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# Applications of differential subordination to certain subclasses of *p*-valent meromorphic functions involving a certain operator

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#### 1. Introduction

For any integer m > -p, let  $\sum_{p,m}$  denote the class of all meromorphic functions f normalized by:

$$f(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}),$$
(1.1)

which are analytic and *p*-valent in a punctured unit disk  $U^* = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z| < 1\} = U \setminus \{0\}$ . For convenience, we write  $\sum_{p,-p+1} = \sum_p$ . If *f* and *g* are analytic functions in *U*, we say that *f* is subordinate to *g*, written  $f \prec g$  if there exists a Schwarz function *w*, which (by definition) is analytic in *U* with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for all  $z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z)), z \in U$ . Furthermore, if the function *g* is univalent in *U*, then we have the following equivalence (see [1–3]):

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(U) \subset g(U).$$

For functions  $f(z) \in \sum_{p,m}$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) \in \sum_{p,m}$  given by  $g(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ , the Hadamard product of f(z) and g(z) is given by:

$$(f * g)(z) = z^{-p} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k = (g * f)(z).$$
(1.2)

For complex numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_l$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_s(\beta_j \notin Z_0^- = \{0, -1, -2, \ldots\}; j = 1, 2, \ldots, s)$ , we define the generalized hypergeometric function  $_lF_s(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_l; \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_s; z)$  (see, for example, [4]) by the following infinite series:

$${}_{l}F_{s}(\alpha_{1},\ldots,\alpha_{l};\beta_{1},\ldots,\beta_{s};z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_{1})_{k}\cdots(\alpha_{l})_{k}}{(\beta_{1})_{k}\cdots(\beta_{s})_{k}(1)_{k}} z^{k} \quad (l \le s+1; s, l \in \mathbb{N}_{0} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in U),$$
(1.3)

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#### ABSTRACT

By making use of the method of differential subordination, we investigate some properties of certain classes of *p*-valent meromorphic functions, which are defined by means of a certain operator.

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