

On an Univalent Integral Operator

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Abstract

The integral operator denoted by $I(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ given in Definition 2 was introduced in [8]. Also, certain sufficient conditions of univalence of this operator were given there. In this paper, a different approach for proving the univalence of this operator is taken.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let U denote the unit disc of the complex plane:

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

and

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

Let $\mathcal{H}(U)$ denote the space of holomorphic functions in U and let

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

with $A_1 = A$.

Let

$$S = \{f \in A : f \text{ is univalent in } U\}.$$

Definition 1. (St. Ruscheweyh [16]). For $f \in A$, $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, let R^n be the operator defined by $R^n : A \rightarrow A$

$$\begin{aligned} R^0 f(z) &= f(z) \\ (n+1)R^{n+1}f(z) &= z[R^n f(z)]' + nR^n f(z), \quad z \in U. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 1. If $f \in A$

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} a_j z^j, \quad z \in U$$

then

$$R^n f(z) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} C_{n+j-1}^n a_j z^j, \quad z \in U. \quad (1)$$

In order to prove our main results, we shall use the following lemma:

Lemma A. [12] Let α and c be complex numbers with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $|c| \leq 1$, $c \neq -1$ and $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$ be a regular function in U . If

$$\left| c e^{-2t\alpha} + (1 - e^{-2t\alpha}) \frac{e^{-t} z f''(e^{-t} z)}{\alpha f'(e^{-t} z)} \right| \leq 1$$

holds for every $z \in U$ and $t \geq 0$, then the function

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

is regular and univalent in U .

In [8] we have defined the following integral operator:

Definition 2. [8] Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $A^m = \underbrace{A \times A \times \dots \times A}_{m \text{ times}}$. We let $I : A^m \rightarrow A$ be the integral operator given by

$$\begin{aligned} I(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)(z) &= F(z) \\ &= \left[\alpha \int_0^z t^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{R^n f_1(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{R^n f_m(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_m} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $f_i \in A$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ and R^n is the Ruscheweyh differential operator (Definition 1).

Remark 2. In [8], the author has shown that this operator is a generalization

of other operators studied in [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15].

Remark 3. In [8], the author has stated and proven the following theorems:

Theorem 1. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $f_i \in A$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ with $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq 1$.

If

$$\left| \frac{z(R^n f_i(z))'}{R^n f_i(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in U, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

then $F(z)$ given by (2) belongs to the class S .

Theorem 2. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, let $f_i \in A$ and let $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, with $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq 1$.

If

$$\left| \frac{z(R^n f_i(z))'}{R^n f_i(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in U, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

where R^n is the Ruschweyh differential operator, then the function given by

$$(2') \quad F_\beta(z) = \left[\beta \int_0^z t^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{R^n f_1(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{R^n f_m(t)}{t} \right) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

belongs to the class S .

Theorem 3. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\mu > 0$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $f_i \in A$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ with $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq \frac{1}{2\mu + 1}$.

If

$$(i) \quad |R^n f_i(z)| \leq \mu, \\ (ii) \quad \left| \frac{z^2(R^n f_i(z))'}{[R^n f_i(z)]^2} - 1 \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in U, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

where R^n is the Ruschweyh differential operator, then the function $F(z)$ given by (2) belongs to the class S .

Theorem 4. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\mu > 0$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, let $f_i \in A$ and let $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, with $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq \frac{1}{2\mu + 1}$.

If

$$(i) \quad |R^n f_i(z)| \leq \mu, \\ (ii) \quad \left| \frac{z^2(R^n f_i(z))'}{[R^n f_i(z)]^2} - 1 \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in U, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

where R^n is the Ruschweyh differential operator, then the function $F(z)$ given by (2') belongs to the class S .

2 Main results

Theorem 5. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, α be a complex number with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ and c a complex number with $|c| \leq 1$, $c \neq -1$. If $f_k \in A$, $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and if

$$\left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{z}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (3)$$

holds for all $z \in U$, where f is given by

$$f(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{R^n f_1(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{R^n f_m(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_m} dt, \quad z \in U, \quad (4)$$

with R^n given by Definition 1, then the function F given by (2), belongs to the class S .

Proof. By differentiating (4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \left(\frac{R^n f_1(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{R^n f_m(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha_m} \\ &= 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots, \quad z \in U. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

From (3) and (5) we have that $f'(0) = 1$ and $f'(z) \neq 0$, $z \in U$. Since $f'(z) \neq 0$, we can use (5) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log f'(z) &= \alpha_1 [\log R^n f_1(z) - \log z] + \dots + \\ &+ \alpha_m [\log R^n f_m(z) - \log z], \quad z \in U. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

By differentiating (6), after a short calculation, we have

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = \alpha_1 \left[\frac{z(R^n f_1(z))'}{R^n f_1(z)} - 1 \right] + \dots + \alpha_m \left[\frac{z(R^n f_m(z))'}{R^n f_m(z)} - 1 \right]. \quad (7)$$

Let

$$w(z, t) = ce^{-2t\alpha} + (1 - e^{-2t\alpha}) \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{e^{-t} z f''(e^{-t} z)}{f'(e^{-t} z)}, \quad z \in \bar{U}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\frac{e^{-t} z f''(e^{-t} z)}{f'(e^{-t} z)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \left[\frac{e^{-t} z [R^n f_k(e^{-t} z)]'}{R^n f_k(e^{-t} z)} - 1 \right], \quad z \in \bar{U}, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

We evaluate

$$|w(z, t)| = \left| ce^{-2t\alpha} + (1 - e^{-2t\alpha}) \frac{e^{-t}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(e^{-t} z)}{f'(e^{-t} z)} \right| \quad (10)$$

$$< \max_{|z|=1} |w(z, t)| = |w(e^{i\theta}, t)| = \left| ce^{-2t\alpha} + (1 - e^{-2t\alpha}) \frac{e^{-t} e^{i\theta} f''(e^{-t} e^{i\theta})}{\alpha f'(e^{-t} e^{i\theta})} \right|$$

Let

$$\zeta = e^{-t} e^{i\theta}, \quad (11)$$

from which we have that

$$|\zeta| = |e^{-t} e^{i\theta}| = |e^{-t}| = e^{-t}, \quad t > 0.$$

Using this in (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |w(z, t)| &< \left| ce^{-t \cdot 2\alpha} + (1 - e^{-t \cdot 2\alpha}) \frac{e^{-t} e^{i\theta} f''(e^{-t} e^{i\theta})}{\alpha f'(e^{-t} e^{i\theta})} \right| \\ &= \left| c|\zeta|^{2\alpha} + (1 - |\zeta|^{2\alpha}) \frac{\zeta f''(\zeta)}{\alpha f'(\zeta)} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Since $|\zeta| = e^{-t} < 1$, we have that $\zeta \in U$. Then ζ can be replaced by $z \in U$ and (12) becomes:

$$|w(z, t)| < \left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{zf''(z)}{\alpha f'(z)} \right|. \quad (13)$$

Using (3) we obtain

$$|w(z, t)| < \left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (14)$$

for all $z \in U$ and $t > 0$.

If $t = 0$, then from (13) we have

$$|w(z, 0)| = \left| c + (1 - 1) \frac{e^{i\theta} f''(e^{i\theta})}{\alpha f'(e^{i\theta})} \right| = |c|.$$

Using the conditions from Theorem 1, we have $|c| \leq 1$, and hence

$$|w(z, 0)| = |c| \leq 1, \quad z \in \overline{U}. \quad (15)$$

From (14) and (15) we obtain

$$|w(z, t)| \leq 1, \quad z \in \overline{U}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Applying Lemma A, we obtain that the function F given by (2) belongs to the class S .

Example 1. Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $m = 2$, $\alpha = 5 + 4i$, $c = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{3}$, $|c| = \frac{2}{3} < 1$, $f_1(z) = z + a_2z$, $R^n f_1(z) = z + (n+1)a_2z^2$, $f_2(z) = z + b_2z^2$, $R^n f_2(z) = z + (n+1)b_2z^2$, $a_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, $b_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, $z \in U$, $\alpha_1 = 2 + i$, $\alpha_2 = 3 - 4i$.

If

$$\left| \left(\frac{1}{3} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) |z|^{10+8i} + (1 - |z|^{10+8i}) \frac{zf''(z)}{(5+4i)f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad z \in U,$$

where $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ is given by (7), then from Theorem 5, we have

$$F(z) = \left[(5+4i) \int_0^z t^{4+4i} (1 + (n+1)a_2t)(1 + (n+1)b_2t)^{3-4i} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{5+4i}} \in S,$$

for all $z \in U$.

Theorem 6. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, α and c be complex numbers with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $|c| \leq 1$, $c \neq -1$ and let $f_k \in A$, $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$.

If

$$\left| (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{zf''(z)}{\alpha f'(z)} \right| \leq 1 - |c|, \quad (16)$$

where $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ is given by (7), holds for all $z \in U$, then the function F given by (2) is univalent in U .

Proof. If $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z| \leq 1$, then $|z|^{2\alpha} \leq 1$. Using $|z|^{2\alpha} \leq 1$ and the conditions from Theorem 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{zf''(z)}{\alpha f'(z)} \right| &\leq |c||z|^{2\alpha} + \left| (1 - |z|^{2\alpha}) \frac{zf''(z)}{\alpha f'(z)} \right| \\ &\leq |c| + 1 - |c| = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Using Theorem 5, we obtain that F given by (2) belongs to the class S . $\square$

Example 2. Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $m = 2$, $\alpha = 3 - 2i$, $c = \frac{1}{5} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}$, $|c| = \frac{2}{5}$,

$$f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3, \quad f_2(z) = z + b_2z^2 + b_3z^3,$$

$$R^n f_1(z) = z + (n+1)a_2z^2 + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}a_3z^3,$$

$$R^n f_2(z) = z + (n+1)b_2z^2 + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}b_3z^3,$$

$a_2, a_3, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{C}$, $z \in U$, $\alpha_1 = 1 - i$, $\alpha_2 = 2 + i$. If

$$\left| (1 - |z|^{(6-4i)}) \frac{zf''(z)}{(3-4i)f'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{3}{5},$$

for all $z \in U$, where $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ is given by (7), from Theorem 6 we have

$$F(z) = \left[(3-2i) \int_0^z t^{(2-2i)} \left(1 + (n+1)a_2t + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}a_3t^2 \right)^{(1-i)} \cdot \left(1 + (n+1)b_2t + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}b_3t^2 \right)^{2+i} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{3-2i}} \in S,$$

for all $z \in U$.

Theorem 7. Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, α and c be complex numbers with $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $|c| \leq 1$, $c \neq -1$ and let $f_k \in A$, $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$.

If

$$\begin{aligned} i) & \quad |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq 1 - |c| \\ ii) & \quad \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \left[\frac{z(R^n f_k(z))'}{R^n f_k(z)} - 1 \right] \right| \leq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$z \in U, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\},$

where R^n is the Ruscheweyh differential operator, then the function F given by (2) belongs to the class S .

Proof. In order to prove the theorem, we evaluate:

$$\left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq |c||z|^{2\alpha} + \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \quad (19)$$

$$\leq |c| + \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad z \in U$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| = \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha_1 \left[\frac{(R^n f_1(z))'}{R^n f_1(z)} - 1 \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha_2 \left[\frac{(R^n f_2(z))'}{R^n f_2(z)} - 1 \right] + \dots + \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha_m \left[\frac{(R^n f_m(z))'}{R^n f_m(z)} - 1 \right] \right| \\ & \leq |\alpha_1| \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \left[\frac{(R^n f_1(z))'}{R^n f_1(z)} - 1 \right] \right| + |\alpha_2| \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \left[\frac{(R^n f_2(z))'}{R^n f_2(z)} - 1 \right] \right| + \\ & \quad + \dots + |\alpha_m| \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \left[\frac{(R^n f_m(z))'}{R^n f_m(z)} - 1 \right] \right| \leq |\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_m| \leq 1 - |c|. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Using (20) in (19), we obtain

$$\left| c|z|^{2\alpha} + \frac{1 - |z|^{2\alpha}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq c + 1 - |c| = 1.$$

By applying Theorem 5, we obtain that function F given by (2) belongs to the class S .

Example 3. Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $m = 2$, $\alpha = 4 + 7i$, $c = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{4}$, $|c| = \frac{1}{2}$, $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{8}$, $|\alpha_1| = \frac{1}{4}$, $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{10}$, $|\alpha_2| = \frac{1}{5}$, $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| = \frac{9}{20} < \frac{1}{2}$, $f_1(z) = z + a_2z^2$, $R^n f_1(z) = z + (n+1)a_2z^2$, $f_2(z) = z + b_2z^2$, $R^n f_2(z) = z + (n+1)b_2z^2$, $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$, $|a_2| \leq \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$, $|b_2| \leq \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$, $z \in U$.

We evaluate (18i) and (18ii)

$$(18i) \quad |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| = \frac{9}{20} < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (18ii) \quad & \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2(4+7i)}}{4 + 7i} \left[\frac{z(1 + 2(n+1)a_2z)}{z + (n+1)a_2z^2} - 1 \right] \right| \\ &= \frac{1 - |z|^{2(4+7i)}}{\sqrt{65}} \left| \frac{(n+1)a_2z}{1 + (n+1)a_2z} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|}{\sqrt{65}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{65}} < 1. \\ & \left| \frac{1 - |z|^{2(4+7i)}}{4 + 7i} \left[\frac{z(1 + 2(n+1)b_2z)}{z + (n+1)b_2z^2} - 1 \right] \right| = \frac{1 - |z|^{2(4+7i)}}{\sqrt{65}} \left| \frac{(n+1)b_2z}{1 + (n+1)b_2z} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1 - |z|}{\sqrt{65}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{65}} < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) = & \left[(4 + 7i) \int_0^z t^{3+7i} (1 + (n+1)a_2t)^{\left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{8}\right)} \right. \\ & \left. \cdot (1 + (n+1)b_2t)^{\left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{10}\right)} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{4+7i}} \in S, \end{aligned}$$

for all $z \in U$.

An open problem. Similar results can be obtained by using other differential operators.

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