

STARLIKE AND UNIFORMLY CONVEX FUNCTIONS  
INVOLVING GENERALIZED HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTION

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we obtained some conditions on the parameters of generalized hypergeometric function and also deals with mapping properties of various subclasses of starlike and uniformly convex functions defined through a generalized hypergeometric function.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denotes the class of functions of the form :

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2} a_n z^n \quad (1)$$

which are *analytic* in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . As usual, we denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are normalized by  $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) - 1$  and also univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  [13] the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting

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of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2} a_n z^n, \quad a_n \geq 0, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \quad (2)$$

Also, for functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  given by (1) and  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  given by  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2} b_n z^n$ , we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of  $f$  and  $g$  by

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{n=2} a_n b_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}. \quad (3)$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ), if and only if  $\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). This function class is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}(\alpha)$ . We also write  $\mathcal{S}(0) \equiv \mathcal{S}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  denotes the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  that  $f(\mathbb{U})$  is starlike with respect to the origin. A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) if and only if  $\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). This class is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ . Further,  $\mathcal{K}(0) = \mathcal{K}$ , the well-known standard class of convex functions. It is an established fact that  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha) \iff zf' \in \mathcal{S}(\alpha)$ .

We recall the definitions of the class of uniformly convex functions denoted by  $\mathcal{UCV}$ , introduced by Goodman [5, 6], studied extensively by Rønning [11, 12], and independently by Ma and Minda [7].

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f$  of the form (1) is said to be uniformly convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ , if and only if

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \geq \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Further the class  $\alpha - \mathcal{S}_P$  related to the class  $\alpha - \mathcal{UCV}$  by means of the well-known Alexander equivalence between the usual classes of convex  $\mathcal{K}$  and starlike  $\mathcal{S}$  functions are defined and the analytic criterion for functions in these classes are given as below:

**Definition 1.2.** A function  $f$  of the form (1) is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{S}_p(\alpha)$  if

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \geq \alpha \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and  $f \in \mathcal{UCV}(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  if

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \geq \alpha \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

Also,  $\mathcal{UCT}(\alpha) = \mathcal{UCV}(\alpha) \cap \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha) = \mathcal{S}_p(\alpha) \cap \mathcal{T}$ . It is of interest to note that  $\mathcal{UCV}(1) \equiv \mathcal{UCV}$  and  $\equiv \mathcal{UCV}(0) \equiv \mathcal{K}$ ;  $\mathcal{S}_p(0) \equiv \mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_p(1) \equiv \mathcal{S}_p$ . (see[16])

we recall the following results due to Subramanian et al., [16].

**Lemma 1.3.** *A function  $f(z)$  of the form (2) is in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha)$  if and only if* (i)

$$\sum_{n=2}^{n=\infty} [(\alpha + 1)n - \alpha] a_n \leq 1$$

and

(ii)  $\mathcal{UCT}(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{n=\infty} n [(\alpha + 1)n - \alpha] a_n \leq 1.$$

For,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q$  be complex numbers with  $b_j \neq 0, -1, \dots; j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ , then the generalized hypergeometric functions  ${}_pF_q(z)$  is defined by

$${}_pF_q(z) = {}_pF_q(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n (a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n z^n}{(b_1)_n (b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n (1)_n}, \quad (4)$$

$p \leq q + 1$  where  $(\lambda)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(\lambda)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \lambda(\lambda + 1) \dots (\lambda + n - 1) & \text{if } n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

We note that the function in the series in (4) converges absolutely in the entire complex plane for  $p < q + 1$ , and for  $p = q + 1$  in the unit disc, the condition  $p \leq q + 1$  stated with the definition (3) will be hold true throughout this paper. We note that the function  ${}_pF_q(1)$  converges whenever  $\Re \left( \sum_{j=1}^q b_j - \sum_{i=1}^p a_j \right) > 0$ .

Merkes and Scott [8] used continued fractions to find sufficient conditions for the function  $z_2F_1(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{S}(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . Silverman [14] and Dixit and Pathak [2] determined sufficient conditions for the function  $z_2F_1(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{S}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{UCV}(\alpha)$  respectively and various geometric properties of this function was discussed in [3, 4, 9, 14, 15]. In this paper, we obtain sufficient condition for function  $h(z)$ , given by

$$h(z) = (1 - \mu)\tau(z) + \mu z \tau'(z) \quad (6)$$

where  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\tau(z) = z_pF_q(z)$  belonging to the classes  $\mathcal{S}_p(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{UCT}(\alpha)$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $a_i > 0, (i = 1, 2, \dots, p)$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 2$ , then a sufficient condition for the function  $h(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_2(a_2)_2 \dots (a_p)_2}{(b_1)_2(b_2)_2 \dots (b_p)_2} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)(a_2) \dots (a_p)}{(b_1)(b_2) \dots (b_p)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + {}_pF_q(1) \leq 2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The condition (7) is necessary and sufficient for the function  $h_1(z)$ , defined by  $h_1(z) = z \left( 2 - \frac{h(z)}{z} \right)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* Since

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1)_{n-1}(a_2)_{n-1} \dots (a_p)_{n-1} z^n}{(b_1)_{n-1}(b_2)_{n-1} \dots (b_p)_{n-1} (1)_{n-1}}.$$

According to Lemma 1.3 we need only to show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1)_{n-1}(a_2)_{n-1} \dots (a_p)_{n-1}}{(b_1)_{n-1}(b_2)_{n-1} \dots (b_p)_{n-1} (1)_{n-1}} \leq 1. \quad (8)$$

Now from (8)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n + 1)(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu(n + 1)) \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n (1)_n} \\ & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\mu(\alpha + 1)n^2 + (\mu + \alpha + 1)n + 1] \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n (1)_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $(\lambda)_n = \lambda(\lambda + 1)_{n-1}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mu(\alpha + 1) \sum_{n=1} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n(1)_{n-2}} \\
 &\quad + (\mu\alpha + 2\mu + \alpha + 1) \sum_{n=1} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n(1)_{n-1}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=1} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n(1)_n} \\
 &= \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_2(a_2)_2 \dots (a_p)_2}{(b_1)_2(b_2)_2 \dots (b_p)_2} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\
 &\quad + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)(a_2) \dots (a_p)}{(b_1)(b_2) \dots (b_p)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + {}_pF_q(1) - 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

But this last expression is bounded by 1 if and only if (7) holds.

Since

$$h_1(z) = z - \sum_{n=2} (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1)_{n-1}(a_2)_{n-1} \dots (a_p)_{n-1} z^n}{(b_1)_{n-1}(b_2)_{n-1} \dots (b_p)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}}. \tag{9}$$

The condition (7) is also necessary for  $h_1(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$  from the Lemma 1.3 □

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $a_i > -1, (i = 1, 2, \dots, p), b_j > 0, (j = 1, 2, \dots, q), \prod_{i=1}^n a_i < 0$*

*and  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 2$ , then a necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $h(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_p(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1) \dots (a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1) \dots (b_p + 1)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\
 &\quad + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} {}_pF_q(1) \geq 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

The condition  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n a_i$  is necessary and sufficient for the function  $h(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{TS}_0 = \mathcal{S}$ , a class of starlike function with negative coefficients.

*Proof.* Since,

$$h(z) = z - \left| \frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p}{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q} \right| \sum_{n=2} (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n-2} (a_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n-1} z^n}{(b_1 + 1)_{n-2} (b_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}}. \quad (11)$$

If we show the inequality

$$\sum_{n=2} [n(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n-2} (a_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n-2}}{(b_1 + 1)_{n-2} (b_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n-2} (1)_{n-1}} \leq \left| \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right| \quad (12)$$

then by Lemma 1.3, Theorem 2.2 is obtained. The left hand side of the equation (12) converges if  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 2$ . From (12)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0} [(n+2)(\alpha+1) - \alpha] [1 - \mu + \mu(n+2)] \frac{(a_1 + 1)_n (a_2 + 1)_n \dots (a_p + 1)_n}{(b_1 + 1)_n (b_2 + 1)_n \dots (b_p + 1)_n (1)_{n+1}} \\ &= \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1) \dots (a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1) \dots (b_p + 1)} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 2)_n (a_2 + 2)_n \dots (a_p + 2)_n}{(b_1 + 2)_n (b_2 + 2)_n \dots (b_p + 2)_n (1)_n} \\ & \quad + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_n (a_2 + 1)_n \dots (a_p + 1)_n}{(b_1 + 1)_n (b_2 + 1)_n \dots (b_p + 1)_n (1)_n} \\ & \quad + \sum_{n=1} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n-1} (a_2 + 1)_{n-1} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n-1}}{(b_1 + 1)_{n-1} (b_2 + 1)_{n-1} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n-1} (1)_n} \\ &= \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1) \dots (a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1) \dots (b_p + 1)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & \quad + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \{ {}_pF_q(1) - 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (12) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1)\dots(a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1)\dots(b_p + 1)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) \\ & + \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} {}_pF_q(1) \leq \left| \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right| + \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Thus (13) is valid if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1)\dots(a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1)\dots(b_p + 1)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & + (\mu(\alpha + 2) + \alpha + 1) {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} {}_pF_q(1) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to (10). This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $a_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 3$ , then a sufficient condition for the function  $h(z)$  to be in the class  $\mathcal{UCT}(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_3(a_2)_3\dots(a_p)_3}{(b_1)_3(b_2)_3\dots(b_q)_3} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 3; b_1 + 3, 1) \\ & + (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_2(a_2)_2\dots(a_p)_2}{(b_1)_2(b_2)_2\dots(b_q)_2} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & + (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) \frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p}{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q} {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + {}_pF_q(1) \leq 2. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

The condition (14) is a necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $h_1(z)$  defined by (9) to be in the class  $\mathcal{UCT}(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* Taking  $h(z)$  defined by (6), in view of (ii) of Lemma 1.3, we need only to show that

$$\sum_{n=2} n [n(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1)_{n-1}(a_2)_{n-1}\dots(a_p)_{n-1}}{(b_1)_{n-1}(b_2)_{n-1}\dots(b_p)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \leq 1. \tag{15}$$

The left hand side of (15) converges if  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 3$ . From (15)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0} (n+2) [(n+2)(\alpha+1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu(n+2)) \frac{(a_1)_{n+1}(a_2)_{n+1}\dots(a_p)_{n+1}}{(b_1)_{n+1}(b_2)_{n+1}\dots(b_p)_{n+1}(1)_{n+1}} \\ &= \mu(\alpha+1) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_{n+3}(a_2)_{n+3}\dots(a_p)_{n+3}}{(b_1)_{n+3}(b_2)_{n+3}\dots(b_p)_{n+3}(1)_n} \\ &+ (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_{n+2}(a_2)_{n+2}\dots(a_p)_{n+2}}{(b_1)_{n+2}(b_2)_{n+2}\dots(b_p)_{n+2}(1)_n} \\ &+ (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_{n+1}(a_2)_{n+1}\dots(a_p)_{n+1}}{(b_1)_{n+1}(b_2)_{n+1}\dots(b_p)_{n+1}(1)_n} + \sum_{n=1} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n\dots(a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n\dots(b_p)_n(1)_n}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Since  $(a)_{n+k} = (a)_k(a+k)_n$ , we may write (16) as

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mu(\alpha+1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_3(a_2)_3\dots(a_p)_3}{(b_1)_3(b_2)_3\dots(b_q)_3} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1+3)_n(a_2+3)_n\dots(a_p+3)_n}{(b_1+3)_n(b_2+3)_n\dots(b_p+3)_n(1)_n} \\ &+ (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1)_2(a_2)_2\dots(a_p)_2}{(b_1)_2(b_2)_2\dots(b_q)_2} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1+2)_n(a_2+2)_n\dots(a_p+2)_n}{(b_1+2)_n(b_2+2)_n\dots(b_p+2)_n(1)_n} \\ &+ (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) \frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p}{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q} \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1+1)_n(a_2+1)_n\dots(a_p+1)_n}{(b_1+1)_n(b_2+1)_n\dots(b_p+1)_n(1)_n} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n\dots(a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n\dots(b_p)_n(1)_n} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is bounded by 1 if and only if (14) holds, hence the proof of the Theorem 2.3. □

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $a_i > -1, (i = 1, 2, \dots, p), \prod_{i=1}^n a_i < 0$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 3$ , then a necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $h(z)$  to be in the class*



$UCT(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , is that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)_2(a_2 + 1)_2 \dots (a_p + 1)_2}{(b_1 + 1)_2(b_2 + 1)_2 \dots (b_p + 1)_2} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 3; b_1 + 3, 1) \\ & + (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1) \dots (a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1) \dots (b_p + 1)} \right] {}_pF_q(a_1 + 2; b_1 + 2, 1) \\ & + (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) {}_pF_q(a_1 + 1; b_1 + 1, 1) + \left[ \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right] {}_pF_q(1) \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

*Proof.* Taking  $h(z)$  defined by (11), in view of (ii) of Lemma 1.3, we must show that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2} n [n(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu n) \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n-2}(a_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n-2}}{(b_1 + 1)_{n-2}(b_2 + 1)_{n-2} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n-2}(1)_{n-1}} \\ \leq \left| \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

The left side of (18) converges if  $\sum_{j=1}^q b_j > \sum_{i=1}^p a_i + 3$ . Now from (18)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0} (n + 2) [(n + 2)(\alpha + 1) - \alpha] (1 - \mu + \mu(n + 2)) \frac{(a_1 + 1)_n(a_2 + 1)_n \dots (a_p + 1)_n}{(b_1 + 1)_n(b_2 + 1)_n \dots (b_p + 1)_n(1)_{n+1}} \\ & = \mu(\alpha + 1) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n+2}(a_2 + 1)_{n+2} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n+2}}{(b_1 + 1)_{n+2}(b_2 + 1)_{n+2} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n+2}(1)_n} \\ & + (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_{n+1}(a_2 + 1)_{n+1} \dots (a_p + 1)_{n+1}}{(b_1 + 1)_{n+1}(b_2 + 1)_{n+1} \dots (b_p + 1)_{n+1}(1)_n} \\ & + (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_n(a_2 + 1)_n \dots (a_p + 1)_n}{(b_1 + 1)_n(b_2 + 1)_n \dots (b_p + 1)_n(1)_n} \\ & + \left[ \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_{n+1}(a_2)_{n+1} \dots (a_p)_{n+1}}{(b_1)_{n+1}(b_2)_{n+1} \dots (b_p)_{n+1}(1)_{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mu(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)_2(a_2 + 1)_2 \dots (a_p + 1)_2}{(b_1 + 1)_2(b_2 + 1)_2 \dots (b_p + 1)_2} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 3)_n(a_2 + 3)_n \dots (a_p + 3)_n}{(b_1 + 3)_n(b_2 + 3)_n \dots (b_p + 3)_n(1)_n} \\
&+ (4\mu\alpha + 5\mu + \alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1) \dots (a_p + 1)}{(b_1 + 1)(b_2 + 1) \dots (b_p + 1)} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 2)_n(a_2 + 2)_n \dots (a_p + 2)_n}{(b_1 + 2)_n(b_2 + 2)_n \dots (b_p + 2)_n(1)_n} \\
&+ (2\mu\alpha + 4\mu + \alpha + 3) \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1 + 1)_n(a_2 + 1)_n \dots (a_p + 1)_n}{(b_1 + 1)_n(b_2 + 1)_n \dots (b_p + 1)_n(1)_n} \\
&+ \left[ \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right] \sum_{n=0} \frac{(a_1)_n(a_2)_n \dots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n(b_2)_n \dots (b_p)_n(1)_n} - \left[ \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This last expression is bounded by  $\left| \frac{b_1 b_2 \dots b_q}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_p} \right|$  if and only if (17) holds. Thus the proof of the Theorem 2.4 is completed.  $\square$

**Concluding Remark:** If  $p = 2, q = 1$ , the results reduces to Dixit and Pathak[4] result.

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