

## SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR THE UNIVALENCE OF AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. Let  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z) = \left\{ (1 + \alpha + \beta + \gamma) \int_0^z (f(t))^\alpha (g(t))^\beta (h(t))^\gamma dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}$  be an integral operator defined in the open unit disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  where the functions  $f, g, h$  are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are complex numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \neq 0$ . The object of the present paper is to obtain some sufficient conditions for this integral operator.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of all analytic functions  $f$  in the open unit disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . Further, by  $\mathcal{S}$  we shall denote the class of all functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a member of the class  $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \delta)$  if it satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad \left| f'(z) \left( \frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^\mu - 1 \right| < 1 - \delta$$

for some  $\delta(0 \leq \delta < 1)$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . The class  $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \delta)$  were introduced and studied by Frasin and Jahangiri [12]. We observe that  $\mathcal{B}(1, \delta) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(\delta)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(0, \delta) \subset \mathcal{R}(\delta)$ , where  $\mathcal{S}^*(\delta)$  is the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of starlike functions of order  $\delta$  and satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \delta \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some  $\delta(0 \leq \delta < 1)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(\delta)$  is the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting functions and satisfying

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

for some  $\delta(0 \leq \delta < 1)$ . Another interesting subclass is the special case  $\mathcal{B}(2, \delta) \equiv \mathcal{B}(\delta)$  which has been introduced by Frasin and Darus [11] ( see also, [7]).

Ponnusamy and Sing [20] studied the subclass  $\mathcal{S}_\epsilon$  of analytic functions defined as follows

$$(1.2) \quad \mathcal{S}_\epsilon = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < \epsilon |z|, 0 < \epsilon \leq 1, z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}.$$

The problem of finding sufficient conditions for univalence of various integral operators has been investigated in many recent works (see, for example, [1]-[4], [6]-[10], [15, 16]).

Pescar [17] obtained new univalence criteria for the integral operator defined by

$$(1.3) \quad F_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}(z) = \left\{ (1 + \alpha + \beta + \gamma) \int_0^z (f(t))^\alpha (g(t))^\beta (h(t))^\gamma dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}}$$

where the functions  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are complex numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \neq 0$ . Here and throughout in the sequel every many-valued function is taken with the principal branch.

In our present investigation we study some univalence conditions for the integral operator  $F_{\alpha, \gamma, \beta}(z)$ .

In order to derive our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** ([5]) *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{B}(\delta)$ , then*

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{(1 - \delta)(1 + |z|)}{1 - |z|} \quad (0 \leq \delta < 1, z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

**Lemma 1.2.** ([18]) *Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ . If  $k \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\text{Re}(\lambda)}}{\text{Re}(\lambda)} \left| \frac{zk''(z)}{k'(z)} \right| \leq 1,$$

*for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then, for any complex number  $\zeta$  with  $\text{Re}(\zeta) \geq \text{Re}(\lambda)$ , the integral operator*

$$(1.5) \quad F_\zeta(z) = \left\{ \zeta \int_0^z t^{\zeta-1} k'(t) dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\zeta}}$$

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

Also, we need the following general Schwarz Lemma.

**Lemma 1.3.** ([13]) *Let the function  $f$  be regular in the disk  $\mathcal{U}_R = \{z : |z| < R\}$ , with  $|f(z)| < M$  for fixed  $M$ . If  $f(z)$  has one zero with multiplicity order bigger than  $m$  for  $z = 0$ , then*

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

The equality can hold only if

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

where  $\theta$  is constant.

## 2. UNIVALENCE CONDITIONS FOR THE INTEGRAL OPERATOR $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$

First, we give univalence conditions for the integral operator  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  where the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  are in the class  $\mathcal{B}(\delta)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  be in the class  $\mathcal{B}(\delta)$ ;  $0 \leq \delta < 1$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) = a > 0$ . If*

$$(2.1) \quad (|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|) \leq \min \left\{ \frac{a}{2(1-\delta)}; \frac{1}{4(1-\delta)} \right\}$$

then the integral operator  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z)$  defined by (1.3) is analytic and univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

*Proof.* We observe that the integral operator  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z)$  defined by (1.3) can be rewritten as

$$F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z) = \left\{ (1 + \alpha + \beta + \gamma) \int_0^z t^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{g(t)}{t} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{h(t)}{t} \right)^\gamma dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}.$$

Define the regular function  $H(z)$  by

$$H(z) = \int_0^z \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{g(t)}{t} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{h(t)}{t} \right)^\gamma dt.$$

Clearly  $H \in \mathcal{A}$ , i.e.  $H(0) = H'(0) - 1 = 0$ . On the other hand, it is easy to see that

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} = \alpha \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) + \beta \left( \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) + \gamma \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right).$$

Thus, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| \leq |\alpha| \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| + |\beta| \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| + |\gamma| \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right|.$$

Since the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  are in the class  $\mathcal{B}(\delta)$ , from (1.4) and (2.3), we obtain

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| \leq (|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)(1-\delta) \left( \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|} \right).$$

Multiply both sides of (2.4) by  $\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}$ , we get

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| &\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} (|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)(1-\delta) \left( \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{1-|z|} \frac{2(|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)(1-\delta)}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

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

Let us denote  $|z| = x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) = a > 0$  and  $\Phi(x) = \frac{1-x^{2a}}{1-x}$ . It is easy to prove that

$$(2.6) \quad \Phi(x) \leq \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 < a < \frac{1}{2} \\ 2a, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < a < \infty. \end{cases}$$

From (2.5), (2.6) and the hypothesis (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-|z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{2(|\alpha|+|\beta|+|\gamma|)(1-\delta)}{a}, & \text{if } 0 < a < \frac{1}{2} \\ 4(|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)(1-\delta), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < a < \infty. \end{cases} \\ &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . Applying Lemma 1.2 for the function  $H(z)$ , we prove that  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ . Thus, the proof is complete  $\square$

Next, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  be in the class  $\mathcal{S}_\epsilon$ ;  $0 < \epsilon \leq 1$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) = a > 0$ . If*

$$(2.7) \quad (|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|) \leq \frac{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}{2\epsilon}$$

*then the integral operator  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z)$  defined by (1.3) is analytic and univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .*

*Proof.* Let the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  be in the class  $\mathcal{S}_\epsilon$ . From (2.2), we conclude that

$$(2.8) \quad \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| \leq (|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)\epsilon |z|.$$

Thus, we have

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|)\epsilon |z| (1-|z|^{2a})}{a} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Let us denote  $|z| = x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) = a > 0$  and  $\Psi(x) = x(1-x^{2a})$ . It is easy to prove that the maximum is attained at the point  $x = 1/(2a+1)^{1/2a}$  and therefore we have

$$\Psi(x) \leq \frac{2a}{(2a+1)^{\frac{2a+1}{2a}}}.$$

In view of this inequality and (2.7), we obtain

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2a}}{a} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Applying Lemma 1.2 for the function  $H(z)$ , we prove that  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

With the aid of Lemma 1.3, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let the analytic functions  $f(z), g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  be in the class  $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \delta); \mu \geq 0, 0 \leq \delta < 1$ . If for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $M \geq 1$ , we have*

$$(2.9) \quad |f(z)| \leq M, |g(z)| \leq M \text{ and } |h(z)| \leq M$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \geq ((2 - \delta)M^{\mu-1} + 1)(|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|) \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}),$$

then the integral operator  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z)$  defined by (1.3) is analytic and univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.3) that

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| &\leq |\alpha| \left( \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| + 1 \right) + |\beta| \left( \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right| + 1 \right) + |\gamma| \left( \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right| + 1 \right) \\ &= |\alpha| \left( \left| f'(z) \left( \frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^\mu \right| \left| \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \right| + 1 \right) \\ &\quad + |\beta| \left( \left| g'(z) \left( \frac{z}{g(z)} \right)^\mu \right| \left| \left( \frac{g(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \right| + 1 \right) \\ &\quad + |\gamma| \left( \left| h'(z) \left( \frac{z}{h(z)} \right)^\mu \right| \left| \left( \frac{h(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \right| + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $|f(z)| \leq M$ ,  $|g(z)| \leq M$  and  $|h(z)| \leq M$ , applying the Schwarz lemma for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , we immediately obtain

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \leq M, \quad \left| \frac{g(z)}{z} \right| \leq M \text{ and } \left| \frac{h(z)}{z} \right| \leq M.$$

Therefore, from (2.11) and (1.1), we see that

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| &\leq |\alpha| \left( \left( \left| f'(z) \left( \frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^\mu - 1 \right| + 1 \right) M^{\mu-1} + 1 \right) \\ &\quad + |\beta| \left( \left( \left| g'(z) \left( \frac{z}{g(z)} \right)^\mu - 1 \right| + 1 \right) M^{\mu-1} + 1 \right) \\ &\quad + |\gamma| \left( \left( \left| h'(z) \left( \frac{z}{h(z)} \right)^\mu - 1 \right| + 1 \right) M^{\mu-1} + 1 \right) \\ &\leq ((2 - \delta)M^{\mu-1} + 1)(|\alpha| + |\beta| + |\gamma|). \end{aligned}$$

Multiply both sides of (2.12) by  $\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}$  and making use of (2.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} \left| \frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} \right| &\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} ((2-\delta)M^{\mu-1}+1)(|\alpha|+|\beta|+|\gamma|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)} ((2-\delta)M^{\mu-1}+1)(|\alpha|+|\beta|+|\gamma|) \\ &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1.2 for the function  $H(z)$ , we prove that  $F_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ . □

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