

## ON THE UNIVALENCE OF AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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**Abstract.** In this paper we introduce an integral operator and derive some criteria for univalence of this integral operator for analytic functions in the open unit disk.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  be the unit disk in the complex plane, and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions which are analytic in the unit disk normalized with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}$  the class of the functions  $p$  which are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . Let  $S$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$ , consisting of all univalent functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , and we consider  $S^*$  the subclass of  $S$ , consisting of all starlike functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

In this work we introduce a new integral operator, which is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad B_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \left\{ \beta \int_0^z (g(u))^\alpha h(u) u^{\beta-\alpha-1} du \right\}^{\frac{1}{\beta}},$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta$  be complex numbers,  $\beta \neq 0$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ .

For  $\beta = a + bi$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha = a$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$  from (1.1) we have the integral operator

$$(1.2) \quad B_{a,b}(z) = \left\{ (a + bi) \int_0^z g^a(u) h(u) u^{ib-1} du \right\}^{\frac{1}{a+bi}}.$$

In the particular case  $g \in S^*$ ,  $B_{a,b}$  is the Bazilevič integral operator [1].

From (1.1) for  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma$  be a complex number, let  $\gamma \neq 0$  and  $h(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , we obtain the integral operator

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$$(1.3) \quad J_\gamma(z) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_0^z u^{-1} g^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}(u) du \right\}^\gamma.$$

Miller and Mocanu [4], have observed that the integral operator  $J_\gamma$  is in the class  $S$  for  $f \in S^*$  and  $\gamma > 0$ .

For  $\beta = 1$ , let  $\alpha$  be a complex number and  $h(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , from (1.1), we have the Kim-Merkes integral operator [2],

$$(1.4) \quad K_\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{g(u)}{u} \right)^\alpha du.$$

In the present paper, we consider some sufficient conditions for the integral operator  $B_{\alpha,\beta}$  to be in the class  $S$ .

## 2. Preliminary results

We need the following theorems.

**Theorem 2.1** ([6]). *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . If*

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1,$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then for any complex number  $\beta$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha$ , the function

$$(2.2) \quad F_\beta(z) = \left\{ \beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} f'(u) du \right\}^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

is in the class  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (Schwarz [3]). *Let  $f$  be a regular function in the disk  $\mathcal{U}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$ , with  $|f(z)| < M$ ,  $M$  fixed. If  $f$  has in  $z = 0$  one zero with multiply greater than or equal to  $m$ , then*

$$(2.3) \quad |f(z)| \leq \frac{M}{R^m} |z|^m, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}_R,$$

the equality (in the inequality (2.3) for  $z \neq 0$ ) can hold only if

$$f(z) = e^{i\theta} \frac{M}{R^m} z^m,$$

where  $\theta$  is a constant.

**Theorem 2.3** ([5]). *If the function  $g(z)$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $|g(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , then for all  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , the following inequalities hold:*

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{g(\xi) - g(z)}{1 - \overline{g(z)}g(\xi)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\xi - z}{1 - \overline{z}\xi} \right|$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad |g'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |g(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2},$$

the equalities hold only in the case  $g(z) = \frac{\varepsilon(z+u)}{1+\overline{u}z}$ , where  $|\varepsilon| = 1$  and  $|u| < 1$ .

**Remark 2.4** ([5]). *For  $z = 0$ , from inequality (2.4) we have*

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \frac{g(\xi) - g(0)}{1 - \overline{g(0)}g(\xi)} \right| < |\xi|$$

and, hence

$$(2.7) \quad |g(\xi)| \leq \frac{|\xi| + |g(0)|}{1 + |g(0)||\xi|}.$$

Considering  $g(0) = a$  and  $\xi = z$ ,

$$(2.8) \quad |g(z)| \leq \frac{|z| + |a|}{1 + |a||z|},$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $M_1, M_2$  real positive numbers, the functions  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ .*

*If*

$$(3.1) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| \leq M_1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right| \leq M_2, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(3.3) \quad |\alpha| M_1 + M_2 \leq \operatorname{Re} \alpha,$$

then for every complex number  $\beta$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha$ , the integral operator  $B_{\alpha, \beta}$ , given by (1.1), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* We observe that

$$(3.4) \quad B_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \left\{ \beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} \left( \frac{g(u)}{u} \right)^\alpha h(u) du \right\}^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$

Let us define the function

$$(3.5) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{g(u)}{u} \right)^\alpha h(u) du, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ . The function  $f$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . We have

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \alpha \left( \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) + \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

From (3.1), (3.2) and (3.6) we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\alpha}}{\operatorname{Re}\alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\alpha}}{\operatorname{Re}\alpha} (|\alpha| M_1 + M_2), \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

and by (3.3), we have

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\alpha}}{\operatorname{Re}\alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1,$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

From (3.5), we obtain  $f'(z) = \left( \frac{g(z)}{z} \right)^\alpha h(z)$  and using (3.8), by Theorem 2.1. it results that the integral operator  $B_{\alpha,\beta}$ , given by (1.1), is in the class  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $\operatorname{Re}\alpha > 0$ ,  $M_1, M_2$  real positive numbers,  $M_1 \in (0, 1)$ , the functions  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $h'(0) = 0$  and  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$*

*If*

$$(3.9) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z) - g(z)}{zg(z)} \right| < M_1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

$$(3.10) \quad \left| \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} \right| < M_2, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

*and*

$$(3.11) \quad \frac{M_2}{1 - M_1} < |\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z|<1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| \cdot |z|} \right]},$$

then for every complex number  $\beta$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha$ , the integral operator  $B_{\alpha, \beta}$ , defined by (1.1), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* The integral operator  $B_{\alpha, \beta}$  is of the form (3.4).

We define the function

$$(3.12) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{g(u)}{u} \right)^\alpha h(u) du, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ .

We consider the function

$$(3.13) \quad k(z) = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)},$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . We have

$$(3.14) \quad \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \left| \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{zg'(z) - g(z)}{zg(z)} \right| + \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \left| \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} \right|, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

From (3.11) we have  $|\alpha| > \frac{M_2}{1 - M_1}$ ,  $M_1 \in (0, 1)$  and by (3.9), (3.10), (3.11) we obtain  $|k(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

We have  $k(0) = \frac{\alpha}{|\alpha|} a_2$  and using Remark 2.4, we get

$$(3.15) \quad |k(z)| \leq \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| |z|}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Let us consider the function

$$Q(x) = \frac{1 - x^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} x \frac{x + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| x}, \quad (x = |z|; z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Because  $Q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$  it results that  $\max_{x \in [0, 1]} Q(x) > 0$ .

Using this result and from (3.13), (3.15), we obtain

$$(3.16) \quad \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq |\alpha| \max_{|z|<1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| \cdot |z|} \right],$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

From (3.11) and (3.16) we have

$$(3.17) \quad \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Consequently, in view of Theorem 2.1, we obtain that the integral operator  $B_{\alpha, \beta}$ , is in the class  $S$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Corollaries

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $a + bi$  be a complex number,  $a > 0$ ,  $M_1, M_2$  real positive numbers,  $M_1 \in (0, 1)$ , the functions  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ .*

*If*

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| \leq M_1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

$$(4.2) \quad \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right| \leq M_2, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad a \geq \frac{M_2}{1 - M_1},$$

then the integral operator  $B_{a, b}$ , given by (1.2), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* We take, in Theorem 3.1,  $\beta = a + bi$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha = a$  and obtain Corollary 4.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a complex number,  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma} > 0$  and the function  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$*

*If*

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| \leq |\gamma| \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then the integral operator  $J_\gamma$ , given by (1.3), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* For  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}$  and  $h(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , from Theorem 3.1 we have Corollary 4.2.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \alpha \leq 1$  and the function  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$

If

$$(4.5) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{\operatorname{Re} \alpha}{|\alpha|}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then the integral operator  $K_\alpha$ , defined by (1.4), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* For  $\beta = 1$ , and  $h(z) = 1$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , from Theorem 3.1 we obtain that  $K_\alpha$  belongs to the class  $S$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $a + bi$  be a complex number,  $a > 0$ ,  $M_1, M_2$  real positive numbers,  $M_1 \in (0, 1)$ , the functions  $h \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $h'(0) = 0$  and  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$

If

$$(4.6) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z) - g(z)}{zg(z)} \right| < M_1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

$$(4.7) \quad \left| \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} \right| < M_2, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{M_2}{1 - M_1} < a \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z| < 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2 \operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| \cdot |z|} \right]},$$

then the integral operator  $B_{a,b}$ , defined by (1.2), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* For  $\beta = a + bi$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha = a$  from Theorem 3.2 we obtain Corollary 4.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $\gamma$  be a complex number,  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma} > 0$  and the function  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$

If

$$(4.9) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z) - g(z)}{zg(z)} \right| < 1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(4.10) \quad |\gamma| \geq \max_{|z| < 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2 \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma}}}{\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma}} |z| \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| \cdot |z|} \right],$$

then the integral operator  $J_\gamma$ , given by (1.3), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.2 for  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}$  and  $h(z) = 1$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  we obtain Corollary 4.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \alpha \leq 1$ , the function  $g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $g(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$*   
*If*

$$(4.11) \quad \left| \frac{zg'(z) - g(z)}{zg(z)} \right| < 1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and

$$(4.12) \quad |\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2 \operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |a_2|}{1 + |a_2| \cdot |z|} \right]},$$

then the integral operator  $K_\alpha$ , given by (1.4), is in the class  $S$ .

*Proof.* For  $\beta = 1$  and  $h(z) = 1$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , from Theorem 3.2 we obtain that the integral operator  $K_\alpha$ , is in the class  $S$ .  $\square$

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