

## A CLASS OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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**ABSTRACT.** By using the integral operator  $I^m f(z)$ ,  $z \in U$  (Definition 4), we introduce a class of holomorphic functions, denoted by  $\mathcal{I}^m(\alpha)$ , and we obtain inclusion relations related to this class and some differential subordinations.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Denote by  $U$  the unit disc of the complex plane:

$$U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}[U]$  be the space of holomorphic functions in  $U$ .

We let:

$$A_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}[U], f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots, z \in U\}$$

with  $A_1 = A$ .

We let  $\mathcal{H}[a, n]$  denote the class of analytic functions in  $U$  of the form

$$f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, \quad z \in U.$$

Let

$$K = \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 > 0, z \in U \right\}$$

denote the class of normalized convex functions in  $U$ .

If  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $U$ , then we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f \prec g$ , or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there is a function  $w$  analytic in  $U$  with  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $|w(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in U$  such that  $f(z) = g[w(z)]$  for  $z \in U$ . If  $g$  is univalent, then  $f \prec g$  if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ .

**Definition 1** [1] Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^3 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and let  $h$  be univalent in  $U$ . If  $p$  is analytic in  $U$  and satisfies the (second-order) differential subordinations

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z^2p''(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad (1)$$

then  $p$  is called a solution of the differential subordination. The univalent function  $q$  is called a dominant of the solutions of the differential subordination, if  $p \prec q$  for all  $p$  satisfying (1). A dominant  $\tilde{q}$  that satisfies  $\tilde{q} \prec p$  for all dominants  $q$  of (1) is said to be the best dominant of (1).

Note that the best dominant is unique up to a rotation of  $U$ .

We use the following subordination results:

**Lemma 2** (Hallenbeck and Ruscheweyh [1]) Let  $h$  be a convex function with  $h(0) \equiv a$  and let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be a complex number with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[U]$  with  $p(0) = a$  and

$$p(z) + \frac{1}{\gamma} zp'(z) \prec h(z)$$

then

$$p(z) \prec g(z) \prec h(z)$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1}} \int_0^z h(t)t^{\frac{\gamma}{n}-1} dt.$$

The function  $g$  is convex and is the best dominant.

**Lemma 3** (Miller and Mocanu [2]) Let  $g$  be a convex function in  $U$  and let

$$h(z) = g(z) + n\alpha zg'(z)$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

If  $p(z) = g(0) + p_n z^n + \dots$  is holomorphic in  $U$  and

$$p(z) + \alpha zp'(z) \prec h(z),$$

then

$$p(z) \prec g(z)$$

and this result is sharp.

**Definition 4** [5] For  $f \in A$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the operator  $I^m f$  by

$$I^0 f(z) = f(z)$$

$$I^1 f(z) = I f(z) = \int_0^z f(t) t^{-1} dt$$

$$I^m f(z) = I(I^{m-1} f(z)), \quad z \in U.$$

**Remark 5** If  $f \in \mathcal{H}(U)$  then  $I^m f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-m} a_j z^j$ .

**Remark 6** For  $m = 1$ ,  $I^m f$  is the Alexander operator.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 7** If  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{I}^m(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in A$  which satisfy the inequality:

$$\operatorname{Re} [I^m f(z)]' > \alpha.$$

**Remark 8** For  $m = 0$ , we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

**Theorem 9** If  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have

$$\mathcal{I}^m(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{I}^{m+1}(\delta), \tag{2}$$

where

$$\delta = \delta(\alpha) = 2\alpha - 1 + 2(1 - \alpha) \ln 2. \tag{3}$$

The result is sharp.

**Proof.** Assume that  $f \in \mathcal{I}^m(\alpha)$ . Then we have

$$I^m f(z) = z[I^{m+1} f(z)]', \quad z \in U. \tag{4}$$

and differentiating this equality we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = [I^{m+1} f(z)]' + z [I^{m+1} f(z)]'', \quad z \in U. \tag{5}$$

If  $p(z) = [I^{m+1}f(z)]'$ , then (5) becomes

$$[I^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{I}^m(\alpha)$ , from definition 7 we have

$$\operatorname{Re} [p(z) + zp'(z)] > \alpha,$$

which is equivalent to

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)z}{1 + z} \equiv h(z).$$

Therefore, from lemma 2 results that

$$p(z) \prec g(z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in U$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (2\alpha - 1)t}{1 + t} dt \\ &= 2\alpha - 1 + 2(1 - \alpha) \frac{\ln(1 + z)}{z}, \quad z \in U. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the function  $g$  is convex and is the best dominant.

From  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ ,  $z \in U$ , results that

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > \operatorname{Re} g(1) = \delta(\alpha) = 2\alpha - 1 + 2(1 - \alpha) \ln 2,$$

hence we can prove that  $\mathcal{I}^m(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{I}^{m+1}(\delta)$ . ■

**Theorem 10** *Let  $g$  be a convex function,  $g(0) = 1$  and let  $h$  be a function such that*

$$h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

*If  $f \in A$  verifies the differential subordination*

$$[I^m f(z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U \tag{6}$$

*then*

$$[I^{m+1} f(z)]' \prec g(z), \quad z \in U$$

*and this result is sharp.*

**Proof.** By using the properties of the operator  $I^m f$  and differentiating we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = [I^{m+1} f(z)]' + z [I^{m+1} f(z)]'', \quad z \in U.$$

If we let

$$p(z) = [I^{m+1} f(z)]',$$

then we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z)$$

and (6) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec g(z) + zg'(z) \equiv h(z).$$

By using lemma 3, we have

$$p(z) \prec g(z),$$

i.e.

$$[I^{m+1} f(z)]' \prec g(z), \quad z \in U$$

and this result is sharp. ■

**Theorem 11** *Let  $g$  be a convex function,  $g(0) = 1$ , and*

$$h(z) = g(z) + zg'(z), \quad z \in U.$$

*If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination*

$$[I^m f(z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U, \tag{7}$$

*then*

$$\frac{I^m f(z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U$$

*where*

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U$$

*and this result is sharp.*

**Proof.** If

$$p(z) = \frac{I^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U \tag{8}$$

then results that

$$I^m f(z) = zp(z). \tag{9}$$

Differentiating (9), we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U,$$

hence (7) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z) \equiv g(z) + zg'(z).$$

Therefore, from lemma 2 results that

$$p(z) \prec g(z), \quad z \in U$$

i.e.

$$\frac{I^m f(z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U.$$

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**Theorem 12** *Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}[U]$ , with  $h(0) = 1$ ,  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which verifies the inequality*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right] > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

*If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination*

$$[I^m f(z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U, \tag{10}$$

*then*

$$[I^{m+1} f(z)]' \prec g(z)$$

*where*

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t) dt, \quad z \in U.$$

*The function  $g$  is convex and is the best dominant.*

**Proof.** A simple application of the differential subordinations technique [1, Corollary 2.6g.2, p. 66] shows that the function  $g$  is convex. From

$$I^m f(z) = z[I^{m+1}f(z)]', \quad z \in U$$

we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = [I^{m+1}f(z)]' + z[I^{m+1}f(z)]''.$$

If we assume

$$p(z) = [I^{m+1}f(z)]'$$

then

$$[I^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z), \quad z \in U,$$

hence (10) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z).$$

Moreover, from lemma 2 results that

$$p(z) \prec g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t)dt.$$

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**Theorem 13** Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}(U)$ ,  $h(0) = 1$ ,  $h'(0) \neq 0$ , which satisfy the inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right] > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad z \in U.$$

If  $f \in A$  and verifies the differential subordination

$$[I^m f(z)]' \prec h(z), \quad z \in U, \tag{11}$$

then

$$\frac{I^m f(z)}{z} \prec g(z), \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0,$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t)tdt, \quad z \in U.$$

The function  $g$  is convex and is the best dominant.

**Proof.** A simple application of the differential subordinations technique [1, Corollary 2.6g.2, p. 66] shows that the function  $g$  is convex.

If

$$p(z) = \frac{I^m f(z)}{z}, \quad z \in U, \quad z \neq 0. \quad (12)$$

then differentiating relation (12) we obtain

$$[I^m f(z)]' = p(z) + zp'(z),$$

so (11) becomes

$$p(z) + zp'(z) \prec h(z), \quad z \in U.$$

Therefore, from lemma 2 results that  $p(z) \prec g(z)$  where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z h(t)dt, \quad z \in U,$$

and  $g$  is convex and is the best dominant. ■

Similar results for differential operator were obtained by G. I. Oros in [4].

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