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b-k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5-1}{r_8} \binom{b-k_5-k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6-1}{r_{10}} \\ \times \binom{b-k_6-1}{r_{11}} (q-1)^{r_7+r_8+r_9+r_{10}+r_{11}+2}$$

with constraints stated in (36) and (37) is denoted as

$$L_2(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}).$$

**Case 8.** When the  $h_\ell, h_r, h_p$  are selected together from  $3b-2$  or fewer columns (but from  $2b$  or more) from amongst the first  $j-b$  columns, i.e., suppose the  $h_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b}$ , the  $h_r$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-3b+2}, \dots, h_{j-b-1}$  with the last  $h_r$  among  $h_{j-2b+1}, \dots, h_{j-b-1}$  and the  $h_\ell$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-4b+3}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  with last column  $h_\ell$  among  $h_{j-3b+1+k_6}, \dots, h_{j-2b}$  (depending on the selection of  $h_r$ 's),  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1$ .



In this case, the number of ways in which the coefficients  $\alpha_j$  can be selected is

$$[1 + (q-1)]^{(b-1, w-1)}. \quad (41)$$

The coefficients  $\delta_p$  are selected as  $w$  or less non-zero components from  $b$  consecutive components starting from  $(j-2b+1)$ -th component which may obviously

continue upto  $(j - b)$ -th component. The coefficients  $\beta_r$  are selected from the components starting from  $(j - 3b + 1 + k_6)$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j - 2b + k_6)$ -th component ( $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1$ ) as  $w$  or less non-zero components from  $b$  consecutive components. The coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$  are selected as  $w$  or less non-zero components from  $(j - 4b + 1 + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j - 3b + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component,  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1, 1 \leq k_5 \leq b - k_6$ .

Our main objective is to select  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - 4b + 1 + k_5 + k_6, \dots, j - 3b + k_5 + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions, the  $(j - 3b + k_5 + k_6)$ -th component is non-zero,  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - 3b + 1 + k_6, \dots, j - 2b + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions, the  $(j - 2b + k_6)$ -th component is non-zero, and  $w - 1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j - 2b + 1, \dots, j - b - 1)$ -th positions, the  $(j - b)$ -th component is non-zero. Following the procedure for the selection of coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$ ,  $\beta_r$  and  $\delta_p$  as in case 7, with the selection of  $(j - b)$ -th component in  $(q - 1)$  ways, we get the expression as

$$\sum_{\substack{r_7, r_8, r_9, \\ r_{10}, r_{11}}} \binom{b - k_5}{r_7} \binom{k_5 - 1}{r_8} \binom{b - k_5 - k_6}{r_9} \binom{k_6 - 1}{r_{10}} \times \binom{b - k_6 - 1}{r_{11}} (q - 1)^{r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} + 3} \quad (42)$$

where

$r_7$  components are chosen from the  $(j - 4b + 1 + k_5 + k_6, \dots, j - 3b + k_6)$ -th positions,

$r_8$  components are chosen from the  $(j - 3b + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - 3b + k_5 + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,

$r_9$  components are chosen from the  $(j - 3b + k_5 + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - 2b)$ -th positions,

$r_{10}$  components are chosen from the  $(j - 2b + 1, \dots, j - 2b + k_6 - 1)$ -th positions,

$r_{11}$  components are chosen from the  $(j - 2b + k_6 + 1, \dots, j - b - 1)$ -th positions,

where

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq r_7 \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_8 \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_9 \\ \leq w-1, 0 \leq r_{10} \leq 2w-2, 0 \leq r_{11} \leq w-1. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Keeping in view the situations considered in cases 1, 4 and 5,  $r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}$  should be such that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{10} + r_{11} \geq w-1, \quad r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} \geq 2w-2, \\ r_7 + r_8 + r_9 + r_{10} + r_{11} \leq 3w-3. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

The (expr. (42)) with constraints stated in (43) and (44) is denoted by  $L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11})$ .

The non-zero component at  $(j-b)$ -th position during the selection of coefficients, can take positions  $(j-b), (j-b-1), \dots, 2b$ .

Total number of ways in which  $\beta_r, \gamma_\ell$  and  $\delta_p$  are selected is

$$\begin{aligned} ((j-b) - 3b + 3) \sum_{\substack{k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\ + \sum_{\substack{i_1, k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq i_1 \leq b-2 \\ i_1+1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \\ + \sum_{\substack{i_1, k_5, k_6 \\ 1 \leq i_1 \leq b-2 \\ 1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1 \\ i_1+1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6}} L_3(b, k_5, k_6, r_7, r_8, r_9, r_{10}, r_{11}) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

with last non-zero component during the selection of coefficients taking positions

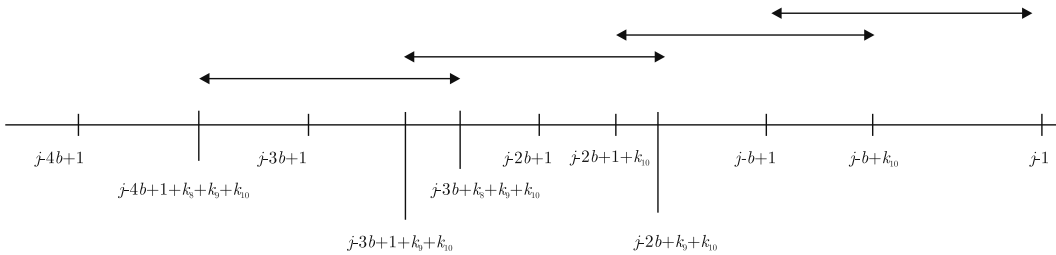
- (i)  $j-b, \dots, 3b-2$ , values of  $k_5, k_6$  varies as  $1 \leq k_6 \leq b-1, 1 \leq k_5 \leq b-k_6$ , further

- (ii) (a)  $(3b - 2 - i_1), 1 \leq i_1 \leq b - 2$  positions, values of  $k_5, k_6$  varies as  
 $i_1 + 1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1, 1 \leq k_5 \leq b - k_6$ .
- (b)  $(3b - 2 - i_1), 1 \leq i_1 \leq b - 2$  positions, values of  $k_5, k_6$  varies as  
 $1 \leq k_6 \leq b - 1, i_1 + 1 \leq k_5 \leq b - k_6$ .

Therefore, in this case total number of choices of coefficients turns out to be

$$(\text{expr. (41)}) \cdot (\text{expr. (45)}). \quad (46)$$

**Case 9.** When the  $h_\ell, h_r, h_p$  and  $h_j$  are selected together from  $4b - 4$  or fewer columns (but from  $2b$  or more), the  $h_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-2b+2}, \dots, h_{j-1}$  with the last  $h_p$  among  $h_{j-b+1}, \dots, h_{j-1}$ , the  $h_r$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns amongst  $h_{j-3b+3}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  with the last  $h_r$  among  $h_{j-2b+1+k_{10}}, \dots, h_{j-b}$  (depending on the selection of  $h_p$ 's),  $1 \leq k_{10} \leq b - 1$ , the  $h_\ell$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive columns from amongst  $h_{j-4b+4}, \dots, h_{j-2b+k_{10}}$ , with last column  $h_\ell$  among  $h_{j-3b+1+k_9+k_{10}}, \dots, h_{j-2b+k_{10}}, 1 \leq k_{10} \leq b - 1, 1 \leq k_9 \leq b - k_{10}$ , i.e., among the starting of selection of  $b$  consecutive columns for  $h_r$  upto one column before the starting of selection of  $h_p$ .



In this case, the coefficients  $\delta_p$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components which start from  $(j - 2b + 1 + k_{10})$ -th component and may obviously continue upto  $(j - b + k_{10})$ -th component,

$1 \leq k_{10} \leq b-1$ . The coefficients  $\beta_r$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components which start from  $(j-3b+1+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component and may obviously continue upto  $(j-2b+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component,  $1 \leq k_{10} \leq b-1, 1 \leq k_9 \leq b-k_{10}$ . The coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$  are selected from  $b$  consecutive components as  $w$  or less non-zero components which start from  $(j-4b+1+k_8+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component which may obviously continue upto  $(j-3b+k_8+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component,  $1 \leq k_{10} \leq b-1, 1 \leq k_9 \leq b-k_{10}, 1 \leq k_8 \leq b-k_9$ .

Our main objective is to select  $w-1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j-4b+1+k_8+k_9+k_{10}, \dots, j-3b+k_8+k_9+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions, the  $(j-3b+k_8+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component is non-zero,  $w-1$  or less non-zero components among  $(j-3b+1+k_9+k_{10}, \dots, j-2b+k_9+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions, the  $(j-2b+k_9+k_{10})$ -th component is non-zero,  $w-1$  or less non-zero components among  $(j-2b+1+k_{10}, \dots, j-b+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions, the  $(j-b+k_{10})$ -th component is non-zero and  $w-1$  or less non-zero components amongst  $(j-b+1, \dots, j-1)$ -th positions.

In order to do so, let us choose

$r_{12}$  components from the  $(j-4b+1+k_8+k_9+k_{10}, \dots, j-3b+k_9+k_{10})$ -th positions,

$r_{13}$  components from the  $(j-3b+k_9+k_{10}+1, \dots, j-3b+k_8+k_9+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions,

$r_{14}$  components from the  $(j-3b+k_8+k_9+k_{10}+1, \dots, j-2b+k_{10})$ -th positions,

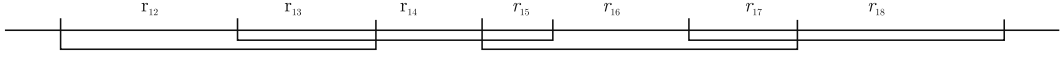
$r_{15}$  components from the  $(j-2b+k_{10}+1, \dots, j-2b+k_9+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions,

$r_{16}$  components from the  $(j-2b+k_9+k_{10}+1, \dots, j-b)$ -th positions,

$r_{17}$  components from the  $(j-b+1, \dots, j-b+k_{10}-1)$ -th positions,

$r_{18}$  components from the  $(j - b + k_{10} + 1, \dots, j - 1)$ -th positions, where

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq r_{12} \leq w - 1, 0 \leq r_{13} \leq 2w - 2, 0 \leq r_{14} \leq w - 1, \\ 0 \leq r_{15} \leq 2w - 2, 0 \leq r_{16} \leq w - 1, 0 \leq r_{17} \leq 2w - 2, 0 \leq r_{18} \leq w - 1. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$



Keeping in view the situations considered in cases 3, 7 and 8,  $r_{12}$ ,  $r_{13}$ ,  $r_{14}$ ,  $r_{15}$ ,  $r_{16}$ ,  $r_{17}$ ,  $r_{18}$  should be such that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{17} + r_{18} &\geq w - 1, r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} \geq 2w - 2, \\ r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} &\geq 3w - 3, \\ r_{12} + r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} &\leq 4w - 4. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Such a selection of coefficients give us

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r_{12}, r_{13}, \dots, r_{18}} \binom{b - k_8}{r_{12}} \binom{k_8 - 1}{r_{13}} \binom{b - k_8 - k_9}{r_{14}} \binom{k_9 - 1}{r_{15}} \binom{b - k_9 - k_{10}}{r_{16}} \\ \times \binom{k_{10} - 1}{r_{17}} \binom{b - k_{10} - 1}{r_{18}} (q - 1)^{r_{12} + r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18}} \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

possible linear combinations where  $r_{12}, \dots, r_{18}$  each satisfy the constraints stated in (47) and (48). The  $(j - b + k_{10})$ -th,  $(j - 2b + k_9 + k_{10})$ -th and  $(j - 3b + k_8 + k_9 + k_{10})$ -th components can be selected in  $(q - 1)$  ways each, therefore selection of coefficients give us

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{k_8, k_9, k_{10} \\ 1 \leq k_{10} \leq b-1 \\ 1 \leq k_9 \leq b-k_{10} \\ 1 \leq k_8 \leq b-k_9}} \sum_{r_{12}, \dots, r_{18}} \binom{b - k_8}{r_{12}} \binom{k_8 - 1}{r_{13}} \binom{b - k_8 - k_9}{r_{14}} \binom{k_9 - 1}{r_{15}} \binom{b - k_9 - k_{10}}{r_{16}} \\ \times \binom{k_{10} - 1}{r_{17}} \binom{b - k_{10} - 1}{r_{18}} (q - 1)^{r_{12} + r_{13} + r_{14} + r_{15} + r_{16} + r_{17} + r_{18} + 3}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$



The expression

$$\sum_{r_{12}, \dots, r_{18}} \binom{b-k_8}{r_{12}} \binom{k_8-1}{r_{13}} \binom{b-k_8-k_9}{r_{14}} \binom{k_9-1}{r_{15}} \binom{b-k_9-k_{10}}{r_{16}} \\ \times \binom{k_{10}-1}{r_{17}} \binom{b-k_{10}-1}{r_{18}} (q-1)^{r_{12}+r_{13}+r_{14}+r_{15}+r_{16}+r_{17}+r_{18}+3}$$

with constraints stated in (47) and (48) is denoted by

$$L_4(b, k_8, k_9, k_{10}, r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{14}, r_{15}, r_{16}, r_{17}, r_{18}).$$

Thus, the total number of possible combinations that  $h_j$  cannot be equal to, is

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{expr. (7)}) + (\text{expr. (12)}) + (\text{expr. (17)}) \\ & + (\text{expr. (24)}) + (\text{expr. (31)}) + (\text{expr. (35)}) \\ & + (\text{expr. (40)}) + (\text{expr. (46)}) + (\text{expr. (50)}). \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

At worst, all these linear combinations may yield a distinct sum. Therefore a column  $h_j$  can be added to  $H'$  provided that

$$q^{n-k} > (\text{expr. (51)}). \quad (52)$$

Now reverse the columns of  $H'$  to obtain the requisite parity-check matrix  $H = [H_1, H_2 \dots H_n], (h_i \rightarrow H_{n-i+1})$ . Thus, to achieve code of length  $n$ , replace  $j$  by  $n$  which gives the result.

**Remark 1.** The result just obtained holds for  $w \leq b$ . If we take  $w = b$ , the weight consideration over the burst becomes redundant. The situations giving rise to the expressions except (expr. (7)) does not arise. The bound

then reduces to

$$q^{n-k} > [1 + (q - 1)]^{(b-1, b-1)} \times \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^3 \binom{n - (i+1)b + i}{i} (q - 1)^i [1 + (q - 1)]^{i(b-1, b-1)} \right\}$$

i.e.

$$q^{n-k} > q^{b-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^3 \binom{n - (i+1)b + i}{i} (q - 1)^i q^{i(b-1)} \right\}$$

which coincides with a result due to Dass, Garg and Zannetti (2008b), when bursts considered are 2-repeated bursts of length  $b$ (fixed).

We conclude this section with an example.

**Example 1.** Consider the following  $12 \times 16$  matrix over GF(2)

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This matrix has been constructed by the synthesis procedure outlined in the proof of Theorem 1 by taking  $b = 3$  and  $w = 2$ . Considered as a parity-check matrix, this matrix gives rise to a  $(16, 4)$  binary code. It can be seen from Table 1 that the syndromes of bursts of length 3(fixed) with weight 2 or less are distinct, showing thereby that the code that is the null space of the matrix

given in the example corrects all bursts of length 3(fixed) with weight 2 or less. It should be noted that this code does not correct all bursts of length 3(fixed) with weight 3, e.g.,

(0000000011100111) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000000001000),  
(0000000000101111) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000011000000),  
(0000000011000111) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000000101000),  
(0000000011100101) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000000001010),  
(0000000011101010) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000000000101),  
(0000000011101000) as its syndrome is the same as that of (1100000000000111).

**Table 1**  
**Syndromes of Correctable error-vectors**

Error vectors	Syndromes
0000000000000000	000000000000
1000000000000000	011111111001
1001000000000000	010111111001
1000100000000000	011011111001
1000010000000000	011101111001
1000001000000000	011110111001
1000000100000000	011111011001
1000000010000000	011111101001
1000000001000000	011111110001
1000000000100000	011111111001
1000000000010000	011111111011
1000000000001000	011111111000
1000000000000100	111011011101
1001100000000000	010011111001
1000110000000000	011001111001
1000011000000000	011100111001
1000001100000000	011110011001
1000000110000000	011111001001
1000000011000000	011111100001
1000000001100000	011111110101
1000000000110000	011111111111
1000000000011000	011111111010
1000000000001100	111011011100
1000000000000110	101001001111
1001010000000000	010101111001
1000101000000000	011010111001
1000010100000000	011101011001
1000001010000000	011110101001
1000000101000000	011111010001
1000000010100000	011111101101
1000000001010000	011111110011
1000000000101000	011111111100
1000000000010100	111011011111
1000000000001010	001101101010

Error vectors	Syndromes
1000000000000101	110010010100
1100000000000000	111111100010
1101000000000000	110111100010
1100100000000000	111011100010
1100010000000000	111101100010
1100001000000000	111110100010
1100000100000000	111111000010
1100000010000000	111111110010
1100000001000000	111111101010
1100000000100000	111111100110
1100000000010000	111111100000
1100000000001000	111111100011
1100000000000100	011011000110
1101100000000000	110011100010
1100110000000000	111001100010
1100011000000000	111100100010
1100001100000000	111110000010
1100000110000000	111111010010
1100000011000000	111111110101
1100000001100000	111111101110
1100000000110000	111111100100
1100000000011000	111111100001
1100000000001100	011011000111
1100000000000110	001001010100
1101010000000000	110101100010
1100101000000000	111010100010
1100010100000000	111101000010
1100001010000000	111110110010
1100000101000000	111111001010
1100000010100000	111111110110
1100000001010000	111111101000
1100000000101000	111111100111
1100000000010100	011011000100
1100000000001010	101101110001

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Error vectors	Syndromes
1100000000000101	010010001111
1010000000000000	001111111011
1011000000000000	000111111011
1010100000000000	001011111011
1010010000000000	001101111011
1010001000000000	001110111011
1010000100000000	001111011011
1010000010000000	001111101011
1010000001000000	001111110011
1010000000100000	001111111111
1010000000010000	001111111001
1010000000001000	001111111010
1010000000000100	101011011111
1011100000000000	000011111011
1010110000000000	001001111011
1010011000000000	001100111011
1010001100000000	001110011011
1010000110000000	001111001011
1010000011000000	001111100011
1010000001100000	001111110111
1010000000110000	001111111101
1010000000011000	001111111000
1010000000001100	101011011110
1010000000000110	111001001101
1011010000000000	000101111011
1010101000000000	001010111011
1010010100000000	001101011011
1010001010000000	001110101011
1010000101000000	001111010011
1010000010100000	001111110111
1010000001010000	001111110001
1010000000101000	001111111110
1010000000010100	101011011101
1010000000001010	011101101000
1010000000000101	100010010110
0100000000000000	100000011011
0100100000000000	100100011011

Error vectors	Syndromes
0100010000000000	100010011011
0100001000000000	100001011011
0100000100000000	100000111011
0100000010000000	100000001011
0100000001000000	100000010011
0100000000100000	100000011111
0100000000010000	100000011001
0100000000001000	100000011010
0100000000000100	000100111111
0100110000000000	100110011011
0100011000000000	100011011011
0100001100000000	100001111011
0100000110000000	100000101011
0100000011000000	100000000011
0100000001100000	100000010111
0100000000110000	100000011101
0100000000011000	100000011000
0100000000001100	000100111110
0100000000000110	010110101101
0100101000000000	100101011011
0100010100000000	100010111011
0100001010000000	100001001011
0100000101000000	100000110011
0100000010100000	100000001111
0100000001010000	100000010001
0100000000101000	100000011110
0100000000010100	000100111101
0100000000001010	110010001000
0100000000000101	001101110110
0110000000000000	110000011001
0110100000000000	110100011001
0110010000000000	110010011001
0110001000000000	110001011001
0110000100000000	110000111001
0110000010000000	110000001001
0110000001000000	110000010001
0110000000100000	110000011101

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Error vectors	Syndromes
0110000000010000	110000011011
0110000000001000	110000011000
0110000000000100	010100111101
0110110000000000	110110011001
0110011000000000	110011011001
0110001100000000	110001111001
0110000110000000	110000101001
0110000011000000	110000000001
0110000001100000	110000010101
0110000000110000	110000011111
0110000000011000	110000011010
0110000000001100	010100111100
0110000000000110	000110101111
0110101000000000	110101011001
0110010100000000	110010111001
0110001010000000	110001001001
0110000101000000	110000110001
0110000010100000	110000001101
0110000001010000	110000010011
0110000000101000	110000011100
0110000000010100	010100111111
0110000000001010	100010001010
0110000000000101	011101110100
0101000000000000	101000011011
0101100000000000	101100011011
0101010000000000	101010011011
0101001000000000	101001011011
0101000100000000	101000111011
0101000010000000	101000001011
0101000001000000	101000010011
0101000000100000	101000011111
0101000000010000	101000011001
0101000000001000	101000011010
0101000000000100	001100111111
0101110000000000	101110011011
0101011000000000	101011011011
0101001100000000	101001111011

Error vectors	Syndromes
0101000110000000	101000101011
0101000011000000	101000000011
0101000001100000	101000010111
0101000000110000	101000011101
0101000000011000	101000011000
0101000000001100	001100111110
0101000000000110	011110101101
0101101000000000	101101011011
0101010100000000	101010111011
0101001010000000	101001001011
0101000101000000	101000110011
0101000010100000	101000001111
0101000001010000	101000010001
0101000000101000	101000011110
0101000000010100	001100111101
0101000000001010	111010001000
0101000000000101	000101110110
0010000000000000	010000000010
0010010000000000	010010000010
0010001000000000	010001000010
0010000100000000	010000100010
0010000010000000	010000010010
0010000001000000	010000001100
0010000000100000	010000000110
0010000000010000	010000000000
0010000000001000	010000000011
0010000000000100	110100100110
0010011000000000	010011000010
0010001100000000	010001100010
0010000110000000	010000110010
0010000011000000	010000011010
0010000001100000	010000001110
0010000000110000	010000000100
0010000000011000	010000000001
0010000000001100	110100100111
0010000000000110	100110110100
0010010100000000	010010100010

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Error vectors	Syndromes
0010001010000000	010001010010
0010000101000000	010000101010
0010000010100000	010000010110
0010000001010000	010000001000
0010000000101000	010000000111
0010000000010100	110100100100
0010000000001010	000010010001
0010000000000101	111101101111
0011000000000000	011000000010
0011010000000000	011010000010
0011001000000000	011001000010
0011000100000000	011000100010
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Error vectors	Syndromes
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0001000000001000	001000000001
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0000110000001010	010100010011
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0000010000010100	100110100110

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Error vectors	Syndromes
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# Stability of Additive Mappings In Generalized Normed Spaces \*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the concept of a Generalized normed space and prove a theorem for existence of an additive mapping in this space. We show that our results extend some of the known results in literature.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

It is well known that the Ulam's [12] question in 1940: "Under what conditions does there exist an additive mapping near an approximately additive mapping?", is the origin of the stability problem of functional equations. Many authors have extended, generalized and improved the answer to Ulam's question such as, Hyers [4] in the context of Banach space, K. Ravi, R. Murali and M. Arunkumar [10] for quadratic functional equation, T. Aoki [1] for additive mappings and Th.M. Rassias [8] for linear mappings in 1978 by considering the unbounded Cauchy difference. It states as follows:

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**Theorem 1.1.** ([8]) Let  $E, E'$  be two Banach spaces and let  $\theta \in [0, \infty)$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$ . If a function  $f : E \longrightarrow E'$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta[\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p]$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : E \longrightarrow E'$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{2-2^p} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Moreover, if  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t$  for each fixed  $x \in E$  then  $T$  is linear.

In the following theorem J. M. Rassias replaced the sum by the product of powers of norms.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([7]) Let  $f : E \longrightarrow E'$  be a mapping from a normed vector space  $E$  into a Banach space  $E'$  subject to the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^p \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 \leq p \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Then the limit

$$L(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $L : E \longrightarrow E'$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|f(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2-2^{2p}} \|x\|^{2p} \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . If  $p < 0$ , then the inequality (1.1) holds for  $x, y \neq 0$  and (1.2) for  $x \neq 0$ . If  $p > \frac{1}{2}$  then the inequality (1.1) holds for  $x, y \in E$  and the limit

$$A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $A : E \longrightarrow E'$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2p}-2} \|x\|^{2p}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . If in addition  $f : E \longrightarrow E'$  is a mapping such that the transformation  $t \rightarrow f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in E$ , then  $L$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping.



Also, the topic of stability of functional equations has been studied by a number of mathematicians (see [6, 2, 3, 9, 5] for more detailed information). Before giving the main results, we recall the definition of normed-binary operation and some examples and lemmas were used in [11].

**Definition 1.3.** ([11]) A normed-binary operation is a mapping  $\diamond : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\diamond$  is associative and commutative,
- (ii)  $\diamond$  is continuous,
- (iii)  $a \diamond 0 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, \infty)$ ,
- (iv)  $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ , for each  $a, b, c, d \in [0, \infty)$ .

**Example 1.4.** ([11]) Let  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ . Five typical examples of  $\diamond$  are:

- (a)  $a \diamond_1 b = \max\{a, b\}$
- (b)  $a \diamond_2 b = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
- (c)  $a \diamond_3 b = a + b$
- (d)  $a \diamond_4 b = ab + a + b$
- (e)  $a \diamond_5 b = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2$ .

For  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ , straight forward calculations lead to the following relations among normed binary operations giving above

$$a \diamond_1 b \leq a \diamond_2 b \leq a \diamond_3 b \leq a \diamond_4 b,$$

and

$$a \diamond_3 b \leq a \diamond_5 b.$$

The following lemma defines a normed binary operation exploiting some properties of a self map on  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** ([11]) Let  $f : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous, onto, and increasing map. Let  $\diamond : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined by

$$a \diamond b = f^{-1}(f(a) + f(b)) \text{ for } a, b \in [0, \infty),$$

then  $\diamond$  is a normed binary operation.

**Example 1.6.** ([11]) Let  $f : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $f(x) = e^x - 1$ . Then  $a \diamond b = \ln(e^a + e^b - 1)$  for  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$  defines a normed binary operation.

We have the following simple observations about normed binary operation.

**Lemma 1.7.** ([11]) (i) If  $r, r' \geq 0$ , then  $r \leq r \diamond r'$ .

(ii) If  $\delta \in (0, r)$ , there exist  $\delta' \in (0, r)$  such that  $\delta' \diamond \delta < r$ .

(iii) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta \diamond \delta < \varepsilon$ .

In this paper all vector spaces are real.

Now we are set to generalize the concept of a normed space.

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $X$  be vector space and  $\diamond$  be a binary operation. A generalized norm on  $X$  is a function:  $N : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $N(x) \geq 0$  for each  $x$  in  $X$ ,
- (2)  $N(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
- (3)  $N(\alpha x) = |\alpha|^t N(x)$  for some  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , for each  $x$  in  $X$  and every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (4)  $N(x + y) \leq N(x) \diamond N(y)$ , for each  $x, y \in X$ .

The 3-tuple  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is called a generalized normed space or a  $G$ -normed space.

**Example 1.9.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space,  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ , and  $x \in X$ . If we define  $\diamond : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,

(i)  $a \diamond b = a + b$ , and  $N$  is defined by  $N(x) = \|x\|$ , then  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a  $G$ -normed space for  $t = 1$ .

(ii)  $a \diamond b = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , and  $N$  is defined by  $N(x) = \sqrt{\|x\|}$ , then  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a  $G$ -normed space for  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(iii)  $a \diamond b = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2$ , and  $N$  is defined by  $N(x) = \|x\|^2$ , then  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a  $G$ -normed space for  $t = 2$ .

**Remark 1.10.** From Example 1.9 (i), we see that:  
every normed space is a  $G$ -normed space.

**Remark 1.11.** In (3) of Definition 1.8  $t$  is unique.

**Example 1.12.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ , if we define  $\diamond : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  
 $a \diamond b = (\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b})^4$  for  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ , and define  $N : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  
 $N(x, y) = x^4 + y^4$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
then  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a  $G$ -normed space for  $t = 4$ .

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$ -normed space. For  $r > 0$ , the ball  $B_N(x, r)$  with center  $x \in X$  and radius  $r$  is defined by

$$B_N(x, r) = \{y \in X : N(x - y) < r\}.$$

**Definition 1.14.** Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$ -normed space. A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is open if for every  $x \in A$ , there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $B_N(x, r) \subseteq A$ .

Let  $\tau$  be the set of all open subsets  $A \subseteq X$ . It can be verified that  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$ , called a topology induced by generalized norme  $N$ .

**Lemma 1.15.** *Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$  – normed space. Then*

- (i)  $N(ax) \leq N(x)$  for all real scalars  $a$  with  $|a| \leq 1$ .
- (ii) if  $X$  is convex, then we get

$$N(ax + (1 - a)y) \leq N(x) \diamond N(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and every  $a \in (0, 1)$ .

**Proof.** Proof immediately follows from Definition 1.8. □

**Definition 1.16.** Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$  – normed space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to  $x \in X$  if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq n_0 \implies N(x_n - x) < \epsilon.$$

We denote this by  $N(x_n - x) \longrightarrow 0$  as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Definition 1.17.** Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$  – normed space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N(x_n - x_m) < \epsilon$  for each  $n, m \geq n_0$ .

The generalized normed space  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is said to be generalized Banach space or  $G$  – Banach space if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $X$ .

Now we prove the following basic lemmas needed in the sequel.

**Lemma 1.18.** *Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$  – normed space. If  $r > 0$ , then the ball  $B_N(x, r)$  is open.*

**Proof.** Let  $y \in B_N(x, r)$ , so that we have  $N(x - y) < r$ . Put,  $N(x - y) = \delta$  then by Lemma 1.7 there exists  $\delta' > 0$  such that  $\delta' \diamond \delta < r$ . Now, we prove that  $B_N(y, \delta') \subseteq B_N(x, r)$ . For this, let  $z \in B_N(y, \delta')$ . By triangle inequality we have

$$N(x - z) \leq N(x - y) \diamond N(y - z) < \delta \diamond \delta' < r.$$

This implies that

$$B_N(y, \delta') \subseteq B_N(x, r).$$

Hence  $B_N(x, r)$  is an open set. □

**Lemma 1.19.** *Every  $G$  – normed space  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a Hausdorff space.*

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . If we set  $N(x - y) = r$  then for  $0 < \delta < r$  by Lemma 1.7 there exists  $0 < \delta' < r$  such that  $\delta' \diamond \delta < r$ . We prove that  $B_N(x, \delta) \cap B_N(y, \delta') = \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in B_N(x, \delta) \cap B_N(y, \delta')$ . Now, by triangle inequality, we get that

$$r = N(x - y) \leq N(x - z) \diamond N(z - y) < \delta \diamond \delta' < r,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $(X, N, \diamond)$  is a Hausdorff space.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.20.** *Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$ -normed space, then every convergent sequence in  $X$  is Cauchy in  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  which converges to  $x \in X$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$ , by Lemma 1.7 we can choose a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta \diamond \delta < \epsilon$ . Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $n \geq n_0$ , we obtain that  $N(x_n - x) < \delta$ .

Thus for every  $n, m \geq n_0$ , we have

$$N(x_n - x_m) \leq N(x_n - x) \diamond N(x - x_m) < \delta \diamond \delta < \epsilon.$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.21.** *Let  $(X, N, \diamond)$  be a  $G$ -normed space, then addition  $+: X \times X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $+(x, y) = x + y$  and scalar multiplication  $\cdot: \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $\cdot(\alpha, x) = \alpha \cdot x$  are continuous.*

**Proof.** First we prove continuity of addition. Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . By Lemma 1.7 for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta \diamond \delta < \epsilon$ . Also, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq n_0 \implies N(x_n - x) < \delta,$$

and

$$n \geq n_0 \implies N(y_n - y) < \delta.$$

By triangle inequality we have

$$N((x_n + y_n) - (x + y)) \leq N(x_n - x) \diamond N(y_n - y) < \delta \diamond \delta < \epsilon.$$

Now we prove that scalar multiplication is continuous. Let  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$ , and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  (which means that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n - x) = 0$ ).

Triangle inequality gives that

$$N(\alpha_n \cdot x_n - \alpha \cdot x) = N(\alpha_n \cdot (x_n - x) + (\alpha_n - \alpha) \cdot x) \leq |\alpha_n|^t N(x_n - x) \diamond |\alpha_n - \alpha|^t N(x).$$

and so

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(\alpha_n \cdot x_n - \alpha \cdot x) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\alpha_n|^t N(x_n - x) \diamond \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\alpha_n - \alpha|^t N(x) = 0.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n \cdot x_n = \alpha \cdot x. \quad \square$$

**Example 1.22.** Let  $a \diamond b = \max\{a, b\}$ , then there is not any  $t \in (0, \infty)$  such that

$$N(\alpha \cdot x) = |\alpha|^t \cdot N(x).$$

Because If we assume that (on contrary), there exists  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and  $N(\alpha \cdot x) = |\alpha|^t \cdot N(x)$ . Then by taking  $\alpha = 2$  we obtain:

$$|2|^t \cdot N(x) = N(2x) = N(x + x) \leq N(x) \diamond N(x) = N(x),$$

which is a contradiction.

Henceforth, we assume that the normed binary operation  $\diamond$  on  $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  satisfy the following properties:

(PI) :  $\alpha \cdot (a \diamond b) = \alpha \cdot a \diamond \alpha \cdot b$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and

(PII) : there exists  $h \geq 0$  such that  $1 \diamond 1 \diamond \cdots \diamond 1 \leq n^h$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In the following example, we give some normed binary operations  $\diamond$  on  $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  with properties (PI) and (PII).

**Example 1.23.** Let  $a \diamond b = \max\{a, b\}$  or  $a \diamond b = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  or  $a \diamond b = a + b$  or  $a \diamond b = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2$

then in each case,  $\diamond$  satisfies properties (PI) and (PII).

The next example includes a normed binary operation  $\diamond$  on  $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  which does not satisfy (PI) and (PII) properties.

**Example 1.24.** Define  $\diamond : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $a \diamond b = a + b + ab$ , for  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ . Obviously  $\diamond$  is not have (PI) and (PII) properties.

## 2. Main Results

In the rest of this paper, we will assume that  $(X, N', \diamond)$  is  $G$  - *normed* space and  $(Y, N, \diamond)$  is  $G$  - *Banach* space.

Let  $\phi$  be a function from  $X \times X$  to  $X$ . A mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is called a  $\phi$  - *approximately Cauchy function*, if

$$N(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)) \leq N'(\phi(x, y)) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$  and  $N, N'$  be usual norm. Let  $\phi$  be a function from  $X \times X \longrightarrow X$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = xy(\frac{x+y}{2})$ .

Let mapping  $f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \sin x$ . Then one can easily see that  $f$  is a  $\phi$  - *approximately Cauchy function*, because:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)| &= \left| -4 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{y}{2} \right| \\ &\leq 4 \left| \frac{x+y}{2} \cdot \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{2} \right| \\ &= \frac{|x+y| |xy|}{2} = |\phi(x, y)| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence  $f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\phi$  - *approximately Cauchy function*.

In the sequel, all binary operation  $\diamond$  satisfy  $(PI)$  and  $(PII)$  properties.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\phi : X \times X \longrightarrow X$  be a function and  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a  $\phi$  - *approximately Cauchy function* and for some  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  assume that,

$$N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2})) \leq N'(\alpha\phi(x, y))$$

then there exists an additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$ .

Moreover, if  $a \diamond b \leq a + b$  for every  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ , then

$$N(f(x) - T(x)) \leq \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $T$  is unique.

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is  $\phi$ -approximately Cauchy function, put  $x = y$  in (2.1) to obtain

$$N(f(2x) - 2f(x)) \leq N'(\phi(x, x)) \quad (x \in X) \quad (2.3)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $2^{-n-1}x$  in inequality (2.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} N(f(\frac{x}{2^n}) - 2f(\frac{x}{2^{n+1}})) &\leq N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{x}{2^{n+1}})) \\ &\leq N'(\alpha\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n})) \\ &\leq |\alpha|^t N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n})) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq |\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \end{aligned}$$

If set  $a_n(x) = 2^n f(2^{-n}x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(a_n(x) - a_{n+1}(x)) &= N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - 2^{n+1} f(2^{-n-1}x)) \\ &= 2^{nt} N(f(2^{-n}x) - 2f(2^{-n-1}x)) \\ &\leq |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \end{aligned}$$

Also for  $n \leq m$  ( $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} N(a_m(x) - a_n(x)) &\leq N(a_{n+1}(x) - a_n(x)) \diamond N(a_{n+2}(x) - a_{n+1}(x)) \\ &\quad \diamond \cdots \diamond N(a_m(x) - a_{m-1}(x)) \\ &\leq |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \diamond |2\alpha|^{(n+1)t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \\ &\quad \diamond \cdots \diamond |2\alpha|^{(m-1)t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \\ &\leq |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) (\underbrace{1 \diamond 1 \diamond \cdots 1}_{(m-1)-n}) \\ &\leq |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) (\underbrace{1 \diamond 1 \diamond \cdots 1}_m) \\ &\leq |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \cdot m^h \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that for every  $m \geq n$ , there exists  $s > 0$  such that  $m \leq n^s$ .  
Thus

$$N(a_m(x) - a_n(x)) \leq |2\alpha|^{nt} \cdot n^s \cdot N'(\phi(x, x)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Which implies that  $a_n(x) = 2^n f(2^{-n}x)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $Y$  is  $G$ -Banach space, hence, for every  $x \in X$  there exists  $y_v \in Y$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(x) = y_v(x)$ . Indeed we can define a mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(x)$ . That is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - T(x)) = 0 (x \in X).$$

Now, we show that  $T$  is an additive mapping. We have

$$\begin{aligned} N(T(x+y) - Tx - Ty) &\leq N(T(x+y) - 2^n f(2^{-n}(x+y))) \\ &\quad \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - Tx) \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}y) - Ty) \\ &\quad \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}(x+y)) - 2^n f(2^{-n}x) - 2^n f(2^{-n}y)) \\ &\leq N(T(x+y) - 2^n f(2^{-n}(x+y))) \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - Tx) \\ &\quad \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}y) - Ty) \diamond |2\alpha|^{nt} N'(\phi(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$N(T(x+y) - Tx - Ty) \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$ . Now we show that the mapping  $T$  satisfies in the inequality (2.2).

We have

$$N(f(x) - T(x)) \leq N(f(x) - 2^n f(2^{-n}x)) \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - T(x)).$$



Since

$$\begin{aligned}
N(f(x) - 2^n f(2^{-n}x)) &= N\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i f(2^{-i}x) - 2^{i+1} f(2^{-i-1}x)\right) \\
&\leq N(f(x) - 2f(2^{-1}x)) \diamond N(2f(2^{-1}x) - 2^2 f(2^{-2}x)) \\
&\quad \diamond N(2^{n-1} f(2^{n-1}x) - 2^n f(2^{-n}x)) \\
&\leq N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2})) \diamond 2^t N'(\phi(\frac{x}{4}, \frac{x}{4})) \diamond 2^{2t} N'(\phi(\frac{x}{8}, \frac{x}{8})) \\
&\quad \diamond \dots \diamond 2^{(n-1)t} N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n})) \\
&\leq \alpha^t N'(\phi(x, x)) \diamond 2^t \alpha^{2t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \diamond 2^{2t} \alpha^{3t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \\
&\quad \diamond \dots \diamond 2^{(n-1)t} \alpha^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \\
&\leq \alpha^t N'(\phi(x, x)) (1 \diamond (2\alpha)^t \diamond (2\alpha)^{2t} \diamond \dots \diamond (2\alpha)^{(n-1)t}) \\
&\leq \alpha^t N'(\phi(x, x)) (1 + (2\alpha)^t + (2\alpha)^{2t} + \dots + (2\alpha)^{(n-1)t}) \\
&\leq \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x)).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$N(f(x) - T(x)) \leq \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x)) \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - T(x)).$$

As  $n$  tends to infinity we have

$$N(f(x) - T(x)) \leq \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x)).$$

For uniqueness, suppose  $T' : X \longrightarrow X$  is another additive mapping such that  $T' \neq T$  and

$$N(f(x) - T'(x)) \leq \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x))$$

for every  $x \in X$ .

Also, since  $T$  and  $T'$  are additive we have

$$T(x) = 2^n T(2^{-n}x) \text{ and } T'(x) = 2^n T'(2^{-n}x)$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned}
N(Tx - T'x) &\leq N(2^n T(2^{-n}x) - 2^n f(2^{-n}x)) \diamond N(2^n f(2^{-n}x) - 2^n T'(2^{-n}x)) \\
&\leq 2^{nt} N(T(2^{-n}x) - f(2^{-n}x)) \diamond 2^{nt} N(f(2^{-n}x) - T'(2^{-n}x)) \\
&\leq 2^{nt} \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n})) \diamond 2^{nt} \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n})) \\
&\leq 2^{nt} \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} \cdot \alpha^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \diamond 2^{nt} \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} \cdot \alpha^{nt} N'(\phi(x, x)) \\
&\leq (2\alpha)^{nt} \frac{\alpha^t}{1 - (2\alpha)^t} N'(\phi(x, x)) (1 \diamond 1) \longrightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $T = T'$ . □

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_2)$  be normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_1)$  be Banach Space. Let  $\phi$  be a function from  $X \times X$  to  $X$ , and mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a  $\phi$ -approximately Cauchy function. If for some  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  assume that,*

$$\left\| \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \right\|_2 \leq \|\alpha\phi(x, y)\|_2$$

*then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\|_1 \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} \|\phi(x, x)\|_2$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** If we take  $(X, \|\cdot\|_2) = (X, N', \diamond)$  and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_1) = (Y, N, \diamond)$  we get the proof by Theorem 2.2 and Remark 1.10. □

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$  and  $N, N'$  be usual norm. Let  $\phi$  be a function from  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = xy(\frac{x+y}{2})$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \sin x$ . By Example 2.1  $f$  is a  $\phi$ -approximately Cauchy function and

$$\left| \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \right| \leq |\alpha\phi(x, y)| \quad \text{for } \frac{1}{8} \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence all conditions of Corollary 2.3 are hold. So there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|f(x) - T(x)| \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} |x^3|.$$

where

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n f(2^{-n}x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = x.$$

And

$$|f(x) - T(x)| = |\sin x - x| \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} |x^3|.$$

We show that corollary (2.3) extends the theorems 1.1 ([8]) and 1.2 ([7]).

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $X, X'$  be two Banach spaces and let  $\theta \in [0, \infty)$ . If a function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta[\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p] \quad (2.4)$$

*for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X'$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{2^p - 2} \|x\|^p, \text{ for } p > 1. \quad (2.5)$$

And

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{2 - 2^p} \|x\|^p, \text{ for } 0 < p < 1. \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof.** We show that, if set

$$\phi(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \\ \frac{\theta}{\|x\| + \|y\|} \cdot (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)(x + y) & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then, all conditions of corollary (2.3) are established. Case of  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  is obviously. In case of  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| &\leq \|\phi(x, y)\| \\ &= \frac{\theta}{\|x\| + \|y\|} \cdot (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \|x + y\| \\ &\leq \theta \cdot (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \end{aligned}$$

Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \right\| &= \frac{\theta}{\|x\| + \|y\|} \cdot (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \cdot \|x + y\| \cdot \frac{1}{2^p} \\ &= \theta \cdot (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \cdot \|x + y\| \cdot \frac{1}{2^p} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^p} \|\phi(x, y)\| \end{aligned}$$

i) Let  $p > 1$ . If set  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2^p}$ , then  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  and by corollary (2.3) there exists an additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} \|\phi(x, x)\| \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2^p}}{1 - \frac{2}{2^p}} \cdot \frac{\theta}{2\|x\|} \cdot 2\|x\|^p \cdot \|2x\| \\ &= \frac{2\theta}{2^p - 2} \|x\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

ii) Let  $0 < p < 1$ . If set  $\alpha = \frac{2^p}{4}$ , then  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  and by corollary (2.3) there exists an additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} \|\phi(x, x)\| \\ &= \frac{\frac{2^p}{4}}{1 - 2 \cdot \frac{2^p}{4}} \cdot \frac{\theta}{2\|x\|} \cdot 2\|x\|^p \cdot \|2x\| \\ &= \frac{2^p}{4 - 2 \cdot 2^p} \cdot 2\theta \|x\|^p \\ &= \frac{2^{p-1}}{2 - 2^p} \cdot 2\theta \|x\|^p \leq \frac{2\theta}{2 - 2^p} \|x\|^p. \quad (\text{By considering } p < 1.) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $f : X \longrightarrow X'$  be a mapping from a normed vector space  $X$  into a Banach space  $X'$  subject to the inequality

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^p$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\epsilon > 0$ .

If  $p > \frac{1}{2}$ , then there exists  $T : X \longrightarrow X'$  such that

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $T : X \longrightarrow X'$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2p} - 2} \|x\|^{2p}.$$

If  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ , then there exists  $T : X \longrightarrow X'$  such that

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $T : X \longrightarrow X'$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2 - 2^{2p}} \|x\|^{2p}.$$

**Proof.** We show that if set

$$\phi(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \\ \frac{\epsilon}{\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}} (x \|y\|^p + y \|x\|^p) & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then all conditions of corollary (2.3) are established.

Case of  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  is obviously. In case of  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| &\leq \|\phi(x, y)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}} \cdot \|(x \|y\|^p + y \|x\|^p)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}} \cdot \|x\|^p \|y\|^p \cdot (\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}) \\ &\leq \epsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \right\| &= \frac{\epsilon 2^{1-p}}{\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}} \cdot \|(x \|y\|^p + y \|x\|^p)\| \cdot \frac{1}{2^{p+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{2p}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{\|x\|^{1-p} + \|y\|^{1-p}} \cdot \|(x \|y\|^p + y \|x\|^p)\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{2p}} \cdot \|\phi(x, y)\|. \end{aligned}$$

i) Let  $p > \frac{1}{2}$ . If set  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2^{2p}}$ , then  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  and by corollary (2.3) there exists an additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} \|\phi(x, x)\| \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2^{2p}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2^{2p}}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2 \|x\|^{1-p}} \cdot 2 \|x\|^{1+p} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2p} - 2} \|x\|^{2p}. \end{aligned}$$

ii) Let  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ . If set  $\alpha = \frac{2^{2p}}{4}$ , then  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  and by corollary (2.3) there exists an additive mapping  $T : X \longrightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - 2\alpha} \|\phi(x, x)\| \\ &= \frac{\frac{2^{2p}}{4}}{1 - \frac{2^{2p}}{4}} \cdot \epsilon \|x\|^{2p} \\ &= \frac{2^{2p}}{4 - 2 \cdot 2^{2p}} \cdot \epsilon \|x\|^{2p} \\ &= \frac{2^{2p-1}}{2 - 2^{2p}} \cdot \epsilon \|x\|^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2 - 2^{2p}} \|x\|^{2p} \quad (\text{By considering } p < \frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

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# Relations for Marginal and Joint Moment Generating Functions of Extended Type I Generalized Logistic Distribution based on Lower Generalized Order Statistics and Characterization \*

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## Abstract

In this study we give exact expressions and some recurrence relations for marginal and joint moment generating functions of lower generalized order statistics from extended type I generalized logistic distribution. The results for order statistics and lower record values are deduced from the relations derived. Further two characterization Theorems of this distribution has been considered on using conditional expectation and recurrence relations for marginal moment generating functions of the lower generalized order statistics is presented.

**Keywords and Phrases:** *Lower generalized order statistics, Order statistics, Lower record values, Extended type I generalized logistic distribution, Marginal and joint moment generating function, Recurrence relations and characterization.*

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# 1. Introduction

Kamps [18] introduced the concept of generalized order statistics (*gos*). It is known that order statistics, upper record values and sequential order statistics are special cases of *gos*. In this paper we will consider the lower generalized order statistics (*lgos*). Which is given as

Let  $n \in N$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $m \in \mathfrak{R}$ , be the parameters such that

$$\gamma_r = k + (n - r)(m + 1) > 0, \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq r \leq n.$$

Then  $X^*(1, n, m, k), \dots, X^*(n, n, m, k)$  are  $n$  *lgos* from an absolutely continuous distribution function (*df*)  $F(x)$  with the corresponding probability density function (*pdf*)  $f(x)$  if their joint *pdf* has the form

$$k \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma_j \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} [F(x_i)]^{m_i} f(x_i) \right) [F(x_n)]^{k-1} f(x_n) \quad (1.1)$$

for  $F^{-1}(1) > x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq x_n > F^{-1}(0)$ .

The marginal *pdf* of the  $r$ -th *lgos*,  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$  is

$$f_{X^*(r, n, m, k)}(x) = \frac{C_{r-1}}{(r-1)!} [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r-1}} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) \quad (1.2)$$

and the joint *pdf* of  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$  and  $X^*(s, n, m, k)$ ,  $1 \leq r < s \leq n$  is expressed from (1.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X^*(r, n, m, k), X^*(s, n, m, k)}(x, y) &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(r-1)!(s-r-1)!} [F(x)]^m f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) \\ &\times [h_m(F(y)) - h_m(F(x))]^{s-r-1} [F(y)]^{\gamma_{s-1}} f(y), \quad x > y, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$C_{r-1} = \prod_{i=1}^r \gamma_i, \quad \gamma_i = k + (n - i)(m + 1),$$

$$h_m(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{m+1} x^{m+1}, & m \neq -1 \\ -\ln x, & m = -1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g_m(x) = h_m(x) - h_m(1), \quad x \in [0, 1).$$

We shall also take  $X^*(0, n, m, k) = 0$ . If  $m = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ , then  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$  reduced to the  $(n - r + 1)$ -th order statistics,  $X_{n-r+1:n}$  from the sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  and when  $m = -1$ , then  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$  reduced to the  $r$ -th lower  $k$  record value (Pawlas and Szynal, [14]). The work of Burkschat *et al.* [11] may also refer for lower generalized order statistics.

Saran and Pandey [7] and Khan *et al.* [16] have established recurrence relations for marginal and joint moment generating functions of *lgos* from power function and generalized exponential distributions. Ahsanullah and Raqab [10], Raqab and Ahsanullah [12, 13] and Kumar [3] have established recurrence relations for moment generating functions of record values from Pareto, Gumble, power function, extreme value and generalized logistic distributions. Recurrence relations for marginal and joint moment generating functions of from power function and Erlange-truncated exponential distribution are derived by Saran and Singh [8] and Kumar *et al.* [4]. Al-Hussaini *et al.* [5, 6] have established recurrence relations for conditional and joint moment generating functions of *gos* based on mixed population, respectively. Khan *et al.* [15] have established explicit expressions and some recurrence relations for moment generating function of generalized order statistics from Gompertz distribution. Kamps [19] investigated the importance of recurrence relations of order statistics in characterization.

In the present study, we have established exact expressions and some recurrence relations for marginal and joint moment generating functions of *lgos* from extended type I generalized logistic distribution. Results for order statistics and lower record values are deduced as special cases and a characterization of extended type I generalized logistic distribution has been obtained on using conditional expectation and recurrence relation for marginal moment generating functions.

A random variable  $X$  is said to have extended type I generalized logistic distribution if its *pdf* is of the form

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha \lambda^\alpha e^{-x}}{(\lambda + e^{-x})^{\alpha+1}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0 \quad (1.4)$$

and the corresponding *df* is

$$F(x) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + e^{-x}} \right)^\alpha, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0 \quad (1.5)$$

When  $\alpha = \lambda = 1$ , we have the ordinary logistic distribution and when  $\lambda = 1$ , we have the type I generalized logistic distribution.

For more details on this distribution and its applications one may refer to Olapade [1, 2].

## 2. Relations for Marginal Moment Generating Function

Note that for extended type I generalized logistic distribution defined in (1.4)

$$\alpha F(x) = (1 + \lambda e^x)f(x). \quad (2.1)$$

The relation in (2.1) will be used to derive some recurrence relations for the moment generating function of *lgos* from extended type I generalized logistic distribution.

Let us denote the marginal moment generating functions of  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$  by  $M_{X^*(r, n, m, k)}(t)$  and its  $j$ -th derivative by  $M_{X^*(r, n, m, k)}^{(j)}(t)$ .

We shall first establish the explicit expressions for  $M_{X^*(r, n, m, k)}(t)$ . Using (1.2), we obtain when  $m \neq -1$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X^*(r, n, m, k)}(t) &= \frac{C_{r-1}}{(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx \\ &= \frac{C_{r-1}}{(r-1)!} I_j(\gamma_r - 1, r - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$I_j(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^a f(x) g_m^b(F(x)) dx \quad (2.3)$$

Further, on using the binomial expansion, we can rewrite (2.3) as

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{1}{(m+1)^b} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^u \binom{b}{u} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{a+(m+1)u} f(x) dx \quad (2.4)$$

Making the substitution  $z = [F(x)]^{1/\alpha}$ , (2.4) reduces to

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^t (m+1)^b} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^u \binom{b}{u} \int_0^1 (1-z)^{-t} z^{\alpha(a+(m+1)u+1)+t-1} dz.$$

On using the Maclaurine series expansion  $(1 - z)^{-t} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t)_{(p)} z^p}{p!}$ , where

$$(t)_p = \begin{cases} t(t+1)\dots(t+p-1), & p=1,2,\dots \\ 1, & p=0 \end{cases}$$

and integrating the resulting expression, we obtain

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^t(m+1)^b} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^u \binom{b}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p![\alpha(a + (m+1)u + 1) + t + p]}, \quad t \neq 0 \quad (2.5)$$

and when  $m = -1$  that

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{0}{0}, \quad \text{as} \quad \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^u \binom{b}{u} = 0.$$

Since  $I_j(a, b)$  is of the form  $\frac{0}{0}$  at  $m = -1$ , therefore we have

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^t(m+1)^b} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^u \binom{b}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p![\alpha(a + (m+1)u + 1) + t + p]}. \quad (2.6)$$

Differentiating numerator and denominator of (2.6)  $b$  times with respect to  $m$ , we get

$$I_j(a, b) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^{u+b} \binom{b}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)} \alpha^b u^b}{p![\alpha(a + (m+1)u + 1) + t + p]^{b+1}}.$$

On applying L' Hospital rule, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow -1} I_j(a, b) = \frac{\alpha^{b+1}}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p![\alpha(a + 1) + t + p]^{b+1}} \sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^{u+b} \binom{b}{u} u^b, \quad b > 0.$$

But for all integers  $n \geq 0$  and for all real numbers  $x$ , we have Ruiz [17]

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} (x - i)^n = n!. \quad (2.7)$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{u=0}^b (-1)^{u+b} \binom{b}{u} u^b = b!.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow -1} I_j(a, b) = \frac{b! \alpha^{b+1}}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! [\alpha(a+1) + t + p]^{b+1}}. \quad (2.8)$$

Now substituting the above expressions for  $I_j(\gamma_r - 1, r - 1)$  in (2.2) and simplifying, we obtain when  $m \neq -1$  that

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) = \frac{\alpha C_{r-1}}{\lambda^t (r-1)! (m+1)^{r-1}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{r-1} (-1)^u \binom{r-1}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! (\alpha \gamma_{r-u} + t + p)}. \quad (2.9)$$

and when  $m = -1$  that

$$M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k)}(t) = \frac{(\alpha k)^r}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! (\alpha k + t + p)^r}, \quad t \neq 0. \quad (2.10)$$

Applying D' Alembert's Ratio test for convergence, it can easily be seen that  $M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k)}(t)$  exist  $\forall t$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$  and is analytic in  $\forall t$ .

Differentiating (2.9) and (2.10) and evaluating at  $t = 0$ , we get the mean of the  $r$ -th *lgos*.

### Special cases

i) Putting  $m = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  in (2.9), the explicit formula for marginal moment generating functions of order statistics of the extended type I generalized logistic distribution can be obtained as

$$M_{X_{n-r+1:n}}(t) = \frac{\alpha C_{r:n}}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{r-1} (-1)^u \binom{r-1}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! [\alpha(n-r+1+u) + t + p]}.$$

That is

$$M_{X_{r:n}}(t) = \frac{\alpha C_{r:n}}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{n-r} (-1)^u \binom{n-r}{u} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! [\alpha(r+u) + t + p]},$$

where

$$C_{r:n} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!}.$$

ii) Setting  $k = 1$  in (2.10), we get the explicit expression for marginal moment generating function of lower record values from extended type I generalized logistic distribution can be obtained as

$$M_{X_{L(r)}}(t) = \frac{\alpha^r}{\lambda^t} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t)_{(p)}}{p! [\alpha + t + p]^r}, \quad t \neq 0.$$

A recurrence relation for marginal moment generating function for  $l_{gos}$  from  $df$  (1.5) can be obtained in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For the distribution given in (1.5) and for  $2 \leq r \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{t}{\alpha\gamma_r}\right) M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t) &= M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t) - \frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_r} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j-1)}(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda}{\alpha\gamma_r} \left\{ t M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t+1) + j M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j-1)}(t+1) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

**Proof.** From (1.2), We have

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) = \frac{C_{r-1}}{(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx. \quad (2.12)$$

Integrating by parts treating  $[F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x)$  for integration and rest of the integrand for differentiation, we get

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) = M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}(t) - \frac{tC_{r-1}}{\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r} g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx,$$

the constant of integration vanishes since the integral considered in (2.12) is a definite integral. On using (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) &= M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{tC_{r-1}}{\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} \left\{ \frac{(1 + \lambda e^x)}{\alpha} f(x) \right\} g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx \\ &= M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}(t) - \frac{t}{\alpha\gamma_r} \left\{ M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) - \lambda M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t+1) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Differentiating both the sides of (2.13)  $j$  times with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t) = M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t) - \frac{t}{\alpha\gamma_r} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t) \\ - \frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_r} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j-1)}(t) - \frac{\lambda t}{\alpha\gamma_r} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j)}(t+1) - \frac{\lambda j}{\alpha\gamma_r} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}^{(j-1)}(t+1).$$

The recurrence relation in equation (2.11) is derived simply by rewriting the above equation.

By differentiating both sides of equation (2.11) with respect to  $t$  and then setting  $t = 0$ , we obtain the recurrence relations for moments of *lgos* from extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$E[X^{*j}(r, n, m, k)] = E[X^{*j}(r-1, n, m, k)] \\ - \frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_r} \left\{ E[X^{*j-1}(r, n, m, k)] + \lambda E[\phi(X^*(r, n, m, k))] \right\}, \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\phi(x) = x^{j-1}e^x.$$

**Remark 2.1.** Putting  $m = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  in (2.11), we obtain the recurrence relation for marginal moment generating function of order statistics for extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$\left(1 + \frac{t}{\alpha(n-r+1)}\right) M_{X_{n-r+1:n}}^{(j)}(t) = M_{X_{n-r+2:n}}^{(j)}(t) - \frac{j}{\alpha(n-r+1)} M_{X_{n-r+1:n}}^{(j-1)}(t) \\ - \frac{\lambda}{\alpha(n-r+1)} \left\{ t M_{X_{n-r+1:n}}^{(j)}(t+1) + j M_{X_{n-r+1:n}}^{(j-1)}(t+1) \right\}.$$

Replacing  $(n-r+1)$  by  $r-1$ , we have

$$M_{X_{r:n}}^{(j)}(t) = \left(1 + \frac{t}{\alpha(r-1)}\right) M_{X_{r-1:n}}^{(j)}(t) + \frac{j}{\alpha(r-1)} M_{X_{r-1:n}}^{(j)}(t) \\ + \frac{\lambda}{\alpha(r-1)} \left\{ t M_{X_{r-1:n}}^{(j)}(t+1) + j M_{X_{r-1:n}}^{(j-1)}(t+1) \right\}.$$



**Remark 2.2.** Setting  $m = -1$  and  $k \geq 1$ , in Theorem 2.1, we get a recurrence relation for marginal moment generating function of lower  $k$  record values for extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{t}{\alpha k}\right) M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k)}^{(j)}(t) &= M_{X^*(r-1,n,-1,k)}^{(j)}(t) - \frac{j}{\alpha k} M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k)}^{(j-1)}(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda}{\alpha k} \left\{ t M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k)}^{(j)}(t+1) + j M_{X^*(r-1,n,-1,k)}^{(j-1)}(t+1) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Relations for Joint Moment Generating Function

On using (1.3) and binomial expansion, the explicit expression for the joint moment generating of  $lgo_{s-X^*(r,n,m,k)}$  and  $X^*(s,n,m,k)$   $1 \leq r < s \leq n$ , can be obtained when  $m \neq -1$  as

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k), X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(r-1)!(s-r-1)!(m+1)^{s-2}} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{s-r-1} (-1)^{a+b} \binom{r-1}{a} \binom{s-r-1}{b} \\ &\quad \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t_1 x} [F(x)]^{(s-r+a)(m+1)-1} f(x) I(x) dx, \quad x > y \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$I(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x e^{t_2 y} [F(y)]^{\gamma_{s-b}-1} f(y) dy. \quad (3.2)$$

By setting  $z = [F(y)]^{1/\alpha}$  in (3.2), we obtain

$$I(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^{t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t_2)_{(p)} [F(x)]^{\gamma_{s-b} + (p+t_2)/\alpha}}{p! (\alpha \gamma_{s-b} + p + t_2)}.$$

On substituting the above expression of  $I(x)$  in (3.1), we find that

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k), X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\alpha C_{s-1}}{\lambda^{t_2} (r-1)!(s-r-1)!(m+1)^{s-2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{s-r-1} (-1)^{a+b} \binom{r-1}{a} \binom{s-r-1}{b} \\
& \times \frac{(t_2)_{(p)}}{p!(\alpha\gamma_{s-b} + p + t_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t_1 x} [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r-a}-1+(p+t_2)/\alpha} f(x) dx \\
& = \frac{\alpha^2 C_{s-1}}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2} (r-1)! (s-r-1)! (m+1)^{s-2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{s-r-1} (-1)^{a+b} \binom{r-1}{a} \\
& \times \binom{s-r-1}{b} \frac{(t_2)_{(p)} (t_1)_{(q)}}{p! q! (\alpha\gamma_{s-b} + p + t_2) (\alpha\gamma_{r-a} + p + q + t_1 + t_2)} \quad (3.3)
\end{aligned}$$

and for  $s = r + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,m,k), X^*(r+1,n,m,k)}(t_1, t_2) \\
& = \frac{\alpha^2 C_r}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2} (r-1)! (m+1)^{r-1}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} (-1)^a \binom{r-1}{a} \\
& \times \frac{(t_2)_{(p)} (t_1)_{(q)}}{p! q! (\alpha\gamma_{r+1} + p + t_2) (\alpha\gamma_{r-a} + p + q + t_1 + t_2)}. \quad (3.4)
\end{aligned}$$

At  $m = -1$ , (3.3) is of the form  $\frac{0}{0}$  as  $\sum_{a=0}^{r-1} (-1)^a \binom{r-1}{a} = 0$ .

Therefore applying L' Hospital rule and using (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s,n,-1,k)}(t_1, t_2) \\
& = \frac{(\alpha k)^s}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t_2)_{(p)} (t_1)_{(q)}}{p! q! (\alpha k + p + t_2)^{s-r} (\alpha k + p + q + t_1 + t_2)^r} \quad (3.5)
\end{aligned}$$

and for  $s = r + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(r+1,n,-1,k)}(t_1, t_2) \\
& = \frac{(\alpha k)^{r+1}}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t_2)_{(p)} (t_1)_{(q)}}{p! q! (\alpha k + p + t_2) (\alpha k + p + q + t_1 + t_2)^r}. \quad (3.6)
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.3), (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6) and evaluating at  $t_1 = t_2 = 0$ , we get the mean of the  $r$ -th *lgos*.

**Special cases**

i) Putting  $m = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ , in (3.3), the explicit formula for joint moment generating functions of order statistics for extended type I generalized logistic distribution can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} & M_{X_{n-r+1}, n-s+1:n}(t_1, t_2) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2 C_{r,s:n}}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{s-r-1} (-1)^{a+b} \binom{r-1}{a} \binom{s-r-1}{b} \\ & \times \frac{(t_2)_{(p)}(t_1)_{(q)}}{p!q![\alpha(n-s+1+b)+p+t_2][\alpha(n-r+1+a)+p+q+t_1+t_2]}. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X_{r,s:n}}(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{\alpha^2 C_{r,s:n}}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{s-r-1} (-1)^{a+b} \binom{r-1}{a} \binom{s-r-1}{b} \\ & \times \frac{(t_2)_{(p)}(t_1)_{(q)}}{p!q![\alpha(r+b)+p+t_2][\alpha(s+a)+p+q+t_1+t_2]}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{r,s:n} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(s-r-1)!(n-s)!}.$$

ii) Setting  $k = 1$  in (3.5), we get the explicit expression for joint moment generating function of lower record value for extended type I generalized logistic distribution can be obtained as

$$M_{X_{L(r)}, X_{L(s)}}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\alpha^s}{\lambda^{t_1+t_2}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t_2)_{(p)}(t_1)_{(q)}}{p!q!(\alpha+p+t_2)^{s-r}(\alpha+p+q+t_1+t_2)^r}.$$

Making use of (2.1), we can derive the recurrence relations for joint moment generating function of  $lgos$  from (1.5).

**Theorem 3.1.** *For the distribution given in (1.5) and for  $1 \leq r < s \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$*

$$\left(1 + \frac{t_2}{\alpha \gamma_s}\right) M_{X^*(r,n,m,k), X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) = M_{X^*(r,n,m,k), X^*(s-1,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_s}M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s-1,n,m,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1,t_2) \\
& -\frac{\lambda}{\alpha\gamma_s}\left\{t_2M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1,t_2+1)\right. \\
& \left.+jM_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1,t_2+1)\right\}. \tag{3.7}
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Using (1.3), the joint moment generating function of  $X^*(r,n,m,k)$  and  $X^*(s,n,m,k)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) \\
& = \frac{C_{s-1}}{(r-1)!(s-r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [F(x)]^m f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) G(x) dx \tag{3.8}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x e^{t_1x+t_2y} [h_m(F(y)) - h_m(F(x))]^{s-r-1} [F(y)]^{\gamma_s-1} f(y) dy.$$

Solving the integral in  $G(x)$  by parts and substituting the resulting expression in (3.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) = M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s-1,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) \\
& - \frac{t_2 C_{s-1}}{\gamma_s (r-1)!(s-r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{t_1x+t_2y} [F(x)]^m f(x) \\
& \times g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) [h_m(F(y)) - h_m(F(x))]^{s-r-1} [F(y)]^{\gamma_s} dy dx,
\end{aligned}$$

the constant of integration vanishes since the integral in  $G(x)$  is a definite integral. On using the relation (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) = M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s-1,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) \\
& - \frac{t_2}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2) \\
& - \frac{\lambda t_2}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}(t_1,t_2+1). \tag{3.9}
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating both the sides of (3.9)  $i$  times with respect to  $t_1$  and then  $j$  times with respect to  $t_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) &= M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s-1,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{t_2}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda t_2}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2 + 1) \\ &\quad - \frac{j\lambda}{\alpha\gamma_s} M_{X^*(r,n,m,k),X^*(s,n,m,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2 + 1), \end{aligned}$$

which, when rewritten gives the recurrence relation in (3.7).

One can also note that Theorem 2.1 can be deduced from Theorem 3.1 by letting  $t_1$  tends to zero.

By differentiating both sides of equation (3.7) with respect to  $t_1, t_2$  and then setting  $t_1 = t_2 = 0$ , we obtain the recurrence relations for product moments of  $lgos$  from extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^{*i}(r, n, m, k), X^{*j}(s, n, m, k)] &= E[X^{*i}(r, n, m, k), X^{*j}(s-1, n, m, k)] \\ &\quad - \frac{j}{\alpha\gamma_s} \left\{ E[X^{*i}(r, n, m, k), X^{*j-1}(s, n, m, k)] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \lambda E[\phi(X^*(r, n, m, k), X^*(s, n, m, k))] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$\phi(x, y) = x^i y^{j-1} e^y.$$

**Remark 3.1.** Putting  $m = 0, k = 1$  in (3.7), we obtain the recurrence relations for joint moment generating function of order statistics for extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{\alpha(n-s+1)}\right) M_{X_{n-r+1, n-s+1:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) &= M_{X_{n-r+1, n-s+2:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{j}{\alpha(n-s+1)} M_{X_{n-r+1, n-s+1:n}}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{\lambda}{\alpha(n-s+1)}\left\{t_2 M_{X_{n-r+1, n-s+1:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2+1) + j M_{X_{n-r+1, n-s+1:n}}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2+1)\right\}.$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X_{r,s:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) &= \left(1 + \frac{t_1}{\alpha(r-1)}\right) M_{X_{r-1,s:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) + \frac{i}{\alpha(r-1)} M_{X_{r-1,s:n}}^{(i-1,j)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &+ \frac{\lambda}{\alpha(r-1)} \left\{t_1 M_{X_{r-1,s:n}}^{(i,j)}(t_1+1, t_2) + i M_{X_{r-1,s:n}}^{(i-1,j)}(t_1, t_2)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.2.** Substituting  $m = -1$  and  $k \geq 1$ , in Theorem 3.1, we get recurrence relation for joint moment generating function of lower  $k$  record values for extended type I generalized logistic distribution in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{\alpha k}\right) M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s,n,-1,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) &= M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s-1,n,-1,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &- \frac{j}{\alpha k} M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s,n,-1,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2) \\ &- \frac{\lambda}{\alpha k} \left\{t_2 M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s,n,-1,k)}^{(i,j)}(t_1, t_2+1) \right. \\ &\left. + j M_{X^*(r,n,-1,k), X^*(s,n,-1,k)}^{(i,j-1)}(t_1, t_2+1)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Characterization

Let  $X^*(r, n, m, k)$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be *lgos* from a continuous population with *df*  $F(x)$  and *pdf*  $f(x)$ , then the conditional *pdf* of  $X^*(s, n, m, k)$  given  $X^*(r, n, m, k) = x$ ,  $1 \leq r < s \leq n$ , in view of (1.2) and (1.3), is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X^*(s,n,m,k)|X^*(r,n,m,k)}(y|x) &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)!C_{r-1}} [F(x)]^{m-\gamma_r+1} \\ &\times [h_m(F(y)) - h_m(F(x))]^{s-r-1} [F(y)]^{\gamma_s-1} f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $X$  be an absolutely continuous random variable *df*  $F(x)$  and *pdf*  $f(x)$  on the support  $(-\infty, \infty)$  then

$$E[e^{tX^*(s,n,m,k)} | X^*(l, n, m, k) = x]$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \prod_{j=1}^{s-l} \left( \frac{\gamma_{l+j}}{\gamma_{l+j} - p/\alpha} \right), \quad l = r, r+1 \quad (4.2)$$

if and only if

$$F(x) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + e^{-x}} \right)^{\alpha}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0.$$

**Proof.** From (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{tX^*(s,n,m,k)} | X^*(r,n,m,k) = x] &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)! C_{r-1}(m+1)^{s-r-1}} \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^x e^{ty} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{F(y)}{F(x)} \right)^{m+1} \right]^{s-r-1} \left( \frac{F(y)}{F(x)} \right)^{\gamma_{s-1}} \frac{f(y)}{F(x)} dy. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

By setting  $u = \frac{F(y)}{F(x)} = \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-y}}{\lambda + e^{-x}} \right)^{\alpha}$  from (1.5) in (4.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{tX^*(s,n,m,k)} | X^*(r,n,m,k) = x] &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)! C_{r-1}(m+1)^{s-r-1}} \\ &\times \int_0^1 [(\lambda + e^{-x})u^{-1/\alpha} - \lambda]^{-t} u^{\gamma_{s-1}} (1 - u^{m+1})^{s-r-1} du \\ &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)! C_{r-1}(m+1)^{s-r-1}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \\ &\times \int_0^1 u^{\gamma_{s-1} - (p/\alpha) - 1} (1 - u^{m+1})^{s-r-1} du. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Again by setting  $z = u^{m+1}$  in (4.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{tX^*(s,n,m,k)} | X^*(r,n,m,k) = x] &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)! C_{r-1}(m+1)^{s-r}} \\ &\times \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \int_0^1 z^{\frac{\alpha k - p}{\alpha(m+1)} + n - s - 1} (1 - z)^{s-r-1} dz \\ &= \frac{C_{s-1}}{C_{r-1}(m+1)^{s-r}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha k - p}{\alpha(m+1)} + n - s\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha k - p}{\alpha(m+1)} + n - r\right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{C_{s-1}}{C_{r-1}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{s-r} (\gamma_{r+j} - p/\alpha)}$$

and hence the result given in (4.2).

To prove sufficient part, we have from (4.1) and (4.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_{s-1}}{(s-r-1)! C_{r-1} (m+1)^{s-r-1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t_2 y} [(F(x))^{m+1} - (F(y))^{m+1}]^{s-r-1} \\ & \quad \times [F(y)]^{\gamma_{s-1}} f(y) dy = [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+1}} H_r(x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

where

$$H_r(x) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^t (t)_{(p)}}{\lambda^t p!} \left( \frac{\lambda + e^{-x}}{\lambda} \right)^p \prod_{j=1}^{s-r} \left( \frac{\gamma_{r+j}}{\gamma_{r+j} - p/\alpha} \right).$$

Differentiating (4.5) both sides with respect to  $x$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_{s-1} [F(x)]^m f(x)}{(s-r-2)! C_{r-1} (m+1)^{s-r-2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t_2 y} [(F(x))^{m+1} - (F(y))^{m+1}]^{s-r-2} \\ & \quad \times [F(y)]^{\gamma_{s-1}} f(y) dy = H'_r(x) [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+1}} + \gamma_{r+1} H_r(x) [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+1}-1} f(x) \\ & \quad \gamma_{r+1} H_{r+1}(x) [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+2}+m} f(x) \\ & \quad = H'_r(x) [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+1}} + \gamma_{r+1} H_r(x) [F(x)]^{\gamma_{r+1}-1} f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{f(x)}{F(x)} = \frac{H'_r(x)}{\gamma_{r+1} [H_{r+1}(x) - H_r(x)]} = \frac{\alpha}{(1 + \lambda e^x)}$$

which proves that

$$F(x) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + e^{-x}} \right)^{\alpha}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0.$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $X$  be an absolutely continuous distribution function  $F(x)$  with  $F(0) = 0$  and  $0 < F(x) < 1$  for all  $x$ , then*

$$M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) - M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}(t)$$



$$-\frac{t}{\alpha\gamma_r}\left\{M_{X^*(r,n,m,k)}(t) + \lambda M_{X^*(r-1,n,m,k)}(t+1)\right\}. \quad (4.6)$$

if and only if

$$F(x) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + e^{-x}}\right)^\alpha, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0.$$

**Proof.** The necessary part follows immediately from equation (2.11). On the other hand if the recurrence relation in equation (4.6) is satisfied, then on using equation (1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_{r-1}}{(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx \\ &= \frac{(r-1)C_{r-1}}{\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r+m} f(x) g_m^{r-2}(F(x)) dx \\ & \quad - \frac{tC_{r-1}}{\alpha\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx \\ & \quad - \frac{\lambda tC_{r-1}}{\alpha\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(t+1)x} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} f(x) g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Integrating the first integral on the right hand side of equation (4.7), by parts, we get

$$\frac{tC_{r-1}}{\gamma_r(r-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} [F(x)]^{\gamma_r-1} g_m^{r-1}(F(x)) \left\{ F(x) - \frac{1}{\alpha} f(x) - \frac{\lambda e^x}{\alpha} f(x) \right\} dx = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

Now applying a generalization of the Müntz-Szász Theorem (Hwang and Lin, [9]) to equation (4.8), we get

$$\frac{f(x)}{F(x)} = \frac{\alpha}{(1 + \lambda e^x)}$$

which proves that

$$F(x) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + e^{-x}}\right)^\alpha, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0.$$

## 5. Conclusion

This paper deals with the lower generalized order statistics from the extended type I generalized logistic distribution. Some explicit expressions and recurrence relations for marginal and joint moment generating functions are derived. Characterizing results of the extended type I generalized logistic distribution has been obtained by using conditional expectation and recurrence relation of lower generalized order statistics. Special cases are also deduced.

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# Qualitative Theory for Fractional Order Riemann-Liouville Integral Equations in Two Independent Variables \*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we present some results concerning the existence and uniqueness and global asymptotic stability of solutions for a functional integral equation of Riemann-Liouville fractional order, by using some fixed point theorems for the existence and uniqueness of the solution and by using some techniques of Pachpatte concerning the estimate on the solution.

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# 1. Introduction

Fractional integral equations have recently been applied in various areas of engineering, science, finance, applied mathematics, bio-engineering, radiative transfer, neutron transport and the kinetic theory of gases and others [5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16]. However, many researchers remain unaware of this field. There has been a significant development in ordinary and partial fractional differential and integral equations in recent years; see the monographs of Abbas *et al.* [4], Baleanu *et al.* [6], Diethelm [13], Kilbas *et al.* [17], Miller and Ross [18], Podlubny [24], Samko *et al.* [25]. Recently some results on the existence and the attractivity of the solutions of various classes of integral equations have been obtained by Abbas *et al.* [1, 2, 3], Banaś and Zając [7], Darwish *et al.* [12], Pachpatte [19, 20, 21, 22, 23] and the references therein. In most of the above cited papers the main tool was the measure of noncompactness. In [23], Pachpatte proved some results concerning some basic qualitative properties of solutions of the following general partial integral equation of Barbashin type of the form

$$x(t, x) = h(t, x) + \int_0^t f(t, x, s, u(s, x))ds + \int_0^t \int_B g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y))dyds; \quad (1)$$

for  $(t, x) \in E$ , where  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : E_1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g : E^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are given functions continuous functions,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $B = \prod_{i=1}^m [a_i, b_i] \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  ( $a_i < b_i$ ),  $E = \mathbb{R}_+ \times B$ ,  $E_1 = \{(t, x, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty, x \in B\}$ . To establish the results, he obtains and uses a variant of a certain integral inequality with explicit estimate.

In this paper, by means of integral inequalities and the fixed point approach, we improve the above results for the following partial integral equation of Riemann-Liouville fractional order of the form

$$u(t, x) = \mu(t, x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} f(t, x, s, u(s, x))ds \\ + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y))dyds; \quad (t, x) \in J, \quad (2)$$

where  $J = \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, b]$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $r = (r_1, r_2)$ ,  $r_1, r_2 \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\mu : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : J_1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g : J_2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are given continuous functions,

$$J_1 = \{(t, x, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty, x \in [0, b]\},$$

$$J_2 = \{(t, x, s, y) : 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty, x \in [0, b], y \in [0, b]\},$$

and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the (Euler's) Gamma function defined by  $\Gamma(\xi) = \int_0^\infty t^{\xi-1} e^{-t} dt$ ,  $\xi > 0$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce notations, definitions, and preliminary facts which are used throughout this paper. Let  $L^1([0, a] \times [0, b])$ ;  $a, b > 0$  we denote the space of Lebesgue-integrable functions  $u : [0, a] \times [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the norm

$$\|u\|_1 = \int_0^a \int_0^b |u(t, x)| dx dt.$$

As usual, by  $C := C(J)$  we denote the space of all continuous functions from  $J$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . By  $BC := BC(J)$  we denote the Banach space of all bounded and continuous functions from  $J$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the standard norm

$$\|u\|_{BC} = \sup_{(t,x) \in J} |u(t, x)|.$$

**Definition 1.** ([25]) Let  $r \in (0, \infty)$ . For  $u \in L^1([0, b])$ ;  $b > 0$  the expression

$$(I_0^r u)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r-1} u(s) ds,$$

is called the left-sided mixed Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $r$ .

In particular,

$$(I_0^0 u)(t) = u(t), \quad (I_0^1 u)(t) = \int_0^t u(s) ds; \text{ for almost all } t \in [0, b].$$

For instance,  $I_0^r u$  exists for all  $r > 0$ , when  $u \in L^1([0, b])$ . Note also that when  $u \in C([0, b])$ , then  $(I_0^r u) \in C([0, b])$ ,

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\omega \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  and  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , then

$$I_0^r t^\omega = \frac{\Gamma(1+\omega)}{\Gamma(1+\omega+r)} t^{\omega+r}, \text{ for almost all } t \in [0, b].$$

**Definition 2.** [25] Let  $r \in (0, \infty)$  and  $u \in L^1([0, a] \times [0, b])$ ;  $a, b > 0$ . The partial Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $r$  of  $u(t, x)$  with respect to  $x$  is defined by the expression

$$I_{0,t}^r u(t, x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r-1} u(s, x) ds,$$

for almost all  $(t, x) \in [0, a] \times [0, b]$ .

Analogously, we define the integral

$$I_{0,t}^r u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r-1} u(x, s) ds,$$

for almost all  $(x, t) \in [0, a] \times [0, b]$ .

**Definition 3.** ([26]) Let  $r = (r_1, r_2) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ ,  $\theta = (0, 0)$  and  $u \in L^1([0, a] \times [0, b])$ . The left-sided mixed Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $r$  of  $u$  is defined by

$$(I_\theta^r u)(t, x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^x (t-s)^{r_1-1} (x-y)^{r_2-1} u(s, y) dy ds.$$

In particular,

$$(I_\theta^\theta u)(t, x) = u(t, x), \quad (I_\theta^\sigma u)(t, x)$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^x u(s, y) dy ds; \text{ for almost all } (t, x) \in [0, a] \times [0, b],$$

where  $\sigma = (1, 1)$ .

For instance,  $I_\theta^r u$  exists for all  $r_1, r_2 > 0$ , when  $u \in L^1([0, a] \times [0, b])$ . Moreover

$$(I_\theta^r u)(t, 0) = (I_\theta^r u)(0, x) = 0; \quad t \in [0, a], \quad x \in [0, b].$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\lambda, \omega \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  and  $r = (r_1, r_2) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ , then

$$I_\theta^r t^\lambda x^\omega = \frac{\Gamma(1+\lambda)\Gamma(1+\omega)}{\Gamma(1+\lambda+r_1)\Gamma(1+\omega+r_2)} t^{\lambda+r_1} x^{\omega+r_2},$$

for almost all  $(t, x) \in [0, a] \times [0, b]$ .



Let  $G$  be an operator from  $\Omega \subset BC$ ;  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  into itself and consider the solutions of equation

$$(Gu)(t, x) = u(t, x). \quad (3)$$

Now we review the concept of attractivity of solutions for equation (1) (see [3]).

**Definition 4.** Solutions of equation (3) are locally attractive if there exists a ball  $B(u_0, \eta)$  in the space  $BC$  such that for arbitrary solutions  $v = v(t, x)$  and  $w = w(t, x)$  of equations (3) belonging to  $B(u_0, \eta) \cap \Omega$  we have that for each  $x \in [0, b]$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (v(t, x) - w(t, x)) = 0. \quad (4)$$

When the limit (4) is uniform with respect to  $B(u_0, \eta) \cap \Omega$ , solutions of equation (3) are said to be uniformly locally attractive (or equivalently that solutions of (3) are locally asymptotically stable).

**Definition 5.** The solution  $v = v(t, x)$  of equation (3) is said to be globally attractive if (4) hold for each solution  $w = w(t, x)$  of (3). If condition (4) is satisfied uniformly with respect to the set  $\Omega$ , solutions of equation (3) are said to be globally asymptotically stable (or uniformly globally attractive).

Denote by  $D_1 := \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ , the partial derivative of a function defined on  $J_1$  (or  $J_2$ ) with respect to the first variable. In the sequel we will make use of the following Lemma due to Pachpatte.

**Lemma 2.3.** ([23]) Let  $u \in C(J)$ ,  $q, D_1 q \in C(J_1)$ ,  $k, D_1 k \in C(J_2)$  be positive functions, and  $c \geq 0$  is a constant. If

$$u(t, x) \leq c + \int_0^t q(t, x, s)u(s, x)ds + \int_0^t \int_0^b k(t, x, s, y)u(s, y)dyds; \quad (t, x) \in J, \quad (5)$$

then,

$$u(t, x) \leq cP(t, x) \exp \left( \int_0^t A(\sigma, x)d\sigma \right); \quad (t, x) \in J, \quad (6)$$

where

$$P(t, x) = \exp(Q(t, x)), \quad (7)$$

in which

$$Q(t, x) = \int_0^t \left[ q(\eta, x, \eta) + \int_0^\eta D_1 q(\eta, x, \xi)d\xi \right] d\eta, \quad (8)$$

and

$$A(t, x) = \int_0^b k(t, x, t, y)P(t, y)dy + \int_0^t \int_0^b P(s, y)D_1k(t, x, s, y)dyds; \quad (t, x) \in J. \quad (9)$$

### 3. Main Results

Let us start by defining what we mean by a solution of equation (2).

**Definition 6.** A function  $u \in BC$  is said to be a solution of (2) if  $u$  satisfies the equation (2) on  $J$ .

Our first result is about the existence and uniqueness of the solution of equation (2).

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that following hypotheses hold

(H<sub>1</sub>) The function  $\mu$  is continuous and bounded with

$$\mu^* = \sup_{(t,x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0,b]} |\mu(t, x)|.$$

(H<sub>2</sub>) There exists a positive function  $q \in BC(J_1)$  such that

$$|f(t, x, s, u) - f(t, x, s, v)| \leq q(t, x, s)|u - v|,$$

for each  $(t, x, s) \in J_1$  and  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Moreover, assume that the function  $t \rightarrow \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} f(t, x, s, 0)ds$  is bounded on  $J$  with

$$f^* = \sup_{(t,x) \in J} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, 0)|ds.$$

(H<sub>3</sub>) There exists a positive function  $k \in BC(J_2)$  such that

$$|g(t, x, s, y, u) - g(t, x, s, y, v)| \leq k(t, x, s, y)|u - v|,$$

for each  $(t, x, s, y) \in J_2$  and  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, assume that the function  $t \rightarrow \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} g(t, x, s, y, 0)dyds$  is bounded on  $J$  with

$$g^* = \sup_{(t,x) \in J} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} |g(t, x, s, y, 0)|dyds.$$

If

$$q^* + k^* < 1, \quad (10)$$

where

$$q^* = \sup_{(t,x) \in J} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) ds \right],$$

and

$$k^* = \sup_{(t,x) \in J} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) dy ds \right],$$

then equation (2) has a unique solution on  $J$ .

**Proof.** Let us define the operator  $N : BC \rightarrow BC$ , such that for each  $(t, x) \in J$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (Nu)(t, x) &= \mu(t, x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) dy ds; \quad (t, x) \in J. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

It is clear that the function  $(t, x) \mapsto N(u)(t, x)$  is continuous on  $J$ . Now we prove that  $N(u) \in BC$  for any  $u \in BC$ . For arbitrarily fixed  $(t, x) \in J$  we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
|(Nu)(t, x)| &= \left| \mu(t, x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) dy ds \right| \\
&\leq |\mu(t, x)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\
&\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} |g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\
&\leq |\mu(t, x)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) |u(s, x)| ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) |u(s, y)| dy ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} |g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\
&\leq \mu^* + f^* + g^* + (q^* + k^*) \|u\|_{BC}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $N(u) \in BC$ . Let  $u, v \in BC$ . Using the hypotheses, for each  $(t, x) \in J$ ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(Nu)(t, x) - (Nv)(t, x)| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, v(s, x))| ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\
 & \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, v(s, y))| dy ds \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) |u(s, x) - v(s, x)| ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) |u(s, y) - v(s, y)| dy ds \\
 & \leq \sup_{(t,x) \in J} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) ds \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) dy ds \right] \|u - v\|_{BC} \\
 & \leq (q^* + k^*) \|u - v\|_{BC}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From (10), it follows that  $N$  has a unique fixed point in  $BC$  by Banach contraction principle. The fixed point of  $N$  is however a solution of equation (2).

Now, we shall prove the following theorem concerning the estimate on the solution of equation (2).

**Theorem 3.2.** *Set*

$$d = \mu^* + f^* + g^*. \quad (12)$$

*Assume that  $(H_1) - (H_3)$  and the following hypothesis holds*

*$(H_4)$   $q_1, D_1 q_1 \in BC(J_1)$  and  $k_1, D_1 k_1 \in BC(J_2)$ , where*

$$q_1(t, x, s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s)$$

*and*

$$k_1(t, x, s, y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y).$$

If  $u$  is any solution of (2) on  $J$ , then

$$|u(t, x)| \leq dP_1(t, x) \exp \left( \int_0^t A_1(\sigma, x) d\sigma \right); \quad (t, x) \in J, \quad (13)$$

where

$$P_1(t, x) \leq \exp(Q_1(t, x)), \quad (14)$$

in which

$$Q_1(t, x) \leq \int_0^t \left[ q_1(\eta, x, \eta) + \int_0^\eta D_1 q_1(\eta, x, \xi) d\xi \right] d\eta, \quad (15)$$

and

$$A_1(t, x) \leq \int_0^b k_1(t, x, t, y) P_1(t, y) dy + \int_0^t \int_0^b P_1(s, y) D_1 k_1(t, x, s, y) dy ds. \quad (16)$$

**Proof.** Using the fact that  $u$  is a solution of (2) and hypotheses, then for each  $(t, x) \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t, x)| &\leq |\mu(t, x)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\ &\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} |g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\ &\leq d + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\ &\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\ &\leq d + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) |u(x, s)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) |u(s, y)| dy ds. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Now an application of Lemma 2.3, to (17) yields (13).

**Theorem 3.3.** *Set*

$$\bar{d} := f^* + g^* + \mu^*(q^* + k^*). \quad (18)$$

*Assume that  $(H_1) - (H_3)$  hold. If  $u$  is any solution of (2) on  $J$ , then*

$$|u(t, x) - \mu(t, x)| \leq \bar{d}P_1(t, x) \exp\left(\int_0^t A_1(\sigma, x)d\sigma\right); \quad (t, x) \in J, \quad (19)$$

*where  $P_1$  and  $A_1$  are given by (14) and (16), respectively.*

**Proof.** Let  $h(t, x) = |u(t, x) - \mu(t, x)|$ . Using the fact that  $u$  is a solution of (2) and from the hypotheses, for each  $(t, x) \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(t, x) &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, \mu(s, x))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, \mu(s, x))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\ &\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, \mu(s, x))| dy ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} |g(t, x, s, y, \mu(s, x))| dy ds \\ &\leq \bar{d} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, \mu(s, x))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\ &\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, \mu(s, x))| dy ds \\ &\leq \bar{d} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) h(x, s) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) h(s, y) dy ds. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Now an application of Lemma 2.3, to (20) yields (19).

We next prove under more appropriate conditions on the functions involved in (2) that the solutions tends exponentially toward zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Assume that the following hypotheses hold*

(H<sub>5</sub>) *There exist constants  $\alpha > 0$  and  $M \geq 0$  such that*

$$|\mu(t, x)| \leq Me^{-\alpha t}; \quad (21)$$

$$|f(t, x, s, u) - f(t, x, s, v)| \leq q(t, x, s)e^{-\alpha(t-s)}|u - v|; \quad (22)$$

$$|g(t, x, s, y, u) - g(t, x, s, y, v)| \leq k(t, x, s, y)e^{-\alpha(t-s)}|u - v|; \quad (23)$$

*and  $f(t, x, s, 0) = g(t, x, s, y, 0) = 0$ ; for each  $(t, x) \in J$ ,  $(t, x, s) \in J_1$ ,  $(t, x, s, y) \in J_2$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ , and the functions  $q, k$  be as in Theorem 3.1,*

(H<sub>6</sub>)  $\sup_{(t,x) \in J} Q_1(t, x) < \infty$ ,  $\int_0^\infty A_1(\sigma, x) d\sigma < \infty$ , *where  $Q_1$  and  $A_1$  are given by (15) and (16).*

*If  $u$  is any solution of (2) on  $J$ , then all solutions of equation (2) are uniformly globally attractive on  $J$ .*

**Proof.** From the hypotheses, for each  $(t, x) \in J$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t, x)| &\leq |\mu(t, x)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} |f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) - f(t, x, s, 0)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} \\ &\quad \times |g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) - g(t, x, s, y, 0)| dy ds \\ &\leq Me^{-\alpha t} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) e^{-\alpha(t-s)} |u(x, s)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) e^{-\alpha(t-s)} |u(s, y)| dy ds. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

From (24), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t, x)| e^{\alpha t} &\leq M + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) e^{\alpha s} |u(x, s)| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) e^{\alpha s} |u(s, y)| dy ds. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$



Now an application of Lemma 2.3 to (25) yields

$$|u(t, x)|e^{\alpha t} \leq MP_1(t, x) \exp \left( \int_0^t A_1(\sigma, x) d\sigma \right); (t, x) \in J. \quad (26)$$

Multiplying both sides of (26) by  $e^{-\alpha t}$  and in view of  $(H_6)$ , we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |u(t, x)| \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} MP_1(t, x) \exp \left( -\alpha t + \int_0^t A_1(\sigma, x) d\sigma \right) = 0.$$

Hence, the solution  $u$  tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently, all solutions of equation (2) are uniformly globally attractive on  $J$ .

## 4. An Example

To illustrate our results, we consider the following partial integral equation of Riemann-Liouville fractional order of the form

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, x) = & \frac{e^{x-t}}{1+t+x^2} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} f(t, x, s, u(s, x)) ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^1 (t-s)^{r_1-1} (1-y)^{r_2-1} g(t, x, s, y, u(s, y)) dy ds; (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, 1], \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where  $r_1, r_2 \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{cases} f(t, x, s, u) = \frac{x^2 t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sin s \sin t}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})(1+|u|)}; \text{ for } (t, x, s) \in J_1, \text{ } st \neq 0 \text{ and } u \in \mathbb{R}, \\ f(t, x, 0, u) = f(0, x, 0, u) = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$J_1 = \{(t, x, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty, x \in [0, 1]\},$$

$$c := \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)} + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})e}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)\Gamma(1 + r_2)},$$

$$\begin{cases} g(t, x, s, y, u) = \frac{t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{x-y-\frac{1}{s}-\frac{1}{t}}}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})(1+|u|)}; \text{ for } (t, x, s, y) \in J_2, \text{ } st \neq 0 \text{ and } u \in \mathbb{R}, \\ g(t, x, 0, y, u) = g(0, x, 0, y, u) = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$J_2 = \{(t, x, s, y) : 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty, x \in [0, 1], y \in [0, 1]\}.$$

Set

$$\mu(t, x) = \frac{e^{x-t}}{1+t+x^2}; \quad (t, x) \in J.$$

We can see that the function  $\mu$  is continuous and bounded with  $\mu^* = e$ .

For each  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(t, x, s) \in J_1$ , we have

$$|f(t, x, s, u) - f(t, x, s, v)| \leq \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \left( x^2 t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\sin s \sin t| \right) |u - v|,$$

and for each  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(t, x, s, y) \in J_2$ , we have

$$|g(t, x, s, y, u) - g(t, x, s, y, v)| \leq \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \left( t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{x-y-t-\frac{1}{s}-\frac{1}{t}} \right) |u - v|.$$

Hence condition  $(H_2)$  is satisfied with

$$\begin{cases} q(t, x, s) = \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \left( x^2 t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\sin s \sin t| \right); & st \neq 0, \\ q(t, x, 0) = q(0, x, 0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

and condition  $(H_3)$  is satisfied with

$$\begin{cases} k(t, x, s, y) = \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \left( t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{x-y-t-\frac{1}{s}-\frac{1}{t}} \right); & st \neq 0, \\ k(t, x, 0, y) = k(0, x, 0, y) = 0. \end{cases}$$

We shall show that condition (10) holds with  $b = 1$ . Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} q(t, x, s) ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(r_1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{r_1-1} x^2 t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ & = x^2 t^{-r_1} t^{-\frac{1}{2}+r_1} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+r_1)} \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+r_1)} t^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$q^* \leq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2c\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)}.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^b (t-s)^{r_1-1} (b-y)^{r_2-1} k(t, x, s, y) dy ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^t \int_0^1 (t-s)^{r_1-1} (1-y)^{r_2-1} t^{-r_1} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^x dy ds \\ & \leq e^x t^{-r_1} t^{-\frac{1}{2}+r_1} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)\Gamma(1 + r_2)} \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) e t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2c(1+t^{-\frac{1}{2}})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)\Gamma(1 + r_2)}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$k^* \leq \frac{e\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2c\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)\Gamma(1 + r_2)}.$$

Thus,

$$q^* + k^* \leq \frac{1}{2c} \left( \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)} + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})e}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + r_1)\Gamma(1 + r_2)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} < 1,$$

which is satisfied for each  $r_1, r_2 \in (0, \infty)$ . Consequently Theorem 3.1 implies that equation (27) has a unique solution defined on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, 1]$ .

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# Sufficient Conditions for Hypergeometric Functions to be in A Certain Class of Holomorphic Functions \*

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## Abstract

In the present investigation our main objective is to find coefficient estimates, sufficient condition for the function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  to belong to the class  $R_\gamma^r(A, B)$  and finding connections between the classes  $R_\gamma^r(A, B)$  and  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  by making use of the Hohlov operator [5] .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  that are univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . A function  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is said

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to be in class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  of starlike functions of order zero in  $\mathbb{U}$ , if  $\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}$  denote the class of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  that are convex. Also,  $f$  is convex if and only if  $zf'(z)$  is starlike. A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) with respect to a fixed starlike function  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if and only if  $\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g'(z)}\right) > \alpha$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . For more details about these classes see [3]. Furthermore,  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $f \in k - \mathcal{UCV}$  iff

$$\Re\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} > k \left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}, 0 \leq k < \infty). \quad (1.2)$$

The class  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  was introduced by Kanas and Wisniowska [6], where its geometric definition and connection with the conic domains were considered. In particular  $0 - \mathcal{UCV} = \mathcal{K}$ .

If  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the class of holomorphic functions on unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , then the function  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , written as  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ), if there exists a Schwarz function  $w \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ .

In particular, if  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have the following equivalence:

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

The Gaussian hypergeometric function defined by the series

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n(1)_n} z^n, \quad (1.3)$$

is analytic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ . It arises naturally in the study of second order linear differential equations with regular singular points. In (1.3),  $(a)_0 = 1$  for  $a \neq 0$  and for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $(a)_n = a(a+1)\dots(a+n-1)$  is the Pochhammer symbol. To avoid division by 0, the parameter  $c$  in (1.3) should be neither zero nor a negative integer. If  $a$  or  $b$  is 0 or a negative integer, then the power series reduces to a polynomial. Results regarding  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  when  $\Re(c-a-b)$  is positive, zero or negative are abundant in the literature. In particular when  $\Re(c-a-b) > 0$ , the function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  is bounded. This and the zero balanced case  $\Re(c-a-b) = 0$  are discussed in detail by many authors (see [9, 13]). For interesting results regarding  $\Re(c-a-b) < 0$ , see [14].

The hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  has been extensively studied by



various authors and play an important role in Geometric Function Theory. It is useful in unifying various functions by giving appropriate values to the parameters  $a, b$ , and  $c$ . We refer to [2, 4, 10, 13] and reference therein for some important results.

The normalized hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  has a series expansion of the form

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} z^n. \quad (1.4)$$

Consider the convolution operator by taking the convolution between functions  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) and a normalized hypergeometric functions of the form  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$ :

$$H_{a,b,c}(f)(z) = {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) * f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} a_n z^n, \quad (1.5)$$

which was investigated by Hohlov [5]. This three-parameter family of operators given by (1.5) contains most of the known linear integral or differential operators as special cases. In particular, if  $a = 1$  in (1.5), then  $H_{1,b,c}$  is the operator  $\mathcal{L}(b, c)$  due to Carlson and Shaffer [2] which was defined by

$$\mathcal{L}(b, c)f(z) = {}_2F_1(1, b; c; z) * f(z). \quad (1.6)$$

Note that  ${}_2F_1(1, b; c; z) = \phi(b; c; z)$  is known as incomplete beta function.

In particular, the restriction  $b = 1 + \delta, c = 2 + \delta$  with  $\Re \delta > -1$  on the operator  $\mathcal{L}(b, c)f(z)$  gives the Bernardi operator

$$\mathcal{B}_\delta(f)(z) = \mathcal{L}(\delta + 1, \delta + 2)(f)(z) = (1 + \delta) \int_0^1 t^{\delta-1} f(tz) dt, \quad (1.7)$$

which reduces to the Alexander and Libera transforms, respectively, for  $\delta = 1$  and  $\delta = 2$ . It is interesting to note that these operators are all example of the zero-balanced case  $\Re(c - a - b) = 0$  in  $H_{1,b,c}(f)(z)$ .

Throughout this work, we frequently use the well-known formula

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; 1) = \frac{\Gamma(c - a - b)\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(c - a)\Gamma(c - b)}, \quad (\Re(c - a - b) > 0, c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-). \quad (1.8)$$

Motivated by the class introduced by Swaminathan [16], Bansal [1] introduced the class  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is in the class  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ , if

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (1.9)$$

which is equivalent to saying that

$$\left| \frac{f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1}{\tau(A - B) - B(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1)} \right| < 1. \quad (1.10)$$

We list few particular cases of this class discussed in the literature  
 [1]  $R_\gamma^\tau(1 - 2\beta, -1) = R_\gamma^\tau(\beta)$  for  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $\tau = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  was discussed recently by Swaminathan [16].

[2] The class  $R_\gamma^\tau(1 - 2\beta, -1)$  for  $\tau = e^{i\eta} \cos \eta$  where  $-\pi/2 < \eta < \pi/2$  is considered in [11] (see also [12]).

[3] The class  $R_1^\tau(0, -1)$  with  $\tau = e^{i\eta} \cos \eta$  was considered in [7] with reference to the univalence of partial sums.

[4]  $f \in R_\gamma^{e^{i\eta} \cos \eta}(1 - 2\beta, -1)$  whenever  $zf'(z) \in P_\gamma^\tau(\beta)$ , the class considered in [17].

For geometric aspects of these classes see the corresponding references.

Our main objective in the present paper is to find coefficient estimates, sufficient condition for the functions of the form (1.1) to belong to the class  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  and finding connections between the classes  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  and  $k - \mathcal{UCV}$  by making use of the Hohlov operator defined by (1.5). Each of the following lemmas will be required in our investigation.

**Lemma A.** (See [15]). *Let*

$$h(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \prec 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n z^n = H(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.11)$$

*If the function  $H$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $H(\mathbb{U})$  is a convex set, then*

$$|c_n| \leq |C_1|. \quad (1.12)$$

**Lemma B.** (See [6]). *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be of the form (1.1). If for some  $k$  ( $0 \leq k < \infty$ ), the following inequality:*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{k+2} \quad (1.13)$$

holds true, then  $f \in k - \mathcal{UCV}$ . The number  $\frac{1}{k+2}$  cannot be increased.

**Lemma C.** (See [8]). Let  $-1 \leq B_2 \leq B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ , then

$$\frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z} \prec \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

## 2. Main Results

We first give the following result related to the coefficient of  $f(z) \in R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  is of the form (1.1). If  $f(z)$  is in  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{|\tau|(A-B)}{n[1+\gamma(n-1)]} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}). \quad (2.1)$$

**Proof.** If  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1) belongs to in  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ , then by definition

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} = h(z) \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $h(z)$  is obviously convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  under the stated conditions on  $A$  and  $B$ . Using (1.1) and doing Binomial expansion of  $(1 + Bz)^{-1}$  in (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + \frac{1}{\tau}(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)(1+n\gamma)}{\tau} a_{n+1} z^n \prec 1 + (A-B)z - B(A-B)z^2 + \dots (z \in \mathbb{U}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by applying Lemma A we get the desired result.  $\square$

It is easy to find the sufficient condition for  $f(z)$  to be in  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  under standard techniques. Hence we state the following result without proof.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then a sufficient condition for  $f(z)$  to be in  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  is

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[1+\gamma(n-1)] |a_n| \leq \frac{|\tau|(A-B)}{|B|+1}. \quad (2.3)$$

The result is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{|\tau|(A-B)}{n[1+\gamma(n-1)](1+|B|)} z^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}) \quad (2.4)$$

**Remark 2.1.** For  $B = -1$  and  $A = 1 - 2\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ) Theorem 2.1 and 2.2 gives corresponding result of [16].

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $-1 \leq B_2 \leq B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ . Then

$$R_\gamma^\tau(A_1, B_1) \subset R_\gamma^\tau(A_2, B_2). \quad (2.5)$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in R_\gamma^\tau(A_1, B_1)$  then by Definition 1.1 of the class  $f \in R_\gamma^\tau(A_1, B_1)$  we have

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1) \prec \frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z}.$$

Since  $-1 \leq B_2 \leq B_1 < A_1 \leq A_2 \leq 1$ , by Lemma C, we have

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}(f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1) \prec \frac{1 + A_1 z}{1 + B_1 z} \prec \frac{1 + A_2 z}{1 + B_2 z}.$$

Which implies that  $R_\gamma^\tau(A_1, B_1) \subset R_\gamma^\tau(A_2, B_2)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\Re(c) > |a| + |b|$ . If  $f \in R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  and the inequality

$${}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) \leq \frac{|B| + 2}{|B| + 1} \quad (2.6)$$

holds true, then  $z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) * f(z) \in R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ .

**Proof.** Using Theorem 2.2 and (1.5) it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[1 + \gamma(n-1)] \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| |a_n| \leq \frac{|\tau|(A-B)}{1 + |B|}.$$

Applying Theorem 2.1, for  $f \in R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[1 + \gamma(n-1)] \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| |a_n| &\leq |\tau|(A-B) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a|)_{n-1}(|b|)_{n-1}}{(\Re(c))_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \\ &= |\tau|(A-B) [{}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) - 1] \leq \frac{|\tau|(A-B)}{|B| + 1} \quad (\text{In view of (2.6)}). \square \end{aligned}$$

If we set  $\gamma = 0, B = -1, A = 1 - 2\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) and  $\tau = 1$ , we get the functions in the class  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$  satisfying the analytic criterion  $\Re(f') > \alpha$  which implies that  $f(z)$  is close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  with respect to the starlike function  $g(z) = z$ . Hence the following result is immediate:

**Corollary 2.1.** Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\Re(c) > |a| + |b|$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  of form (1.1) satisfying  $\Re(f') > \alpha$ , and the inequality

$$\frac{\Gamma(\Re(c) - |a| - |b|)\Gamma(\Re(c))}{\Gamma(\Re(c) - a)\Gamma(\Re(c) - b)} \leq \frac{3}{2} \quad (2.7)$$

holds true, then  $z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) * f(z)$  is close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  with respect to the starlike function  $g(z) = z$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $a, b, c$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy the hypergeometric inequality

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) \left[ 1 + \frac{(1 + 2\gamma)|ab|}{\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 1} + \frac{\gamma(|a|)_2(|b|)_2}{(\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 1)(\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 2)} \right]^{-1} \\ \leq \frac{|\tau|(A - B)}{|B| + 1}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

with  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 2 > 0$ . Then  $z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  is in  $R_\gamma^\tau(A, B)$ .

**Proof.** Using Theorem 2.2 it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n [1 + \gamma(n - 1)] \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| \leq \frac{|\tau|(A - B)}{|B| + 1}.$$

It is easy to see that, the left hand side of the above inequality is

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n [1 + \gamma(n - 1)] \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + (1 + 2\gamma)(n - 1) + \gamma(n - 1)(n - 2)] \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a|)_{n-1}(|b|)_{n-1}}{(\Re(c))_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} + (1 + 2\gamma) \frac{|ab|}{\Re(c)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a| + 1)_{n-2}(|b| + 1)_{n-2}}{(\Re(c) + 1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-2}} \\ &\quad + \gamma \frac{(|a|)_2(|b|)_2}{(\Re(c))_2} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(|a| + 2)_{n-3}(|b| + 2)_{n-3}}{(\Re(c) + 2)_{n-3}(1)_{n-3}} \\ &= {}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) \left[ 1 + \frac{(1 + 2\gamma)|ab|}{\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 1} + \frac{\gamma(|a|)_2(|b|)_2}{(\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 1)(\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 2)} \right]^{-1} \\ &\leq \frac{|\tau|(A - B)}{|B| + 1} \quad (\text{In view of (2.8)}). \square \end{aligned}$$

If we set  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $A = 1 - 2\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ),  $B = -1$  and  $\tau = 1$  in Theorem 2.5, we get the following result:

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  satisfy the hypergeometric inequality*

$${}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) \left[ 1 + \frac{|ab|}{\Re(c) - |a| - |b| - 1} \right] \leq 2 - \alpha, \quad (2.9)$$

with  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\Re(c - |a| - |b| - 1) > 0$ , then,  $z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  is close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  with respect to the starlike function  $g(z) = z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $|a| \neq 1, |b| \neq 1, \Re(c) \neq 1$  and  $\Re(c) > |a| + |b|$ .*

*If  $f \in R_1^\tau(A, B)$  and, for some  $k$  ( $0 \leq k < \infty$ ), the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) - \frac{\Re(c) - 1}{(|a| - 1)(|b| - 1)} ({}_2F_1(|a| - 1, |b| - 1; \Re(c) - 1; 1) - 1) \\ \leq \frac{1}{|\tau|(A - B)(k + 2)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

holds true, then  $z {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) * f(z) \in k - \mathcal{UCV}$ .

**Proof.** For  $f \in R_1^\tau(A, B)$  of form (1.1), by applying Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| |a_n| &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)|\tau|(A-B)}{n^2} \frac{(|a|)_{n-1}(|b|)_{n-1}}{(\Re(c))_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \\ &= |\tau|(A-B) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a|)_{n-1}(|b|)_{n-1}}{(\Re(c))_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} - |\tau|(A-B) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a|)_{n-1}(|b|)_{n-1}}{(\Re(c))_{n-1}(1)_n} \\ &= |\tau|(A-B) [{}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) - 1] - |\tau|(A-B) \frac{\Re(c) - 1}{(|a| - 1)(|b| - 1)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|a| - 1)_n(|b| - 1)_n}{(\Re(c) - 1)_n(1)_n} \\ &= |\tau|(A-B) \left[ {}_2F_1(|a|, |b|; \Re(c); 1) - \frac{\Re(c) - 1}{(|a| - 1)(|b| - 1)} ({}_2F_1(|a| - 1, |b| - 1; \Re(c) - 1; 1) - 1) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if we make use of (2.10) in above, we find that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) \left| \frac{(a)_{n-1}(b)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| |a_n| \leq \frac{1}{k+2} \quad (0 \leq k < \infty),$$

which, in view of (1.5) and Lemma B, immediately proves the inclusion property asserted by Theorem 2.6.  $\square$

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# Applications of Differential Subordination for Functions with Fixed Second Coefficient to Geometric Function Theory\*

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## Abstract

The theory of second order differential subordination of S. S. Miller and P. T. Mocanu [Differential Subordinations, Dekker, New York, 2000] was recently extended to functions with fixed initial coefficient

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by R. M. Ali, S. Nagpal and V. Ravichandran [Second-order differential subordination for analytic functions with fixed initial coefficient, *Bull. Malays. Math. Sci. Soc. (2)* **34** (2011), 611–629] and applied to obtain several generalization of classical results in geometric function theory. In this paper, further applications of this subordination theory is given. In particular, several sufficient conditions related to starlikeness, convexity, close-to-convexity of normalized analytic functions are derived.

**Keywords and Phrases:** *Analytic functions, Starlike functions, Convex functions, Subordination, Fixed second coefficient.*

## 1. Introduction

For univalent functions  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  defined on  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ , the famous Bieberbach theorem shows that  $|a_2| \leq 2$  and this bound for the second coefficient yields the growth and distortion bounds as well as covering theorem. In view of the influence of the second coefficient in the properties of univalent functions, several authors have investigated functions with fixed second coefficient. For a brief survey of the various developments, mainly on radius problems, from 1920 to this date, see the recent work by Ali *et al.* [2]. The theory of first-order differential subordination was developed by Miller and Mocanu and a very comprehensive account of the theory and numerous applications can be found in their monograph [9]. Ali *et al.* [4] have extended this well-known theory of differential subordination to the functions with pre-assigned second coefficient. Nagpal and Ravichandran [10] have applied the results in [4] to obtain several extensions of well-known results to the functions with fixed second coefficient. In this paper, we continue their investigation by deriving several sufficient conditions for starlikeness of functions with fixed second coefficient.

For convenience, let  $\mathcal{A}_{n,b}$  denote the class of all functions  $f(z) = z + bz^{n+1} + a_{n+2}z^{n+2} + \dots$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $b$  is a fixed non-negative real number. For fixed  $\mu \geq 0$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  consists of analytic functions  $p$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + \mu z^n + p_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}). \quad (1.1)$$

Let  $\Omega$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and the class  $\Psi_{\mu,n}[\Omega]$  consists of those functions  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that are continuous in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  with  $(1, 0) \in D$ ,  $\psi(1, 0) \in \Omega$ ,

and satisfy the admissibility condition:  $\psi(i\rho, \sigma) \notin \Omega$  whenever  $(i\rho, \sigma) \in D$ ,  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\sigma \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2). \quad (1.2)$$

When  $\Omega = \{w : \operatorname{Re} w > 0\}$ , let  $\Psi_{\mu,n} := \Psi_{\mu,n}[\Omega]$ . The following theorem is needed to prove our main results.

**Theorem 1.1.** [4, Theorem 3.4] *Let  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  with  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ . Let  $\psi \in \Psi_{n,\mu}$  with associated domain  $D$ . If  $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(p(z), zp'(z)) > 0$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .*

For  $\alpha \neq 1$ , let

$$\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\alpha)z}{1-z} \right\}.$$

The function  $p_\alpha(z) := (1 + (1-2\alpha)z)/(1-z)$  maps  $\mathbb{D}$  onto  $\{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w > \alpha\}$  for  $\alpha < 1$  and onto  $\{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w < \alpha\}$  for  $\alpha > 1$ . Therefore, for  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  is the class of starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  consisting of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  for which  $\operatorname{Re}(zf'(z)/f(z)) > \alpha$ . For  $\alpha > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  reduces to the class  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  consisting of  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\operatorname{Re}(zf'(z)/f(z)) < \alpha$ . The latter class  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  and its subclasses were investigated in [3, 15, 22, 25, 26]. For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  consists of only univalent functions while for other values of  $\alpha$ , the class contains non-univalent functions. Other classes can be unified in a similar manner by subordination.

Motivated by the works of Lewandowski, Miller and Złotkiewicz [5], several authors [7, 8, 11, 15, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 27] have investigated the functions  $f$  for which  $zf'(z)/f(z) \cdot (\alpha zf''(z)/f'(z) + 1)$  lies in certain region in the right half-plane. For  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\beta < 1$ , Ravichandran *et al.* [21] have shown that a function  $f$  of the form  $f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right) \right) > \alpha\beta \left( \beta + \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) + \beta - \frac{\alpha n}{2} \quad (1.3)$$

is starlike of order  $\beta$ . In the first result of Theorem 2.1, we obtain the corresponding result for  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{n,b}$ .

For function  $p$  of the form  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$ , Nunokawa *et al.* [12] showed that for certain analytic function  $w$ , with  $w(0) = \alpha$ ,  $\alpha p^2(z) + \beta zp'(z) \prec$

$w(z)$  implies  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ , where  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\alpha \geq -\beta/2$ . See also [20]. Lemma 2.6 investigates the conditions for similar class of functions.

For complex numbers  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , the differential subordination

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z),$$

where  $q$  is analytic and  $h$  is univalent with  $q(0) = h(0)$ , is popularly known as Briot-Bouquet differential subordination. This particular differential subordination has a significant number of important applications in the theory of analytic functions (for details see [9]). The importance of Briot-Bouquet differential subordination inspired many researchers to work in this area and many generalizations and extensions of the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination have recently been obtained. Ali *et al.* [1] obtained several results related to the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination. In Lemmas 2.2 and 2.5, the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination is investigated for functions with fixed second coefficient.

## 2. Subordinations for starlikeness and univalence

For  $\beta \neq 1$ , Theorem 2.1 provides several sufficient conditions for  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$ ; in particular, for  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , these are sufficient conditions for starlikeness of order  $\beta$ . Theorem 2.2 is the meromorphic analogue of Theorem 2.1. Theorem 2.3 gives sufficient conditions for the subordination  $f'(z) \prec (1 + (1 - 2\beta)z)/(1 - z)$  to hold. For  $\beta = 0$ , this latter condition is sufficient for the close-to-convexity and hence univalence of the function  $f$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ , and  $0 < \mu = nb \leq 2$ . Let  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ ,  $\delta_3$  and  $\delta_4$  be given by*

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_1 &= -\frac{\alpha}{2}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + (1-\alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2, \\ \delta_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, \\ \delta_3 &= \begin{cases} \frac{-\alpha\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta, \end{cases} \\ \delta_4 &= \begin{cases} \frac{-\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-1}{2\beta}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta. \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{n,b}$  satisfies one of the following subordinations

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_1)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_2)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_3)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec -\frac{2\delta_4 z}{1 - z} \quad (2.4)$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

Our next theorem gives sufficient conditions for meromorphic functions to be starlike in the punctured unit disk  $\mathbb{D}^* := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . Precisely, we consider the class  $\Sigma_{n,b}$  of all analytic functions defined on  $\mathbb{D}^*$  of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + bz^n + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \cdots \quad (b \leq 0).$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ , and  $0 < \mu = -(n+1)b \leq 2$ . Let  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ ,  $\delta_3$  and  $\delta_4$  be given by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_1 &= -\frac{\alpha}{2}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + (1-\alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2, \\ \delta_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, \\ \delta_3 &= \begin{cases} \frac{-\alpha\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta, \end{cases} \\ \delta_4 &= \begin{cases} \frac{-\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-1}{2\beta}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta. \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

If  $f \in \Sigma_{n,b}$  satisfies one of the following subordinations

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2\alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_1)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$- \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_2)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) - (1 + \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_3)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec -\frac{2\delta_4 z}{1 - z} \quad (2.8)$$

then

$$-\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ , and  $0 < \mu = (n+1)b \leq 2$ . Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$  and  $\delta_4$  be given as in Theorem 2.1. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{n,b}$  satisfies one of the following subordinations*

$$f'(z) \left[ \alpha \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + f'(z) - 1 \right) + 1 \right] \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_1)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.9)$$

$$f'(z) + zf''(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_2)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.10)$$

$$\alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + f'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta_3)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec -\frac{2\delta_4 z}{1 - z} \quad (2.12)$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

The proof of these theorems follows from the following series of lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , let*

$$\delta := -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2.$$

*If  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  satisfies the subordination*

$$(1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha p^2(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.13)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . Note that  $\delta$  given in the hypothesis clearly satisfies  $\delta < 1$ . Define the function  $q : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $q(z) = (p(z) - \beta)/(1 - \beta)$ . Then  $q$  is analytic and  $(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta = p(z)$ . By using this, the inequality (2.13) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha + 2\alpha\beta)q(z) + \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 q^2(z) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \gamma(1 - \beta)zq'(z) + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta \right] > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Define the function  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(r, s) = (1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha + 2\alpha\beta)r + \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 r^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)s + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta.$$

For  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  satisfying (1.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} [(1 - \beta)(1 - \alpha + 2\alpha\beta)i\rho - \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)\sigma + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta] \\ &= \gamma(1 - \beta)\sigma - \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2 + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta \\ &\leq \gamma(1 - \beta) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) \right] - \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2 + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta \\ &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) - \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 (\rho^2 + 1) + \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 \\ &\quad + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta \\ &= -(1 + \rho^2) \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \alpha(1 - \beta)^2 + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta \\ &\leq -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + (1 - \alpha)\beta + \alpha\beta^2 - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ . By Theorem 1.1,  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  or equivalently  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$ . For  $\beta > 1$ , the proof is similar.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** For  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , let

$$\delta := -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta.$$

If  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu, n}$  satisfies the subordination

$$p(z) + \gamma z p'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta)z}{1 - z},$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Proof.** Replace  $\alpha = 0$  in Lemma 2.1 to yield the result.  $\square$



**Lemma 2.3.** For  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ , and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , let

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{-\alpha\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta := \delta_2, & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta}(1-\beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta := \delta_1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta. \end{cases}$$

If the function  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  satisfies the subordination

$$p(z) + \alpha \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta)z}{1 - z} \quad (2.14)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . As in the proof of Lemma 2.1, let  $q : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by  $q(z) = (p(z) - \beta)/(1 - \beta)$ . Then inequality (2.14) can be written as

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta + \frac{\alpha(1 - \beta)}{(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta} zq'(z) - \delta \right] > 0. \quad (2.15)$$

Define the function  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(r, s) = (1 - \beta)r + \frac{\alpha(1 - \beta)}{(1 - \beta)r + \beta} s + \beta - \delta.$$

Then  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(q(z), zq'(z)) > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(1, 0) > 0$ . We now show that  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu,n}$ . For  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  satisfying (1.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \beta)i\rho + \frac{\alpha(1 - \beta)}{(1 - \beta)i\rho + \beta} \sigma + \beta - \delta \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \beta)i\rho + \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma - \frac{\alpha(1 - \beta)^2 i\rho}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma + \beta - \delta \right] \\ &= \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma + \beta - \delta \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) \right] + \beta - \delta \\ &= -\frac{\alpha\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \left( \frac{1 + \rho^2}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \right) + \beta - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

For  $1/2 \leq \beta$ , the expression

$$\frac{1 + \rho^2}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2}$$

attains minimum at  $\rho = 0$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq -\frac{\alpha\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \beta - \delta_1 \\ &= \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta - \delta_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ .

For  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq -\frac{\alpha\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{(1 - \beta)^2} + \beta - \delta_2 \\ &= \frac{-\alpha\beta}{2(1 - \beta)} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta - \delta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$  or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ . Thus Theorem 1.1 implies  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  or equivalently  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$ . The proof of the case  $\beta > 1$  is similar.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** For  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , let

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{-\beta}{2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{-1}{2\beta}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta. \end{cases}$$

If the function  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu, n}$  satisfies the subordination

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec -\frac{2\delta z}{1 - z},$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Proof.** We consider the case  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . The case  $\beta > 1$  is similar. Let  $q(z) = (p(z) - \beta)/(1 - \beta)$  or  $(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta = p(z)$ . Then

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{(1 - \beta)zq'(z)}{(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta}. \quad (2.16)$$

Define  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(r, s) = \frac{(1 - \beta)s}{(1 - \beta)r + \beta} - \delta.$$

Then  $\psi(r, s)$  is continuous on  $(\mathbb{C} - \{-\beta/(1 - \beta)\}) \times \mathbb{C}$ . For  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  satisfying (1.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{(1 - \beta)}{(1 - \beta)i\rho + \beta} \sigma - \delta \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma - \frac{(1 - \beta)^2 i\rho}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma - \delta \right) \\ &= \frac{\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \sigma - \delta \\ &\leq \frac{\beta(1 - \beta)}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) \right] - \delta \\ &= -\frac{\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \left( \frac{1 + \rho^2}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2} \right) - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

For  $1/2 \leq \beta$ , the expression

$$\frac{1 + \rho^2}{\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2}$$

attains its minimum at  $\rho = 0$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq -\frac{\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{\beta^2} - \delta \\ &= \frac{-1}{2\beta}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ .

For  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq -\frac{\beta}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{(1 - \beta)^2} - \delta \\ &= \frac{-\beta}{2(1 - \beta)} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ . Thus Theorem 1.1 implies  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  or equivalently  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** For  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ ,  $\gamma > -\alpha\beta$  and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ , let

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{2} \frac{(1-\beta)}{(\alpha\beta+\gamma)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } \gamma \geq \alpha(1-2\beta), \\ \frac{-1}{2} \frac{(\alpha\beta+\gamma)}{\alpha^2(1-\beta)} \left( n + \frac{2-\mu}{2+\mu} \right) + \beta, & \text{if } \gamma \leq \alpha(1-2\beta). \end{cases}$$

If the function  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  satisfies the subordination

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\alpha p(z) + \gamma} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\delta)z}{1-z},$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\beta)z}{1-z}.$$

**Proof.** We consider the case  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . The case  $\beta > 1$  is similar. Define  $q(z) = (p - \beta)/(1 - \beta)$  or  $(1 - \beta)q + \beta = p(z)$ . Then

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\alpha p(z) + \gamma} = (1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta + \frac{(1 - \beta)}{\alpha[(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta] + \gamma} zq'(z). \quad (2.17)$$

Define  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(r, s) = (1 - \beta)r + \frac{(1 - \beta)}{\alpha(1 - \beta)r + \alpha\beta + \gamma} s + \beta - \delta.$$

Thus  $\psi(r, s)$  is continuous and for  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  satisfying (1.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \beta)i\rho + \frac{(1 - \beta)}{\alpha(1 - \beta)i\rho + \alpha\beta + \gamma} \sigma + \beta - \delta \right] \\ &= \frac{(1 - \beta)(\alpha\beta + \gamma)}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)^2 + \alpha^2(1 - \beta)^2\rho^2} \sigma + \beta - \delta \\ &\leq \frac{(1 - \beta)(\alpha\beta + \gamma)}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)^2 + \alpha^2(1 - \beta)^2\rho^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) \right] + \beta - \delta \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} (1 - \beta)(\alpha\beta + \gamma) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \left( \frac{1 + \rho^2}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)^2 + \alpha^2(1 - \beta)^2\rho^2} \right) + \beta - \delta \end{aligned}$$

For  $\gamma \leq \alpha(1 - 2\beta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq \frac{-1}{2} (1 - \beta)(\alpha\beta + \gamma) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{\alpha^2(1 - \beta)^2} + \beta - \delta \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \frac{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)}{\alpha^2(1 - \beta)} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ .

For  $\gamma \geq \alpha(1 - 2\beta)$ , the expression

$$\frac{1 + \rho^2}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)^2 + \alpha^2(1 - \beta)^2\rho^2}$$

attains minimum at  $\rho = 0$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) &\leq \frac{-1}{2}(1 - \beta)(\alpha\beta + \gamma) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) \frac{1}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)^2} + \beta - \delta \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \frac{(1 - \beta)}{(\alpha\beta + \gamma)} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta - \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ , and result follows from Theorem 1.1.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *For  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 1$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , and  $0 < \mu \leq 2$ . If the function  $p \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu, n}$  satisfies the subordination*

$$p^2(z) + \gamma zp'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.18)$$

where

$$\delta := -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta^2,$$

then

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z}.$$

**Proof.** We consider the case  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . The case  $\beta > 1$  is similar. Define  $q(z) = (p(z) - \beta)/(1 - \beta)$  or  $(1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta = p(z)$ . Using this it can be shown that inequality (2.18) can be written as

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ ((1 - \beta)q(z) + \beta)^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)zq'(z) - \delta \right] > 0.$$

Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by

$$\psi(r, s) = [(1 - \beta)r + \beta]^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)s - \delta.$$

For  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  satisfying (1.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \\
 &= \operatorname{Re} [((1 - \beta)i\rho + \beta)^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)\sigma - \delta] \\
 &= -(1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma(1 - \beta)\sigma - \delta \\
 &\leq \gamma(1 - \beta) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) \right] + \beta^2 - (1 - \beta)^2 \rho^2 - \delta \\
 &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) (1 + \rho^2) - (1 - \beta)^2(\rho^2 + 1) + (1 - \beta)^2 + \beta^2 - \delta \\
 &= -(1 + \rho^2) \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + (1 - \beta)^2 \right] + (1 - \beta)^2 + \beta^2 - \delta \\
 &\leq -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 - \beta) \left( n + \frac{2 - \mu}{2 + \mu} \right) + \beta^2 - \delta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma) \leq 0$ , or  $\psi \in \Psi_{\mu, n}$ , and Theorem 1.1 implies  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > 0$  or equivalently  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \beta$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** For a given function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{n, b}$ , let the function  $p : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $p(z) = zf'(z)/f(z)$ . Then computation shows that  $p(z) = 1 + nbz^n + \cdots \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu, n}$  where  $\mu = nb$ . Further calculations yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right) = (1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha p^2(z) + \alpha zp'(z), \\
 & \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) = p(z) + zp'(z), \\
 & (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) = p(z) + \alpha \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}, \\
 & 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result follows from Lemmas 2.1–2.4.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f \in \Sigma_{n, b}$ , and define the function  $p : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(z) = -zf'(z)/f(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}^*$ . Then  $p(z) = 1 - (n + 1)bz^{n+1} + \cdots \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu, n}$  with  $\mu = -(n + 1)b$ . Simple computations shows

that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2\alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right) &= (1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha p^2(z) + \alpha zp'(z), \\ - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left( 2 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) &= p(z) + zp'(z), \\ \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) - (1 + \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} &= p(z) + \alpha \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}, \\ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} &= \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result follows from Lemmas 2.1–2.4.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 2.3.** For  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{n,b}$ , let the function  $p : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $p(z) = f'(z)$ . Then  $p(z) = 1 + (n+1)bz^n + (n+2)a_{n+2}z^{n+1} + \dots \in \mathcal{H}_{\mu,n}$  with  $\mu = (n+1)b$ . Also, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) \left( \alpha \left( \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + f'(z) - 1 \right) + 1 \right) &= (1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha p^2(z) + \alpha zp'(z), \\ f'(z) + \alpha zf''(z) &= p(z) + \alpha zp'(z), \\ \alpha \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + f'(z) &= p(z) + \alpha \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}, \\ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} &= \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result follows from Lemmas 2.1–2.4.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.**

- (i) For  $\beta = 0$ , the condition (2.9)–(2.12) gives a sufficient condition for close-to-convexity and hence for univalence.
- (ii) If  $\mu = 2$ , result (2.1) reduces to [21, Theorem 2.1]. If  $\mu = 2$ , and  $f'(z)$  is considered as  $f(z)/z$ , result (2.10) reduces to [21, Theorem 2.4]. Inequality (2.11) reduces to [24, Theorem 2, p. 182] in the case when  $\mu = 2$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $\beta = 1/2$ . Furthermore, if  $\mu = 2$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $\beta = (\alpha + 1)/2$ , result (2.12) reduces to [16, Theorem 1].

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