

ON A CLASS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS
DEFINED BY USING A FRACTIONAL OPERATOR

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Abstract. We introduce a class of meromorphic functions $SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$ using the fractional operator

$$\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu+1)_{k+1}}{(2-\lambda)_{k+1}} (k+2)^{n+1} a_k z^k,$$

$-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Some inclusion relations and other properties of the class are investigated.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let Σ denote the class of functions of the form $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$, which are analytic in $\mathbb{U}^* = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$.

Motivated by [5], we define the fractional operator $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$, by

$$\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu+1)_{k+1}}{(2-\lambda)_{k+1}} (k+2)^{n+1} a_k z^k,$$

where $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0, z \in \mathbb{U}^*$ and the symbol $(\gamma)_k$ denotes the Pochhammer symbol, for $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, defined by

$$(\gamma)_k = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 0 \\ \gamma(\gamma+1)\dots(\gamma+k-1), & k \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases} = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+k)}{\Gamma(\gamma)}, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-.$$

We note that the operator $\mathcal{D}_0^{0,n} f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)^n a_k z^k$ was introduced and studied in [6].

REMARK 1.1. The operator $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}$ satisfies the following identities:

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1} f(z) = 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z) + z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z))',$$

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n} f(z) = \frac{\nu+2}{\nu+1} \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z) + \frac{1}{\nu+1} z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n} f(z))',$$

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$$(3) \quad \mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n} f(z) = \frac{2-\lambda}{1-\lambda} \mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z) + \frac{1}{1-\lambda} z (\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z))',$$

where $-\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

DEFINITION 1.2. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be in the class $SD_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$ if it satisfies

$$(4) \quad \Re \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)} - 2 \right) < -\alpha, z \in \mathbb{U},$$

for some $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha < 1), -\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

To prove our results, we need the followings.

LEMMA 1.3 ([3]). *Let the function w be regular and nonconstant in $|z| < 1$, with $w(0) = 0$. If $|w|$ attains its maximum value on the circle $|z| = r < 1$ at a point z_0 , then we have $z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0)$, where k is a real number and $k \geq 1$.*

LEMMA 1.4 ([4]). *Let $\phi(u, v)$ be a complex valued function, $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, D \subset \mathbb{C}^2$, and let $u = u_1 + iu_2, v = v_1 + iv_2$. Suppose that the function $\phi(u, v)$ satisfies the following conditions:*

(i) $\phi(u, v)$ is continuous in D ;

(ii) $(1, 0) \in D$ and $\Re(\phi(1, 0)) > 0$;

(iii) $\Re(\phi(iu_2, v_1)) \leq 0$ for all $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$ such that $v_1 \leq \frac{-(1+u_2^2)}{2}$.

Let $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$ be regular in \mathbb{U} such that $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in D$ for all $z \in \mathbb{U}$. If $\Re(\phi(p(z), zp'(z))) > 0, z \in \mathbb{U}$, then $\Re(p(z)) > 0, z \in \mathbb{U}$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

To prove our results, we use the methods used in [2, 6].

THEOREM 2.1. $SD_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}(\alpha) \subset SD_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}(\alpha), n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Proof. Let $f \in SD_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1}(\alpha)$. Therefore, we have

$$(5) \quad \Re \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+2} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)} - 2 \right) < -\alpha, z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Let w be a regular function in the unit disk \mathbb{U} , with $w(0) = 0$, defined by

$$(6) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)} - 2 = -\frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

The equality (6) may be written as

$$(7) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)} = \frac{1 + (3 - 2\alpha)w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Differentiating (7) logarithmically and multiplying by z , we obtain

$$(8) \quad \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)} - \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)} = \frac{z(3 - 2\alpha)w'(z)}{1 + (3 - 2\alpha)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Using (1) in (8) we get

$$(9) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)} - \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} \\ = \frac{z(3-2\alpha)w'(z)}{1+(3-2\alpha)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1+w(z)}.$$

Using (7) in (9) we get after some calculations the following

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1+w(z))(1+(3-2\alpha)w(z))} - \frac{1-w(z)}{1+w(z)}.$$

We claim that $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$. Otherwise there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that $\max_{|z| < |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$. Using Lemma 1.3, we obtain

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2kw(z_0)}{(1+w(z_0))(1+(3-2\alpha)w(z_0))} - \frac{1-w(z_0)}{1+w(z_0)}.$$

Thus

$$\Re \left(\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2(2-\alpha)} > 0,$$

which contradicts (5). Hence $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$ and from (6) follows (4). Consequently, $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$. \square

REMARK 2.2. Taking $\lambda = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, we obtain Theorem 2.1 from [6].

Using Lemma 1.4 instead of Lemma 1.3 we will obtain an improvement of Theorem 2.1.

THEOREM 2.3. $SD_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}(\alpha) \subset SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\beta)$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, where

$$(10) \quad \beta = \frac{5 + 2\alpha - \sqrt{(3-2\alpha)^2 + 8}}{4},$$

and $\beta \in (\alpha, 1)$.

Proof. Let $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}(\alpha)$, where $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, and let p be a function defined by

$$(11) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} = \gamma + (1-\gamma)p(z), \gamma > 1, z \in \mathbb{U},$$

where $\gamma = \frac{(3-2\alpha) + \sqrt{(3-2\alpha)^2 + 8}}{4}$. Then the function p is of the form $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$ and analytic in \mathbb{U} . Differentiating logarithmically both sides of (11) and making use of the identity (1), we obtain

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)} = \gamma + (1-\gamma)p(z) + \frac{z(1-\gamma)p'(z)}{\gamma + (1-\gamma)p(z)},$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & -\Re\left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+2}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)} - 2\right) - \alpha \\ & = \Re\left(2 - \alpha - \gamma - (1 - \gamma)p(z) - \frac{(1 - \gamma)zp'(z)}{\gamma + (1 - \gamma)p(z)}\right) > 0, z \in \mathbb{U}. \end{aligned}$$

We define the function ϕ by

$$\phi(u, v) = 2 - \alpha - \gamma - (1 - \gamma)u - \frac{(1 - \gamma)v}{\gamma + (1 - \gamma)u}.$$

Then ϕ has the following properties:

- (i) ϕ is continuous in $D = (\mathbb{C} - \{\frac{-\gamma}{1-\gamma}\}) \times \mathbb{C}$;
- (ii) $(1, 0) \in D$ and $\Re(\phi(1, 0)) = 1 - \alpha > 0$;
- (iii) for all $(iu_2, v_1) \in D$ such that $v_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + u_2^2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Re(\phi(iu_2, v_1)) & = 2 - \alpha - \gamma - \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma)v_1}{\gamma^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2u_2^2} \\ & \leq 2 - \alpha - \gamma + \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma)(1 + u_2^2)}{2(\gamma^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2u_2^2)} \\ & = -\frac{(1 - \gamma)(1 - 2\gamma)u_2^2}{2\gamma(\gamma^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2u_2^2)} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 1.4, we have $\Re p(z) > 0$ in \mathbb{U} , hence $\Re \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} < \gamma, z \in \mathbb{U}$, or equivalently $\Re\left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} - 2\right) < -\beta, z \in \mathbb{U}$, where β is given by (10). Consequently, $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\beta)$. \square

REMARK 2.4. Taking $\lambda = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, we obtain a particular case of Theorem 2.5 from [1].

THEOREM 2.5. $SD_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}(\alpha) \subset SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\alpha), \nu > -1$.

Proof. Let $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}(\alpha)$. Therefore, we have

$$(12) \quad \Re\left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)} - 2\right) < -\alpha, z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Let w be a regular function in the unit disk \mathbb{U} , with $w(0) = 0$, defined by (6). Using (1) and (2), the equality (7) may be written as

$$(13) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} = \frac{\nu + 1 + (3 - 2\alpha + \nu)w(z)}{(\nu + 1)(1 + w(z))}.$$

Differentiating (13) logarithmically and multiplying by z , we obtain

$$(14) \quad \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)} - \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} = \frac{(3 - 2\alpha + \nu)zw'(z)}{\nu + 1 + (3 - 2\alpha + \nu)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Using (1) in (14) we get

$$(15) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n+1}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)} - \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} \\ = \frac{(3 - 2\alpha + \nu)zw'(z)}{\nu + 1 + (3 - 2\alpha + \nu)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Using (7) in (15) we get after some calculations the following

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))(\nu + 1 + (3 - 2\alpha + \nu)w(z))} - \frac{1 - w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

We claim that $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$. Otherwise there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that $\max_{|z| < |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$. Using Lemma 1.3, we obtain

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n+1}f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2kw'(z_0)}{(1 + w(z_0))(\nu + 1 + (3 - 2\alpha + \nu)w(z_0))} - \frac{1 - w(z_0)}{1 + w(z_0)}.$$

Thus

$$\Re \left(\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n+1}f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1,n}f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2(2 - \alpha + \nu)} > 0,$$

which contradicts (12). Hence $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$ and from (6) follows (4). Consequently, $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$. \square

THEOREM 2.6. $SD_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}(\alpha) \subset SD_\lambda^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$, $-\infty < \lambda < 1$.

Proof. Let $f \in SD_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$. Therefore, we have

$$(16) \quad \Re \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n+1}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)} - 2 \right) < -\alpha, z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

Let w be a regular function in the unit disk \mathbb{U} , with $w(0) = 0$, defined by (6). Using (1) and (3), the equality (7) may be written as

$$(17) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} = \frac{1 - \lambda + (3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)w(z)}{(1 - \lambda)(1 + w(z))}.$$

Differentiating (17) logarithmically and multiplying by z , we obtain

$$(18) \quad \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)} - \frac{z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z))'}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} = \frac{(3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)zw'(z)}{1 - \lambda + (3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Using (1) in (18) we get

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n+1}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}f(z)} - \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n+1}f(z) - 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu,n}f(z)} =$$

$$(19) \quad \frac{(3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)zw'(z)}{1 - \lambda + (3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)w(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Using (7) in (19) we get after some calculations the following

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n} f(z)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))(1 - \lambda + (3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)w(z))} - \frac{1 - w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

We claim that $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$. Otherwise there exists a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{U}$ such that $\max_{|z| < |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$. Using Lemma 1.3, we obtain

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n+1} f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n} f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{2kw(z_0)}{(1 + w(z_0))(1 - \lambda + (3 - 2\alpha - \lambda)w(z_0))} - \frac{1 - w(z_0)}{1 + w(z_0)}.$$

Thus

$$\Re \left(\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n+1} f(z_0)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu, n} f(z_0)} - 2 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2(2 - \alpha - \lambda)} > 0,$$

which contradicts (16). Hence $|w(z)| < 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{U}$ and from (6) follows (4). Consequently, $f \in SD_{\lambda}^{\nu, n}(\alpha)$. \square

THEOREM 2.7. *Let $f \in \Sigma$ satisfying the condition*

$$\Re \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} f(z)} - 2 \right) < -\alpha + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2(1 - \alpha + c)}, z \in \mathbb{U},$$

$$(20) \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, -\infty < \lambda < 2, \nu > -1, c > 0,$$

then

$$F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z t^c f(t) dt \in SD_{\lambda}^{\nu, n}(\alpha).$$

Proof. From the definition of F we have

$$(21) \quad z(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} F(z))' = c\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} f(z) - (c+1)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} F(z).$$

Using (21) and (1), the inequality (20) may be written as

$$\Re \left(\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+2} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+1} F(z)} + (c-1)}{1 + (c-1)\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+1} F(z)}} - 2 \right) < -\alpha + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2(1 - \alpha + c)}.$$

Let w be a regular function in the unit disk \mathbb{U} , with $w(0) = 0$, defined by

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n+1} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu, n} F(z)} - 2 = -\frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

This equality may be written as

$$(22) \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z)} + c - 1 = \frac{c + (2 - 2\alpha + c)w(z)}{1 + w(z)}.$$

Differentiating (22) logarithmically and simplifying we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+2} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} F(z)} + (c - 1)}{1 + (c - 1) \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} F(z)}} - 2 \\ &= - \left(\alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{1 - w(z)}{1 + w(z)} \right) + \frac{2(1 - \alpha)zw'(z)}{(1 + w(z))(c + (2 - 2\alpha + c)w(z))}. \end{aligned}$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1. \square

REMARK 2.8. Taking $\lambda = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, we obtain Theorem 2.2 from [6].

THEOREM 2.9. $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu, n}(\alpha)$ if and only if the integral operator $F \in SD_\lambda^{\nu, n+1}(\alpha)$, where $F(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \int_0^z tf(t)dt$.

Proof. From the definition of F we have

$$(23) \quad z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z))' + 2\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z) = \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z).$$

By using the relation (1), the equality (23) becomes $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} F(z)$. Hence $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+2} F(z)$. Therefore

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z)} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+2} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} F(z)}.$$

This completes the proof. \square

REMARK 2.10. Taking $\lambda = 0$ and $\nu = 0$, we obtain Theorem 2.3 from [6].

THEOREM 2.11. $f \in SD_\lambda^{\nu, n}(\alpha)$ if and only if the integral operator $F \in SD_\lambda^{\nu+1, n}(\alpha)$, where $F(z) = \frac{\nu+1}{z^{\nu+2}} \int_0^z t^{\nu+1} f(t)dt$.

Proof. From the definition of F we have

$$(24) \quad z(\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z))' + (\nu + 2)\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} F(z) = (\nu + 1)\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z).$$

By using the relation (2), the equality (24) becomes $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1, n} F(z)$. Hence $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1, n+1} F(z)$. Therefore

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu, n} f(z)} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1, n+1} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{\nu+1, n} F(z)}.$$

This completes the proof. \square

THEOREM 2.12. $f \in SD_{\lambda}^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$ if and only if the integral operator $F \in SD_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n}(\alpha)$, where $F(z) = \frac{1-\lambda}{z^{2-\lambda}} \int_0^z t^{1-\lambda} f(t) dt$.

Proof. From the definition of F we have

$$(25) \quad z(\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} F(z))' + (2-\lambda)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} F(z) = (1-\lambda)\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z).$$

By using the relation (3), the equality (25) becomes $\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n} F(z)$. Hence $\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z) = \mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n+1} F(z)$. Therefore

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n+1} f(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda}^{\nu,n} f(z)} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n+1} F(z)}{\mathcal{D}_{\lambda+1}^{\nu,n} F(z)}.$$

This completes the proof. \square

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