# ARGUMENT ESTIMATES OF MEROMORPHICALLY MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. The object of the present paper is to obtain some argument properties of meromorphically multivalent functions in the punctured open unit disk. We also derive the integral preserving properties in a sector.

# 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For f and g which are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , we say that f is subordinate to g, written  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there exists a Schwarz function w in  $\mathcal{U}$  such that f(z) = g(w(z)).

Let  $\Sigma_p$  denote the class of all meromorphic functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} + \frac{a_0}{z^{p-1}} + \dots + a_{k+p-1}z^k + \dots \ (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the annulus  $\mathcal{D} = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . We denote by  $\Sigma_p^*(\beta)$  the subclass of  $\Sigma_p$  consisting of all functions which is meromorphically starlike of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

The Hadamard product or convolution of two functions f and g in  $\Sigma_p$  will be denoted by f \* g.

Let

$$D^{n+p-1}f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p(1-z)^{n+p}} * f(z) \ (z \in \mathcal{D})$$
 (1.1)

or, equivalently,

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$$D^{n+p-1}f(z) = \frac{1}{z^p} \left(\frac{z^{n+2p-1}f(z)}{(n+p-1)!}\right)^{(n+p-1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^p} + (n+p)a_0 \frac{1}{z^{p-1}} + \frac{(n+p+1)(n+p)}{2!} a_1 \frac{1}{z^{p-2}} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{(n+k+2p-1)\dots(n+p)}{(k+p)!} a_{k+p-1}z^k + \dots (z \in \mathcal{D}),$$

where n is any integer greater than -p.

For various interesting developments involving the operators  $D^{n+p-1}$  for functions belonging to  $\Sigma_p$ , the reader may be referred to the recent works of author[1], Uralegaddi and Path[7], and others[8,9].

Let

$$\Sigma_p^*[n; A, B] = \left\{ f \in \Sigma_p : -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'(z)}{D^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec p \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, \ z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . In particular, we note that  $\Sigma_p^*[-p+1;1,-1]$  is the well known class of meromorphically *p*-valent starlike functions. From (1.2), we observe[6] that a function f is in  $\Sigma_p^*[n;A,B]$  if and only if

$$\left| \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'(z)}{D^{n+p-1}f(z)} + \frac{p(1-AB)}{1-B^2} \right| < \frac{p(A-B)}{1-B^2} \ (-1 < B < A \le 1 \ ; \ z \in \mathcal{U}).$$
(1.3)

The object of the present paper is to give some argument estimates of meromorphically multivalent functions belonging to  $\Sigma_p$  and the integral preserving properties in connection with the differential operators  $D^{n+p-1}$  defined by (1.1).

#### 2. Main results

To establish our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** [2]. Let h be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with h(0) = 1 and  $\operatorname{Re} (\beta h(z) + \gamma) > 0 (\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C})$ . If q is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with h(0) = 1, then

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{\beta q(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Lemma 2.2** [4]. Let h be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\lambda(z)$  be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with Re  $\lambda(z) \geq 0$ . If q is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  and q(0) = h(0), then

$$q(z) + \lambda(z)zq'(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

implies

$$q(z) \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Lemma 2.3** [5]. Let q be analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with q(0) = 1 and  $q(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$\left| \arg q(z) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \text{ for } |z| < |z_0|$$
 (2.1)

and

$$\left| \arg q(z_0) \right| = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad (0 < \alpha \le 1).$$
 (2.2)

Then we have

$$\frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{q(z_0)} = ik\alpha, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$k \ge \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right)$$
 when  $\arg q(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$  (2.4)

$$k \le -\frac{1}{2}\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)$$
 when  $\arg q(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha$  (2.5)

and

$$q(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \pm ia \ (a > 0).$$
 (2.6)

At first, with the help of Lemma 2.1, we obtain the following

**Proposition 2.1.** Let h be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with h(0) = 1 and  $\operatorname{Re} h$  be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . If  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies the condition

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < \frac{n+2p}{p}$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Proof.* Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)}.$$

By using the equation

$$z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = (n+p)D^{n+p}f(z) - (n+2p)D^{n+p-1}f(z), \tag{2.7}$$

we get

$$q(z) - \frac{n+2p}{p} = -\frac{(n+p)D^{n+1}f(z)}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)}.$$
 (2.8)

Taking logarithemic derivatives in both sides of (2.8) and multiplying by z, we have

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{-pq(z) + n + 2p} + q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U).$$

From Lemma 2.1, it follows that  $q(z) \prec h(z)$  for Re  $(-h(z) + \frac{n+2p}{p}) > 0$   $(z \in \mathcal{U})$ , which means

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < \frac{n+2p}{p}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let h be convex univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$  with h(0) = 1 and Re h be bounded in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let F be the integral operator defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} f(t) dt \quad (c > 0).$$
 (2.9)

If  $f \in \Sigma_p$  satisfies the condition

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{Re} h(z) < \frac{c+p}{p}$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

*Proof.* From (2.9), we have

$$z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))' = cD^{n+p-1}f(z) - (c+p)D^{n+p-1}F(z).$$
(2.10)

Let

$$p(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)}.$$

Then, by using (2.10), we get

$$q(z) - (c+p) = -c\frac{D^{n+p-1}f(z)}{D^{n+p-1}F(z)}. (2.11)$$

Taking logarithemic derivatives in both sides of (2.11) and multiplying by z, we have

$$\frac{zq'(z)}{-pq(z) + (c+p)} + q(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}f(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$-\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{pD^{n+p-1}F(z)} \prec h(z) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for  $\max_{z \in \mathcal{U}} \text{Re } h(z) < \frac{c+p}{p}$  (provided  $D^{n+p-1}F(z) \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ).

**Remark.** Taking p = 1 and  $h(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$  in Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.2, we have the results obtained by Ganigi and Uralegaddi[3].

Applying Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3 and Proposition 2.1, we now derive

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . Choose an integer n such that

$$n \ge \frac{p(1+A)}{1+B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \le 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \ (0 \le \gamma < p \ ; \ 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n+1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  (0 <  $\alpha \le 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

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$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B))}{\frac{(n + 2p)(1 - B) + A - 1}{1 - B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B))} \right)$$
(2.12)

when

$$t(A,B) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{p(A-B)}{(n+2p)(1-B^2) - p(1-AB)} \right).$$
 (2.13)

Proof. Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

By (2.7), we have

$$(p-\gamma)zq'(z)D^{n+p-1}g(z) + (1-\gamma)q(z)z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))'$$

$$-(n+2p)z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))' = -(n+p)z(D^{n+p}f(z))' - \gamma z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))'(z).$$
(2.14)

Dividing (2.14) by  $D^{n+p-1}g(z)$  and simplifying, we get

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{-r(z) + n + 2p} = -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} + \gamma \right), \tag{2.15}$$

where

$$r(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}g(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)}.$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n+1; A, B]$ , from Proposition 2.1, we have

$$r(z) \prec p \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}$$

Using (1.3), we have

$$-r(z) + n + 2p = \rho e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}\phi,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \frac{(n+2p)(1+B)-(1+A)}{1+B} < \rho < \frac{(n+2p)(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} \\ -t(A,B) < \phi < t(A,B) \end{cases}$$

when t(A,B) is given by (2.13). Let h be a function which maps  $\mathcal{U}$  onto the angular domain  $\{w: |\arg w| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta\}$  with h(0)=1. Applying Lemma 2.2 for this h with  $\lambda(z)=\frac{1}{-r(z)+n+2p}$ , we see that  $\operatorname{Re} q(z)>0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and hence  $q(z)\neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

If there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that the conditions (2.1) and (2.2) are satisfied, then(by Lemma 2.3) we obtain (2.3) under the restrictions (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6).

At first, suppose that  $q(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = ia \ (a > 0)$ . Then we obtain

$$\arg \left[ -\frac{1}{p - \gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+p} f(z_0)'}{D^{n+p} g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right] = \arg \left( q(z_0) + \frac{z_0 q'(z_0)}{-r(z_0) + n + 2p} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \arg \left( 1 + i\alpha k (\rho e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\phi})^{-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\eta k \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - \phi)}{\rho + \alpha k \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - \phi)} \right)$$

$$\geq \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B))}{\frac{(n+2p)(1-B)+A-1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B))} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \delta,$$

where  $\delta$  and t(A, B) are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively. This is a contradiction to the assumption of our theorem.

Next, suppose that  $p(z_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = -ia$  (a > 0). Applying the same method as the above, we have

$$\arg \left[ -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z_0(D^{n+p}f(z_0))'}{D^{n+p}g(z_0)} + \gamma \right) \right]$$

$$\leq -\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - t(A, B))}{\frac{(n+2p)(1-B) + A - 1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - t(A, B))} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\pi}{2}\delta,$$

where  $\delta$  and t(A, B) are given by (2.12) and (2.13), respectively, which contradicts the assumption. Therefore we complete the proof of our theorem.

Letting A = 1, B = 0 and  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

Corollary 2.1. Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . If

$$-\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)}\right\} > \gamma \ (0 \le \gamma < p)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p$  satisfying the condition

$$\left| \frac{z(D^{n+p}g(z))'}{D^{n+p}g(z)} + p \right| < p,$$

then

$$-\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)}\right\} > \gamma.$$

Taking  $A=1,\ B=0$  and  $g(z)=\frac{1}{z^p}$  in Theorem 2.1, we have Corollary 2.2. Let  $f\in \Sigma_p$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left[ -z^{p+1} (D^{n+p} f(z))' - \gamma \right] \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta \ (0 \le \gamma < p; \ 0 < \delta \le 1),$$

then

$$\left| \arg \left[ -z^{p+1} (D^{n+p-1} f(z))' - \gamma \right] \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta.$$

Making n=0, p=1 and  $\delta=1$  in Corollary 2.2, we have Corollary 2.3. Let  $f \in \Sigma_1$ . If

-Re 
$$\{z^2(zf''(z) + 3f'(z))\} > \gamma \ (0 \le \gamma < 1),$$

then

-Re 
$$\{z^2 f'(z)\} > \gamma$$
.

By the same techniques as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we obtain

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f \in \Sigma$ . Choose an integer n such that

$$n \ge \frac{p(1+A)}{1+B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \le 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p}f(z))'}{(D^{n+p}g(z))} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \ (\gamma > p, 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n+1; A, B]$ , then

$$\left|\arg\left(\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma\right)\right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  (0 <  $\alpha \le 1$ ) is the solution of the equation given by (2.12).

Next, we prove

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and choose a positive number c such that

$$c \ge \frac{1+A}{1+B} - p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \le 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \ (0 \le \gamma < p \ ; \ 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where F is the integral operator given by (2.9),

$$G(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} g(t) dt, \quad (c > 0), \tag{2.16}$$

and  $\alpha(0 < \alpha \le 1)$  is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B, c))}{\frac{(c+p)(1-B) + A - 1}{1-B} + \alpha \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - t(A, B, c))} \right)$$
(2.17)

when

$$t(A, B, c) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{p(A - B)}{(c + p)(1 - B^2) - p(1 - AB)} \right).$$

Proof. Let

$$q(z) = -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^n F(z))'}{D^n G(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

Since  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , from Proposition 2.2,  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ .

Using (2.10), we have

$$(p-\gamma)q(z)D^{n+p-1}G(z) - (c+p)D^{n+p-1}F(z) = -cD^{n+p-1}f(z) - \gamma D^{n+p-1}G(z).$$

Then, by a simple calculation, we get

$$(p-\gamma)(zq'(z)+q(z)(-r(z)+c+p))+\gamma(-r(z)+c+p)=-\frac{cz(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)},$$

where

$$r(z) = -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}G(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)}.$$

Hence we have

$$q(z) + \frac{zq'(z)}{-r(z)+c+p} = -\frac{1}{p-\gamma} \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right).$$

The remaining part of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 and so we omit it.

Letting n=-p+1, A=1, B=0 and  $\delta=1$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

Corollary 2.4. Let c > 0 and  $f \in \Sigma$ . If

$$-\text{Re }\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} > \gamma \ (0 \le \gamma < p)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p$  satisfying the condition

$$\left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + p \right| < p,$$

then

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} \right\} > \gamma,$$

where F and G are given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively.

Taking  $n=0,\ B\to A$  and  $g(z)=\frac{1}{z^p}$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

Corollary 2.5. Let c > 0 and  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . If

$$|\arg(-z^{p+1}f'(z) - \gamma)| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta, \ (0 \le \gamma < p; \ 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

then

$$||\arg(-z^{p+1}F'(z)-\gamma)||<\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where F is the integral operator given by (2.9) and  $\alpha$  (0 <  $\alpha \leq 1$ ) is the solution of the equation

$$\delta = \alpha + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{c + p - 1} \right).$$

By using the same methods as in proving Theorem 2.3, we have

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$  and choose a positive number c such that

$$c \ge \frac{1+A}{1+B} - p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \le 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} + \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \ (\gamma > p \ ; \ 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_p^*[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left|\arg\left(\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}F(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}G(z)}+\gamma\right)\right|<\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha,$$

where F and G are given by (2.9) and (2.16), respectively, and  $\alpha(0 < \alpha \le 1)$  is the solution of the equation given by (2.17)

Finally, we derive

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f \in \Sigma_p$ . Choose an integer n such that

$$n \ge \frac{p(1+A)}{1+B} - 2p,$$

where  $-1 < B < A \le 1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta \ (0 \le \gamma < p \ ; \ 0 < \delta \le 1)$$

for some  $g \in \Sigma_{p}^{*}[n; A, B]$ , then

$$\left| \arg \left( -\frac{z(D^{n+p}F(z))'}{D^{n+p}G(z)} - \gamma \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2}\delta,$$

where F and G are given by (2.9) and (2.16) with c = n + p, respectively.

*Proof.* From (2.7) and (2.8) with c = n + p, we have  $D^{n+p-1}f(z) = D^{n+p}F(z)$ Therefore

$$\frac{z(D^{n+p-1}f(z))'}{D^{n+p-1}g(z)} \ = \ \frac{z(D^{n+p}F(z))'}{D^{n+p}G(z)}$$

and the result follows.

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