

## ON THE UNIVALENCE OF A CERTAIN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. In view of an integral operator  $H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}, \beta, \eta}$  for analytic functions  $f$  in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$ , sufficient conditions for univalence of this integral operator are discussed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions  $f$  of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all univalent functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , the integral operator  $G_\alpha$  is defined by

$$G_\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} du \quad (1.1)$$

for some complex numbers  $\alpha (\alpha \neq 0)$ .

In [1] Kim-Merkes prove that the integral operator  $G_\alpha$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$  for  $\frac{1}{|\alpha|} \leq \frac{1}{4}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Also, the integral operator  $J_\gamma$  for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is given by

$$M_\gamma(z) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_0^z u^{-1} (f(u))^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} du \right\}^\gamma \quad (1.2)$$

$\gamma$  be a complex number,  $\gamma \neq 0$ .

Miller and Mocanu in [3] have studied that the integral operator  $M_\gamma$  is in the class  $S$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*$  is the subclass of  $\mathcal{S}$  consisting of all starlike functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

We introduce the general integral operator

$$H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}, \beta, \eta}(z) = \left\{ \eta\beta \int_0^z u^{\eta\beta-1} \left( \frac{f_1(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_1}} \dots \left( \frac{f_{[\text{Re}\eta]}(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}}} du \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta\beta}} \quad (1.3)$$

for  $f_j \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\gamma_j, \eta, \beta$  complex numbers,  $[\text{Re}\eta] \geq 1$ ,  $\gamma_j \neq 0$ ,  $j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}$ ,  $\beta \neq 0$ , and  $[\text{Re}\eta]$  is the integer part of  $\eta$ .

If in (1.3) we take  $\eta = 1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}$  and  $f_1 = f$  we obtain the integral operator  $M_\gamma$ .

From (1.3) we take  $\eta \cdot \beta = 1$ ,  $[\text{Re}\eta] = 1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \alpha$ ,  $f_1 = f$ , we obtain the integral operator  $G_\gamma$ , given by (1.1).

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

We need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.**[5] *Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $\text{Re } \alpha > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . If*

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

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

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

is in the class  $S$ .

**Lemma 2.2.**(Schwarz [2]) *Let  $f$  the function regular in the disk  $\mathcal{U}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$  with  $|f(z)| < M$ ,  $M$  fixed. If  $f(z)$  has in  $z = 0$  one zero with multiplicity  $\geq m$ , then*

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

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 constant.

3.MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\gamma_j, \eta$  complex numbers,  $\operatorname{Re} \eta \geq 1$   $j = \overline{1, [\operatorname{Re} \eta]}$ ,  $a = \sum_{j=1}^{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]} \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma_j} > 0$  and  $f_j \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f_j(z) = z + b_{2j}z^2 + b_{3j}z^3 + \dots$ ,  $j = \overline{1, [\operatorname{Re} \eta]}$ .  
If

$$\left| \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2[\operatorname{Re} \eta]} |\gamma_j|, \quad j = \overline{1, [\operatorname{Re} \eta]}, \quad (3.1)$$

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

$$H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]}, \beta, \eta}(z) = \left\{ \eta\beta \int_0^z u^{\eta\beta-1} \left( \frac{f_1(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_1}} \dots \left( \frac{f_{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]}(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]}}} du \right\}^{\frac{1}{\eta\beta}} \quad (3.2)$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* We consider the function

$$g(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f_1(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_1}} \dots \left( \frac{f_{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]}(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]}}} du \quad (3.3)$$

The function  $g$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$ . We define the function  $p(z) = \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)}$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and we obtain

$$p(z) = \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^{[\operatorname{Re} \eta]} \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma_j} \left( \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} - 1 \right) \right], \quad z \in \mathcal{U} \quad (3.4)$$

From (3.1) and (3.4) we have

$$|p(z)| \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2} \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and applying Lemma 2.2 we get

$$|p(z)| \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2} |z|, \quad z \in \mathcal{U} \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.4) and (3.6) we have

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(1 - |z|^{2a})|z|}{a} \cdot \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2} \quad (3.7)$$

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

Because  $\max_{|z| \leq 1} \frac{(1-|z|^{2a})|z|}{a} = \frac{2}{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}$ , from (3.7) we have

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| \leq 1 \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . So, by the Lemma 2.1, the integral operator  $H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}, \beta, \eta}$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $\gamma$  be a complex number,  $a = \text{Re } \frac{1}{\gamma} > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f(z) = z + b_{21}z^2 + b_{31}z^3 + \dots$

If

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2} |\gamma| \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then the integral operator  $M_\gamma$  define by (3.9) belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* We take  $\eta = 1, \beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}, \gamma_1 = \gamma, f_1 = f$  in Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $\alpha, \eta$  complex numbers  $a = \text{Re } \frac{1}{\alpha} \in (0, 1], \text{Re } \eta \geq 1$  and  $f_j \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f_j(z) = z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots$ ,  $j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}$ .

If

$$\left| \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2[\text{Re}\eta]} |\alpha|, \quad j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]} \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then the function

$$L_{\alpha, \eta}(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f_1(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \dots \left( \frac{f_{[\text{Re}\eta]}(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} du \quad (3.11)$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* For  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]} = \alpha$  and  $\eta\beta = 1$  in Theorem 3.1. we have the Corollary 3.3.

**Remark.** For  $[\text{Re}\eta] = 1, f_1 = f, f \in \mathcal{A}, a = \text{Re } \frac{1}{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$  from Corollary 3.3, we obtain that the function  $G_\alpha(z)$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\gamma_j, \eta$  complex numbers,  $[\text{Re}\eta] \geq 1, j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}, a = \sum_{j=1}^{[\text{Re}\eta]} \text{Re } \frac{1}{\gamma_j} \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $f_j \in \mathcal{S}, f_j(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_{kj}z^k, j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}$ .

If

$$\sum_{j=1}^{[\text{Re}\eta]} \frac{1}{|\gamma_j|} \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad \text{for } a \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.12)$$

then for any complex number  $\beta$ ,  $Re \eta\beta \geq a$ , the integral operator  $H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}, \beta, \eta}$  given by (1.3) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* We consider the function

$$g(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f_1(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_1}} \dots \left( \frac{f_{[\text{Re}\eta]}(u)}{u} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}}} du \quad (3.13)$$

The function  $g$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$ . We have

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \sum_{j=1}^{[\text{Re}\eta]} \left[ \frac{1}{|\gamma_j|} \left| \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} - 1 \right| \right]. \quad (3.14)$$

Because  $f_j \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}$  we have

$$\left| \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}, \quad j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]} \quad (3.15)$$

From (3.14) and (3.15) we obtain

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \frac{2}{1 - |z|} \sum_{j=1}^{[\text{Re}\eta]} \frac{1}{|\gamma_j|} \quad (3.16)$$

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

For  $a \geq \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $\max_{|z| \leq 1} \frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{1 - |z|} = 2a$  and from (3.12), (3.16) we obtain

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zg''(z)}{g'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in \mathcal{U} \quad (3.17)$$

From (3.17) and Lemma 2.1 it results that the integral operator  $H_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]}, \beta, \eta}$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\alpha, \eta$  complex numbers,  $[\text{Re}\eta] \geq 1$ ,  $a = Re \frac{1}{\alpha} \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $f_j \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $f_j(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_{kj} z^k$ ,  $j = \overline{1, [\text{Re}\eta]}$ .

If

$$\frac{1}{|\alpha|} \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad (3.18)$$

then the integral operator  $L_{\alpha, \eta}$  given by (3.11) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* We take  $\eta\beta = 1, \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_{[\text{Re}\eta]} = \alpha$  in Theorem 3.5.

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $\gamma$  be a complex number,  $a = \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma} \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}$   $f(z) = z + b_{21}z^2 + b_{31}z^3 + \dots$

If

$$\frac{1}{|\gamma|} \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad (3.19)$$

then the integral operator  $M_\gamma$  define by (1.2) belongs to class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* For  $\eta = 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ ,  $f_1 = f$  in Theorem 3.5 we have the Corollary 3.7.

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