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# On $q$ -Uniformly Mocanu Functions

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**Abstract:** Let  $f$  be analytic in open unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ . The  $q$ -derivative of  $f$  is defined by:  $D_q f(z) = \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{(1-q)z}$ ,  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{B} - \{0\}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $q$ -geometric subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Using operator  $D_q$ ,  $q$ -analogue class  $k-UM_q(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $k$ -uniformly Mocanu functions are defined as: For  $k = 0$  and  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $k-$  reduces to  $M(\alpha)$  of Mocanu functions. Subordination is used to investigate many important properties of these functions. Several interesting results are derived as special cases.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions  $f$  that are analytic in the open unit disc  $E$  and are also normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$ . Let  $f, g \in A$ .  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$  (written as  $f \prec g$ ), if there exists a Schwartz function  $w(z)$  such that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ .

$q$ -calculus is ordinary calculus without a limit, and it has been used recently by many researchers in the field of geometric function theory.  $q$ -derivatives and  $q$ -integrals play an important and significant role in the study of quantum groups and  $q$ -deformed super-algebras, the study of fractal and multi-fractal measures and in chaotic dynamical systems. The name  $q$ -calculus also appears in other contexts; see [1,2]. The most sophisticated tool that derives functions in non-integer order is the long-known fractional calculus; see [1–4].

We recall here some basic concepts from  $q$ -calculus for which we refer to [5–16] and the references therein.

A subset  $\beta \subset \mathbb{C}$  is called  $q$ -geometric, if  $zq \in \beta$ , whenever  $z \in \beta$ , and it contains all the geometric sequences  $\{zq^m\}_0^\infty$ .

The  $q$ -derivative  $D_q$  of a function  $f \in A$  is defined by:

$$D_q f(z) = \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{(1-q)z}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{B} - \{0\}) \quad (1)$$

and  $D_q f(0) = f'(0)$ .

Under this definition, we have the following rules for  $q$ -derivative  $D_q$ .

(i).  $D_q z^m = \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} z^{m-1} = [m, q] z^{m-1}$ , where  $[m, q] = \frac{1-q^m}{1-q}$ .

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be defined on a  $q$ -geometric set  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $q$ -derivatives of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  exist for all  $z \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then, for  $a, b$  complex numbers, we have:

(ii).  $D_q (af(z) \pm bg(z)) = aD_q f(z) \pm bD_q g(z)$ .

(iii).  $D_q (f(z).g(z)) = g(z)D_q f(z) + f(qz)D_q g(z)$ .

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

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

Let  $P(z)$  be the class of functions  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + \dots$ , analytic in  $E$  and satisfying:

$$\left| p(z) - \frac{1}{1-q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-q}, \quad (z \in E, q \in (0, 1)). \quad (2)$$

It is known [9] that  $p \in P(q)$  implies that  $p(z) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-qz}$ , where  $\prec$  denotes subordination, and from this, it easily follows that  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in E$ .

Now, we have:

**Definition 1.** [4,5] Let  $f \in A$ . Then, it is said to belong to the class  $S_q^*(\alpha)$  of  $q$ -starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , if and only if,

$$\frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} - \alpha \right) \prec \frac{1+z}{1-qz}. \quad (3)$$

We can write (3) as:

$$\left| \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1-\alpha q}{1-q} \right| \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{1-q}. \quad (4)$$

By taking  $a = \frac{1-\alpha}{1-q}$ ,  $b = \frac{1-\alpha}{1-q}$  in 4, it has been shown in [17] that  $f \in S_q^*(\alpha)$ , if and only if,

$$\frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad -1 < B < 0 \leq A \leq 1, \quad (5)$$

where  $A = 1 - (1+q)\alpha$  and  $B = -q$ .

As a special case, we note that:

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} S_q^*(\alpha) = S^*(\alpha) \quad \text{with} \quad A = 1 - 2\alpha,$$

which is the class of starlike functions denoted as  $S^*(\alpha)$ .

Furthermore, for  $\alpha = 0$ , we obtain the class  $S_q^*$  of  $q$ -starlike functions introduced and studied in [10].

**Definition 2.** Let  $f \in A$  and  $k \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$ ,  $q \in (0, 1)$ . Then,

$$f \in k - UM_q(\alpha, \beta),$$

if and only if, for  $z \in E$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1-\alpha) \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{D_q(z D_q f(z))}{D_q f(z)} \right] > k \left| (1-\beta) \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} + \beta \frac{D_q(z D_q f(z))}{D_q f(z)} - 1 \right|.$$

Selecting special values of parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $k$  and letting  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , we obtain a number of known classes of analytic functions; see [5,9,18–21]. We list some of these as follows:

- (i) Choosing  $k = 0$ , we get  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} M_q(\alpha) = M(\alpha)$ , the class of  $\alpha$ -convex functions; see [22].
- (ii) For  $\beta = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ , and  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , we have the class  $MN$ ; see [23].
- (iii) Choosing  $\beta = 0$ ,  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , we get the class  $k - MN$  introduced in [18,19].
- (iv)  $k - UM_q(0, 0) = k - sT$ ,  $k - UM_q(1, 1) = k - UCV_q$ .

Throughout this paper, we shall assume that  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $z \in E$ , unless otherwise mentioned.

## 2. Preliminary Results

**Lemma 1.** [4]. Let  $\phi(z)$  be analytic with  $\phi(0) = 0$ . If  $|\phi(z_0)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  at a point  $z_0 \in E$ , then we have:

$$z_0 D_q \phi(z_0) = m \phi(z_0), \quad m \geq 1, \quad \text{real number.}$$

**Lemma 2.** [24]. Let  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq r < 1$ . Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . If:

$$\left\{ p(z) + \alpha \frac{z p'(z)}{p(z)} \right\} \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2r)z}{1 - z},$$

then:

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\delta)z}{1 - z},$$

where:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{4} [(2r - \alpha) + \sqrt{(2r - \alpha)^2 + 8\alpha}].$$

## 3. Main Results

**Theorem 1.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . Let, for  $k > \frac{1+q}{q}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z D_q p(z)}{p(z)} \right] > k \left| \frac{z D_q p(z)}{p(z)} \right|, \quad z \in E.$$

Then,  $p(z)$  is subordinate to  $\frac{1}{1-qz}$ , that is,  $p(z) \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}$  in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p(z) = \frac{1}{1-q\phi(z)}$ . It can easily be seen that  $\phi(z)$  is analytic in  $E$  and  $\phi(0) = 0$ . We shall show that  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in E$ . We suppose on the contrary that there exists a  $z_0 \in E$  such that  $|\phi(z_0)| = 1$ . Then:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z_0 D_q p(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right] - k \left| \frac{z_0 D_q p(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right| = \operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{q z_0 D_q \phi(z_0)}{1 - q \phi(z_0)} \right] - k \left| \frac{q z_0 D_q \phi(z_0)}{1 - q \phi(z_0)} \right|. \quad (6)$$

Now, by Lemma 1,  $z_0 D_q \phi(z_0) = m \phi(z_0) = m e^{i\theta}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and we use it in (6) for:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{m q e^{i\theta}}{1 - q e^{i\theta}} \right] > k \left| \frac{m q e^{i\theta}}{1 - q e^{i\theta}} \right| > k \left| \frac{q e^{i\theta}}{1 - q e^{i\theta}} \right|. \quad (7)$$

From (6), (7), and choosing  $\theta = \pi$ , we have:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{z_0 D_q p(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right] - k \left| \frac{z_0 D_q p(z_0)}{p(z_0)} \right| = 1 - \frac{mq}{1+q} - \frac{kq}{1+q} < 0 \quad \text{for } k > \frac{1+q}{q}.$$

This is a contradiction, and hence,  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in E$ . This proves that:

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1}{1-qz} \quad \text{in } E.$$

□

We apply Theorem 1 to have the following results.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $p(z) = f'(z)$ ,  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , and  $k > 2$ . Then, from Theorem 1, it follows that:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{zf'(z)} \right] > k \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{zf'(z)} \right|,$$

which implies  $f \in k - \text{UCV}$ , and so,  $\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \frac{1}{2}$  in  $E$ .

**Corollary 2.** For  $k > \frac{q+1}{q}$ , let  $f \in k - ST_q$ . Then,  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}$  in  $E$ .

The proof is immediate when we take  $p(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z}$  in Theorem 1.

As a special case, when  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $k > 2$ ,  $f \in k - ST$  implies  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{f(z)}{z} > \frac{1}{2}$  in  $E$ .

Using a similar technique, we can prove the following results.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $qk < 1$ , and let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$ .

If:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{\alpha z D_q p(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{1 - kq}{1 + q} \right] > k \left| p(z) + \frac{\beta z D_q p(z)}{p(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad (8)$$

then  $p(z) \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}$ ,  $z \in E$ .

We can easily deduce some special cases of Theorem 2 as given below.

**Corollary 3.** Let  $\beta = 0$ ,  $p(z) = \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)}$  in (8). Then:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{D_q(z D_q f(z))}{D_q f(z)} - \frac{1 - kq}{1 + q} \right] - k \left| \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| > 0$$

implies:

$$f \in S_q^* \left( \frac{1}{1+q} \right), \quad z \in E.$$

As a special case of this corollary, we observe that  $UST \subset S^*(\frac{1}{2})$ , when we choose  $k = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ , and let  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ .

**Corollary 4.** Let  $q \rightarrow 1^-$  and  $p(z) = f'(z)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left[ f'(z) + \alpha \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - \left( \alpha + \frac{1-k}{2} \right) \right] &> k \left| f'(z) + \beta \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} - (1 + \beta) \right| \\ &= k \left| (1 + \beta) - f'(z) - \beta \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right| \\ &\geq \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 + \beta) - f'(z) - \beta \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This gives us:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ f'(z) + \left( \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 + k} \right) \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right] \geq \frac{k(1 + \beta) + (\alpha + \gamma)}{1 + k} = \eta, \quad (\gamma = \frac{1 - k}{2}).$$

Now, using Lemma 2 together with Theorem 2 when  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , we obtain the result that:

$$\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \delta = \frac{1}{4}[(2\eta - \rho) + \sqrt{(2\eta - \rho)^2 + 8\rho}], \quad \rho = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 + k}.$$

**Corollary 5.** In (8), if we take  $\beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $p(z) = \frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)}$ , then:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{D_q(zD_q f(z))}{D_q(f(z))} - \frac{1-q}{1+q} \right] > \left| \frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|.$$

implies

$$f \in S_q^*\left(\frac{1}{1+q}\right) \quad \text{in } E.$$

Furthermore, with  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $p(z) = \frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)}$  in (8), it follows that:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{D_q(zD_q f(z))}{D_q f(z)} - \frac{1-q}{1+q} \right] > \left| \frac{D_q(zD_q f(z))}{D_q f(z)} - 1 \right|$$

implies  $f \in S_q^*\left(\frac{1}{1+q}\right)$ .

Next, we prove the following:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . Let:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{(zD_q p(z))}{\lambda p(z) + c} - r \right] - k \left| p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{\lambda p(z) + c} - 1 \right| > 0, \quad (9)$$

where  $r = \frac{1}{1+q}$ ,  $\lambda$ , and  $c$  are positive real. Then,  $p(z) \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}$  in  $E$ .

**Proof.** We shall follow the same procedure to prove this result as was used in Theorem 1. Let  $p(z) = \frac{1}{1-q\phi(z)}$ . Clearly,  $\phi(0) = 0$ , and  $\phi(z)$  is analytic. We prove that  $\phi(z)$  is a Schwartz function, that is  $|\phi(z)| < 1$ ,  $\forall z \in E$ . Suppose on the contrary that there exists  $z_0 \in E$  such that  $|\phi(z_0)| = 1 = |e^{i\theta}|$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

Now, with some computations, we have:

$$p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{\lambda p(z) + c} = \frac{1}{1-q\phi(z)} + \frac{\left(\frac{q}{\lambda}\right)zD_q \phi(z)}{1-q\phi(z)} - \frac{\left(\frac{q}{\lambda}\right)czD_q \phi(z)}{(\lambda + c) - qc\phi(z)}. \quad (10)$$

We apply Lemma 1 to have  $z_0 D_q \phi(z_0) = m\phi(z_0)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and note that:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{q}{\lambda} z_0 D_q \phi(z_0)}{1-q\phi(z_0)} \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{mq}{\lambda} \phi(z_0)}{1-q\phi(z_0)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{mq}{\lambda} e^{i\theta}}{1-qe^{i\theta}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\frac{mq}{\lambda} (\cos\theta - q)}{|1-qe^{i\theta}|^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\frac{q}{\lambda} cz_0 D_q \phi(z_0)}{(\lambda + c) - qc\phi(z_0)} \right\} = \frac{\frac{q}{\lambda} cm(\lambda + c)\cos\theta - \frac{q^2 c^2 m}{\lambda}}{|(\lambda + c) - qc e^{i\theta}|^2}, \quad (12)$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{1 - qe^{i\theta}} + \left\{ \frac{q}{\lambda} \frac{me^{i\theta}}{(1 - qe^{i\theta})} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{\frac{q}{\lambda} cme^{i\theta}}{(\lambda + c) - qce^{i\theta}} - 1 \right\} \right|_{\theta=\pi} \\ &= \left| \frac{1 - q}{1 + q} - \frac{\frac{mq}{\lambda}}{1 + q} + \frac{\frac{qcm}{\lambda}}{(\lambda + c) + qc} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Using (10), (11), (12), and (13), we get a contradiction to the given hypothesis (9), when we assume  $|\phi(z_0)| = 1$  for some  $z_0 \in E$ . Hence  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in E$  and:

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1}{1 - qz}, \quad z \in E.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

In order to develop some applications of Theorem 3, we need the following.

Let the operator  $D_q^n : A \rightarrow A$  be defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} D_q^n f(z) &= F_{n+1,q}(z) * f(z) \\ &= z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{[m+n-1, q]!}{[n, q]![m-1, q]!} a_m z^m, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where:

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m,$$

and:

$$F_{n+1,q}(z) = z + \sum \frac{[m+n-1, q]!}{[n, q]![m-1, q]!} z^m.$$

This series is absolutely convergent in  $E$ , and  $*$  denotes convolution. The operator  $D_q^n$  is called the  $q$ -Ruscheweyh derivative of order  $n$ ; see [25].

It can easily be seen that  $D_q^\circ f(z) = f(z)$  and  $D_q' f(z) = zD_q f(z)$ .

The relation (14) can be expressed as:

$$D_q^n f(z) = \frac{zD_q^n(z^{n-1}f(z))}{[n, q]!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} D_q^n f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)}^{n+1} * f(z) = D^n f(z),$$

which is called the Ruscheweyh derivative of order  $n$ ; see [25].

Let  $f \in A$ . Then,  $f$  is said to belong to the class  $S_q^*(n, \alpha)$ , if and only if,  $D_q^n f \in S_q^*(\alpha)$ ,  $z \in E$ .

The following identity can easily be obtained:

$$zD_q(D_q^n f(z)) = \left(1 + \frac{[n, q]}{q^n}\right) D_q^{n+1} f(z) - \frac{[n, q]}{q^n} D_q^n f(z) \quad (15)$$

We now take  $p(z) = \frac{zD_q(D_q^n f(z))}{D_q^n f(z)}$  in relation (9) of Theorem 3 to have:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $D_q^n f = F_n$  denote the  $q$ -Ruscheweyh derivative of order  $n$  for  $f \in A$ . Let:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{z D_q F_{n+1}(z)}{F_{n+1}(z)} - \frac{1}{1+q} \right] > k \left| \frac{z D_q F_{n+1}(z)}{F_{n+1}(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Then:

$$\frac{z D_q F_n(z)}{F_n(z)} \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}, \quad z \in E.$$

That is,  $f \in S_q^*(n, \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{1+q}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p$  be analytic in  $E$  with  $p(0) = 0$ , and let:

$$p(z) = \frac{z D_q (D_q^n f(z))}{D_q^n f(z)} = \frac{z D_q F_n(z)}{F_n(z)}.$$

Using identity (15) and some computation, we have:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{z D_q p(z)}{p(z) + n} - \frac{1}{1+q} \right] - k \left| p(z) + \frac{z D_q p(z)}{p(z)} - 1 \right| > 0.$$

Now, the required result follows immediately from Theorem 3.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** In Theorem 4, we take  $k = 0$ . Then, it gives us:

$$S_q^*(n+1, \alpha) \subset S_q^*(n, \alpha) \subset \dots \subset S_q^*(\alpha), \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{1+q}.$$

When  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $\frac{1}{1+q} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ , and we have:

$$S_q^*(n+1, \frac{1}{2}) \subset S^*(n, \frac{1}{2}) \subset \dots \subset S^*(\frac{1}{2}).$$

**Corollary 7.** Let  $f \in A$ , and let:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{1+q} \right] > k \left| \frac{z D_q f(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad k \geq 0. \quad (16)$$

Define:

$$L_B(f) = F_c(z) = \frac{[c+1]_q}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) d_q t, \quad c \in N_0. \quad (17)$$

Then:

$$\frac{z D_q F_c(z)}{F_c(z)} \prec \frac{1}{1-qz}, \quad z \in E.$$

**Proof.** The integral operator  $L_B : A \rightarrow A$  defined in (16) is known as the  $q$ -Bernardi integral operator  $L_B(f) = F_c$ . When  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , (16) reduces to the well-known Bernardi operator; see [7].

Let,

$$\frac{z D_q F_c(z)}{F_c(z)} = p(z). \quad (18)$$

Then, from (16), (17), (18), and some computations, this leads us to:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{1+q} \right] - k \left| \frac{zD_q f(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{p(z) + q^c[c, q]} \right] \\ &- k \left| p(z) + \frac{zD_q p(z)}{p(z) + q^c[c, q]} - 1 \right| > 0, z \in E. \end{aligned}$$

We now apply Theorem 3, and it follows that:

$$p(z) = \frac{zD_q F_c(z)}{F_c(z)} \prec \frac{q}{1 - qz} \quad \text{in } E.$$

That is,  $F_c \in S_q^*(\frac{1}{1+q})$ .  $\square$

As a special case, when  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , then  $f \in K - UST(\frac{1}{2})$ , and then,  $F_c$ , defined by 17, belongs to  $S^*(\frac{1}{2})$  in  $E$ .

#### 4. Conclusions

In this paper, we have used  $q$ -calculus, conic domains, and subordination to define and study some new subclasses involving Mocanu functions. Some interesting inclusion and subordination properties of these new classes have been derived. The  $q$ -analogue of the Ruscheweyh derivative has been used to obtain a new subordination result for  $q$ -Mocanu functions. Some special cases have been discussed as applications of our main results. The technique and ideas of this paper may stimulate further research in this dynamic field.

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