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# Study on the q-analogue of a certain family of linear operators

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce the q-analogue of a certain family of linear operators in geometric function theory. Our main purpose is to define some subclasses of analytic functions by means of the q-analogue of linear operators and investigate various inclusion relationships with integral preserving properties.

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# 1. Introduction

Let **A** denote the class of analytic functions f(z) in the open unit disk  $\mathbf{O} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  such that

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n.$$
 (1.1)

Subordination of two functions f and g is denoted by  $f \prec g$  and defined as f(z) = g(w(z)), where w(z) is the Schwartz function in **O** (see [18]). Let S,  $S^*$ , and C denote the subclasses of **A** of univalent functions, starlike functions, and convex functions, respectively. We recall here some basic definitions and details of q-calculus that are used in this paper.

The q-difference operator, which was introduced by Jackson [12], is defined by

$$D_q f(z) = \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{(1 - q)z}; \quad q \neq 1, \ z \neq 0$$
(1.2)

for  $q \in (0,1)$ . It is clear that  $\lim_{q \to 1^-} D_q f(z) = f'(z)$ , where f'(z) is the ordinary derivative of the function. For more properties of  $D_q$  see [5–7, 16, 27].

It can easily be seen that for  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, ..\}$  and  $z \in \mathbf{O}$ 

$$D_q \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n]_q z^{n-1},$$
(1.3)

where

$$[n]_q = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q} = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1}.$$
(1.4)

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We have the following rules of  $D_q$ :

$$D_q \left( af\left(z\right) \pm bg\left(z\right) \right) = aD_q f\left(z\right) \pm bD_q g\left(z\right), \tag{1.5}$$

$$D_q(f(z)g(z)) = f(qz)D_q(g(z)) + g(z)D_q(f(qz)),$$
(1.6)

$$D_q\left(\frac{f(z)}{g(z)}\right) = \frac{D_q(f(z))g(z) - f(z)D_q(g(z))}{g(qz)g(z)}, \quad g(qz)g(z) \neq 0,$$
(1.7)

$$D_q(\log f(z)) = \frac{D_q(f(z))}{f(z)}.$$
(1.8)

In the context of geometric function theory, usage of q-difference equations was first applied by Jackson [13], Carmichael [4], Mason [17], Adams [1], and Trijitzinsky [26]. Some properties related with q-function theory were first introduced by Ismail et al. [11]. Moreover, several authors studied many applications of q-calculus associated with generalized subclasses of analytic functions; see [2, 19, 21, 28]. The study of linear operators plays an important and vital role in the field of geometric function theory. In recent days, many well-known researchers are interested in introducing and studying those linear operators in terms of q-analogues. In [15], the authors introduced the q-analogue of the Ruscheweyh derivative operator and studied some of the properties of this differential operator. Noor et al. [22] introduced the q-Bernardi integral operator. Furthermore, by using the concept of q-calculus, Arif et al. [3] defined the q-Noor integral operator and investigated a number of important properties.

Motivated by the work mentioned above, we introduce the q-Srivastava–Attiya operator and the q-multiplier transformation on  $\mathbf{A}$  as follows.

First, we give the q-analogue of the Hurwitz–Lerch zeta function by the following series:

$$\varphi_q\left(s,b;z\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\left[n+b\right]_q^s},\tag{1.9}$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  when |z| < 1, and Re(s) > 1 when |z| = 1.

From (1.9) we can easily get

$$\psi_q(s,b;z) = [1+b]_q^s \left\{ \varphi_q(s,b;z) - [b]_q^s \right\}$$
  
=  $z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[1+b]_q}{[n+b]_q} \right)^s z^n.$  (1.10)

Now by (1.10) and (1.1), we define the q-Srivastava–Attiya operator  $J_{q,b}^s: \mathbf{A} \to \mathbf{A}$  by

$$J_{q,b}^{s}f(z) = \psi_{q}(s,b;z) * f(z)$$
  
=  $z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{[1+b]_{q}}{[n+b]_{q}}\right)^{s} a_{n}z^{n},$  (1.11)

where \* denotes convolution (or the Hadamard product).

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We note that:

(i) If  $q \to 1^-$ , then the function  $\varphi_q(s, b; z)$  reduces to the Hurwitz–Lerch zeta function and the operator  $J_{q,b}^s$  coincides with the Srivastava–Attiya operator; we refer to [24, 25].

 $\begin{array}{ll} (ii) \ \ J_{q,0}^{1}f(z) = \int_{0}^{z} \frac{f(t)}{t} d_{q}t. & (\text{q-Alexander operator}). \\ (iii) \ \ J_{q,b}^{1}f(z) = \frac{[1+b]_{q}}{z^{b}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{b-1}f(t)d_{q}t. & (\text{q-Bernardi operator [22]}). \\ (iv) \ \ J_{q,1}^{1}f(z) = \frac{[2]_{q}}{z} \int_{0}^{z} f(t)d_{q}t. & (\text{q-Libera operator [22]}). \end{array}$ 

For any real number s, the q-analogue of multiplier transformation  $I_{q,s}^b: \mathbf{A} \to \mathbf{A}$  is defined as follows:

$$I_{q,s}^{b}f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{[n+b]_{q}}{[1+b]_{q}}\right)^{s} a_{n} z^{n},$$
(1.12)

where  $f \in \mathbf{A}$  and b > -1. It is noted that for nonnegative integers s and b = 0, the operator  $I_{q,s}^b$  becomes the well-known Salagean q-differential operator [8], which was studied by several authors [9, 10].

From (1.11) and (1.12), we easily have the following identities:

$$zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)\right) = \left(1 + \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right)J_{q,b}^sf(z) - \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z),\tag{1.13}$$

$$zD_q\left(I^b_{q,s}f(z)\right) = \left(1 + \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right)I^b_{q,s+1}f(z) - \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}I^b_{q,s}f(z).$$
(1.14)

Using the q-derivative, we now define some new classes of analytic functions below.

Let  $\Phi$  be the class of analytic functions  $\varphi(z)$ , which are univalent convex functions in **O** with  $\varphi(0) = 1$ and  $Re(\varphi(z)) > 0$  in **O**.

**Definition 1.1** A function  $f \in \mathbf{A}$  is said to be in the class  $ST_q(\varphi)$  if it satisfies the following condition:

$$\frac{zD_{q}f\left(z\right)}{f\left(z\right)}\prec\varphi\left(z\right),$$

where  $D_q$  is the q-difference operator.

Analogously, a function  $f \in \mathbf{A}$  is said to be in the class  $CV_q(\varphi)$  if and only if

$$zD_q f(z) \in ST_q(\varphi). \tag{1.15}$$

Using the operators defined above, we define the following:

**Definition 1.2** Let  $f \in \mathbf{A}$ , s be real, and b > -1. Then

$$f \in ST_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi)$$
 if and only if  $J_{q,b}^{s}f(z) \in ST_{q}(\varphi)$ ,

and

$$f \in CV_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi) \text{ if and only if } J_{q,b}^{s}f(z) \in CV_{q}(\varphi).$$

$$(1.16)$$

It is clear that

$$f \in CV_{a,b}^{s}(\varphi) \text{ if and only if } z(D_{q}f) \in ST_{a,b}^{s}(\varphi).$$

$$(1.17)$$

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Special cases:

(i) If s = 0 and  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$   $(-1 \le B < A \le 1)$ , then  $ST^s_{q,b}(\varphi)$  reduces to the class  $S^*_q(A, B)$  introduced by Noor et al. [22]. Moreover, if  $q \to 1^-$ , then  $S^*_q(A, B)$  coincides with the class  $S^*[A, B]$  (see [14]).

(ii) If s = 0 and  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{1-qz}$ , then  $ST_{q,b}^s(\varphi)$  reduces to the class  $ST_q$  studied by Noor [20].

(iii) If s = 0 and  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-qz}$ , then  $ST^s_{q,b}(\varphi)$  reduces to the class  $S^*_q$  introduced by Noor et al. [21].

**Definition 1.3** Let  $f \in \mathbf{A}$ , s be real, and b > -1. Then

$$f\in\widetilde{ST}_{q,s}^{b}\left(\varphi
ight)$$
 if and only if  $I_{q,s}^{b}f(z)\in ST_{q}\left(\varphi
ight)$ ,

and

$$f\in\widetilde{CV}_{q,s}^{b}\left(\varphi
ight)$$
 if and only if  $I_{q,s}^{b}f(z)\in CV_{q}\left(\varphi
ight)$ .

It is obvious that

$$f \in \widetilde{CV}_{q,s}^{b}(\varphi) \text{ if and only if } z(D_{q}f) \in \widetilde{ST}_{q,s}^{b}(\varphi).$$

$$(1.18)$$

**Remark 1.4** It is easy to check that for 0 < q < 1, the function  $f_1(z) = \frac{z}{1-qz}$ ,  $z \in \mathbf{O}$ , belongs to  $ST_q(\varphi)$  and the function  $f_2(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-qz}$ ,  $z \in \mathbf{O}$ , belongs to  $CV_q(\varphi)$ . Therefore, our newly defined classes are not empty; consequently, we proceed to discuss our main results.

### 2. Main results

We need the following lemma to prove our results:

**Lemma 2.1** [23] Let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be complex numbers with  $\beta \neq 0$  and let h(z) be analytic in **O** with h(0) = 1and Re  $\{\beta h(z) + \gamma\} > 0$ . If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + ...$  is analytic in **O**, then

$$p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z)$$

implies that  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ .

#### 2.1. Inclusion results

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $\varphi(z)$  be an analytic and convex univalent function with  $\varphi(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(z)) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbf{O}$ . Then, for  $s > 0, b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$ST^{s}_{q,b}\left(\varphi\right) \subset ST^{s+1}_{q,b}\left(\varphi\right)$$

**Proof** Let  $f \in ST^{s}_{q,b}(\varphi)$  and we set

$$\frac{zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)\right)}{J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)} = p(z),$$
(2.1)

where p(z) is analytic in **O** with p(0) = 1.

Using identity (1.13) and (2.1), we get

$$\frac{zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)\right)}{J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)} = \left(1 + \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right)\frac{J_{q,b}^sf(z)}{J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)} - \frac{[b]_q}{q^b},$$

or equivalently

$$\left(1+\frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right)\frac{J^s_{q,b}f(z)}{J^{s+1}_{q,b}f(z)} = p(z) + \gamma_q, \quad \left(\text{for } \gamma_q = \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right),$$

and q-logarithmic differentiation yields

$$\frac{zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^s f(z)\right)}{J_{q,b}^s f(z)} = p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{p(z) + \gamma_q}.$$
(2.2)

Since  $f \in ST_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi)$ , from (2.2) we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{p(z) + \gamma_q} \prec \varphi(z).$$

By applying Lemma 2.1, we conclude that  $p(z) \prec \varphi(z)$ . Consequently,  $\frac{zD_q(J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z))}{J_{q,b}^{s+1}f(z)} \prec \varphi(z)$  implies  $f \in ST_{q,b}^{s+1}(\varphi)$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let s, b, and  $\varphi$  be given the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then

$$CV_{q,b}^{s}\left(\varphi\right) \subset CV_{q,b}^{s+1}\left(\varphi\right)$$

**Proof** Let  $f \in CV_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi)$ . Then, by Alexander's type relation (1.17), we can write  $z(D_{q}f) \in ST_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi)$ . From Theorem 2.2, we know that  $ST_{q,b}^{s}(\varphi) \subset ST_{q,b}^{s+1}(\varphi)$ , so we have  $z(D_{q}f) \in ST_{q,b}^{s+1}(\varphi)$ . We get the required result by again using Alexander's type relation (1.17).

**Corollary 2.4** Let s and b be given the same as in Theorem 2.2. Then, for  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$   $(-1 \le B < A \le 1)$ ,

$$ST_{q,b}^{s}\left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right) \subset ST_{q,b}^{s+1}\left(\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right)$$

Moreover, for A = 0 and B = -q and for A = 1 and B = -q,

$$ST_{q,b}^{s}\left(\frac{1}{1-qz}\right) \subset ST_{q,b}^{s+1}\left(\frac{1}{1-qz}\right) \text{ and } ST_{q,b}^{s}\left(\frac{1+z}{1-qz}\right) \subset ST_{q,b}^{s+1}\left(\frac{1+z}{1-qz}\right),$$

respectively.

One can easily prove the following results by using similar arguments as used before.

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $\varphi(z)$  be an analytic and convex univalent function with  $\varphi(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(z)) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbf{O}$ . Then, for s > 0,  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\widetilde{ST}_{q,s+1}^{b}\left(\varphi\right)\subset\widetilde{ST}_{q,s}^{b}\left(\varphi\right)$$

and

$$\widetilde{CV}_{q,s+1}^{b}\left(\varphi\right)\subset\widetilde{CV}_{q,s}^{b}\left(\varphi\right).$$

# 2.2. Integral preserving property

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $f \in ST^{s}_{q,b}(\varphi)$ . Then  $J^{1}_{q,b}f \in ST^{s}_{q,b}(\varphi)$ , where

$$J_{q,b}^{1}f(z) = \frac{[1+b]_{q}}{z^{b}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{b-1}f(t)d_{q}t.$$
(2.3)

 $\mathbf{Proof} \quad \text{Let} \ f \in ST^{s}_{q,b}\left(\varphi\right). \ \text{If we set} \ F(z) = J^{1}_{q,b}f(z)\,,$ 

$$\frac{zD_q\left(J^s_{q,b}F(z)\right)}{J^s_{q,b}F(z)} = Q(z), \tag{2.4}$$

where Q(z) is analytic in **O** with Q(0) = 1.

From (2.3) we can write

$$\frac{D_q\left(z^b F(z)\right)}{\left[1+b\right]_q} = z^{b-1} f(z)$$

Using the product rule of the q-difference operator, we get

$$zD_q F(z) = \left(1 + \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right) f(z) - [b]_q F(z).$$
(2.5)

From (2.2), (2.5), and (1.11), we have

$$Q(z) = \left(1 + \frac{[b]_q}{q^b}\right) \frac{zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^s f(z)\right)}{J_{q,b}^s F(z)} - [b]_q.$$

On q-logarithmic differentiation, we get

$$\frac{zD_q\left(J_{q,b}^s f(z)\right)}{J_{q,b}^s f(z)} = Q(z) + \frac{zD_q Q(z)}{Q(z) + [b]_q}.$$
(2.6)

Since  $f \in ST^s_{q,b}(\varphi)$ , (2.6) implies

$$Q(z) + \frac{zD_qQ(z)}{Q(z) + [b]_q} \prec \varphi(z).$$

Now, by applying Lemma 2.1, we conclude  $Q(z) \prec \varphi(z)$ . Consequently,  $\frac{zD_q(J^s_{q,b}F(z))}{J^s_{q,b}F(z)} \prec \varphi(z)$ . Hence,  $F \in ST^s_{q,b}(\varphi)$ .

On similar arguments as used in Theorem 2.3, one can easily prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $f \in CV_{a,b}^s(\varphi)$ . Then  $J_{a,b}^1 f \in CV_{a,b}^s(\varphi)$ , where  $J_{a,b}^1 f$  is defined by (2.3).

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