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$\alpha$ -convexity and  $\alpha$ -close-to-convexity Preserving Integral Operators

Operatory całkowe zachowujące  $\alpha$ -wypukłość oraz  $\alpha$ -prawie wypukłość

Let  $E$  be the open unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $H(E)$  be the class of all functions  $f$  holomorphic in  $E$ . Let  $g \in H(E)$  be such that  $g(0) = g'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $\frac{g(z)g'(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $E$ . We consider the integral operator  $A_g(f) = F$ , defined by

$$(1) \quad F(z) = A_g(f) = \left\{ \frac{(c+1/\alpha)}{g^c(z)} \int_0^z g^{c-1}(t)g'(t)f^{1/\alpha}(t) dt \right\}^\alpha.$$

For  $c = 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , this reduces to an integral operator introduced by P.T.Mocanu [5], wherein he has determined conditions on  $g$  so that  $A_g$  is an convexity or close-to-convexity preserving integral operator. For  $g(z) = z$ , our operator reduces to the operator introduced by St.Ruscheweyh [9] and further  $\alpha = 1$  yields Bernardi's operator [1]. These two operators have been extensively studied by several authors in the field. In this paper we first consider the class  $M_\alpha$  of  $\alpha$ -convex functions defined by P.T.Mocanu [4] as follows:

**Definition 1.** A function  $f(z) \in H(E)$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  is called an  $\alpha$ -convex function if  $\frac{f(z)f'(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $E$  and for some non-negative real number  $\alpha$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0, \quad z \in E.$$

In Theorem 1 we obtain sufficient conditions on  $g$  so that  $A_g$  is an  $\alpha$ -convexity preserving operator. Next, we consider the class  $P(\alpha)$  of  $\alpha$ -close-to-convex functions studied by K.S.Padmanabhan and R.Bharati [7].

**Definition 2.** Let  $f \in H(E)$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $\frac{f(z)f'(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $E$ .  $f$  is said to be in  $P(\alpha)$  provided

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) + (1-\alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} d\theta > -\pi$$

whenever  $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 \leq \theta_1 + 2\pi$ ,  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $r < 1$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ . They also established a characterization for functions in  $P(\alpha)$ , that is  $f \in P(\alpha)$  if and only if there exists an  $\varphi \in S^*$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z^\alpha f'^\alpha(z) f^{1-\alpha}(z)}{\varphi(z)} \geq 0 \quad \text{in } E.$$

In Theorem 2, we establish conditions on  $g$  so that  $A_g(f) \in P(\alpha)$  whenever  $f \in P(\alpha)$ . Also we determine conditions on  $g$  so that  $A_g(f) \in S^*$  whenever  $f \in S^*$ . Finally we give an application of Theorem 3.

To prove our main results, we make use of the following theorems.

**Theorem A.** [6] Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha + \gamma > 0$ , and consider the integral operator  $I_{\alpha,\gamma}(f) = \left\{ \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z f^\alpha(t) t^{\gamma-1} dt \right\}^{1/\alpha}$ . If  $\beta \in [-\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1)$  then the order of starlikeness of the class  $I_{\alpha,\gamma}(S^*(\beta))$  is given by  $\delta(\alpha; \beta; \gamma) = \inf_{|z| < 1} \operatorname{Re} g(z)$  where  $S^*(\beta)$  is the class of starlike functions of order  $\beta$ . Moreover, if  $\beta \in [\beta_0, 1)$  where  $\beta_0 = \max \left\{ \frac{\alpha - \gamma - 1}{2\alpha}, -\frac{\gamma}{\alpha} \right\}$  and  $g = I_{\alpha,\gamma}(f)$  for  $f \in S^*(\beta)$  then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \geq q(-r) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[ \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{F(1, 2\alpha(1-\beta), \alpha + \gamma + 1; \frac{r}{1+r})} - \gamma \right]$$

for  $|z| = r < 1$  and

$$(2) \quad \delta(\alpha; \beta; \gamma) = q(-1) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[ \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{F(1, 2\alpha(1-\beta), \alpha + \gamma + 1; \frac{1}{2})} - \gamma \right]$$

where  $q(z) = \frac{1}{\alpha Q(z)} - \frac{\gamma}{\alpha}$  with  $Q(z) = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-z}{1+zt} \right)^{2\alpha(1-\beta)} t^{\alpha+\gamma-1} dt$ ,  $z \in E$  and  $F(a, b, c; z)$  is the hypergeometric function. The extremal function is given by  $g = I_{\alpha,\gamma}(k)$  where  $k(z) = z(1-z)^{2(\beta-1)}$ .

**Theorem B.** [2] Let  $f \in S^*$ , let  $\Phi$  and  $\varphi$  be regular functions in  $E$  with  $\Phi(0) = \varphi(0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(z)\varphi(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  be real numbers satisfying  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \delta > 0$  and  $\beta + \gamma = \alpha + \delta$ . If there exists a real number  $J \geq 0$  such that

$$(3) \quad J \geq \gamma + \operatorname{Re} \frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)}, \quad z \in E,$$

$$(4) \quad \beta + \gamma > J$$

$$(5) \quad \delta + \operatorname{Re} \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} \geq \max(0, J - \lambda(J)), \quad z \in E \text{ where}$$

$$(6) \quad \lambda(J) = \frac{1}{2} \min \left[ \frac{\beta + \gamma - J}{J}, \frac{J}{\beta + \gamma - J} \right], \quad \lambda(0) = 0,$$

then there exists a unique function  $F(z) = z + A_2 z^2 + \dots$ , satisfying

$$(7) \quad F(z) = \left( \frac{\beta + \gamma}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z f^\alpha(t) \varphi(t) t^{\beta-1} dt \right)^{1/\beta}, \quad z \in E$$

such that  $F \in S^\circ$ .

We also need the following result which is a slight modification of a lemma due to K.S.Padmanabhan and R.Paravatham [8].

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h \in H(E)$  be convex univalent in  $E$  with  $h(0) = 1$  and let  $g \in H(E)$  with  $g(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta g(z) + \gamma) > 0$ ,  $z \in E$ . If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + \dots$  is analytic in  $E$ , then

$$p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{\beta g(z) + \gamma} < h(z) \implies p(z) < h(z).$$

Since the proof of this lemma is essentially in same as the one in [8], we omit the details. Now, we proceed to prove our main results.

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $g \in H(E)$  with  $g(0) = g'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $\frac{g'(z)g(z)}{g(z)} \neq 0$  in  $E$ . Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $(c+1)\alpha > 1 > (c-1)\alpha$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\beta \in [\beta_0, 0)$  where  $\beta_0 = \max\left\{\frac{1-(c+1)\alpha}{2}, -\alpha c, \frac{c\alpha - (\alpha+1)}{2\alpha c}\right\}$

$$(8) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{c \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)}\right\} \geq c + \beta|\alpha$$

and

$$(9) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{(c+1) \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} - (1 + z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)})\right\} \leq c + \delta|\alpha$$

where  $\delta = \delta(\frac{1}{\alpha}; \beta; c)$  is given by (2). Then  $F = A_g(f)$  defined by (1) is in  $M_\alpha$  whenever  $f \in M_\alpha$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that  $F$  is homomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $z = 0$  and satisfies  $F(0) = 0 = F'(0) - 1$ . Thus there exists an  $R > 0$  such that  $F(z) \neq 0$  for  $0 < |z| < R$ . We begin by showing that  $F$  is  $\alpha$ -convex and hence univalent in  $|z| < R$  and the proof will be complete if we establish that  $R \geq 1$ . Indeed, if  $F(z_0) = 0$ ,  $|z_0| = R < 1$  then for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a neighbourhood of  $z_0$  in which  $|F(z)| < \varepsilon$ . This is a contradiction because  $F$  is univalent and so  $|F(z)| > \frac{|z|}{(1-|z|)^2}$  in  $|z| < R$ .

Thus  $F(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$ .

From the definition of  $F = A_g(f)$ , we have

$$(10) \quad \frac{g^c(z) F^{1/\alpha}(z)}{z^{c+1/\alpha}} = \frac{(c+1/\alpha)}{z^{c+1/\alpha}} \int_0^z g^{c-1}(t) g'(t) f^{1/\alpha}(t) dt.$$

Differentiating with respect to  $z$  and simplifying,

$$\frac{g^{c+1}(z)F^{1/\alpha-1}(z)F'(z)}{g'(z)} = (c+1/\alpha) \int_0^z g^c(t)f^{1/\alpha-1}(t)f'(t) dt.$$

Putting  $k(z) = \frac{g^c(z)f^{1-\alpha}(z)f'^{\alpha}(z)}{z^{\alpha c-\alpha}}$  and  $H(z) = \frac{g^{(c+1)\alpha}(z)F^{1-\alpha}(z)F'^{\alpha}(z)}{g'^{\alpha}(z)z^{\alpha c}}$  we have

$$(11) \quad H(z) = \left\{ \frac{(c+1/\alpha)}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1}k^{1/\alpha}(t) dt \right\}^{\alpha}.$$

Now

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z k'(z)}{k(z)} = \alpha c \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} \right) + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha(1+z \frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}) \right\} - \alpha c \geq \beta$$

by condition (8) and the fact that  $f \in M_{\alpha}$ . Now an application of Theorem A to  $H$  yields that if  $\beta \in [\beta_0, 0)$  where  $\beta_0 = \max\{\frac{1/\alpha - c - 1}{2/\alpha}, -\alpha c\}$ , then

$$(12) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} \right\} \geq \alpha \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha} + c}{F(1, \frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta), \frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1; \frac{1}{2})} - c \right] = \delta \left( \frac{1}{\alpha}; \beta; c \right) = \delta$$

where  $F(a, b, c; z)$  is the hypergeometric function. We proceed to verify that  $\delta > 0$ . Consider

$$F(1, \frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta), \frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1; \frac{1}{2}) = 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta)}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta)(\frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta) + 1)}{(\frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1)(\frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 2)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots$$

Since  $\beta > \frac{1 - (c+1)\alpha}{2}$  we have  $\frac{2(1-\beta)}{1 + (c+1)\alpha} < 1$  and so

$$F(1, \frac{2}{\alpha}(1-\beta), \frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1; \frac{1}{2}) < 1 + \frac{2(1-\beta)}{1 + (c+1)\alpha}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \frac{1 + \alpha c}{F(1, \frac{1}{2}(1-\beta), \frac{1}{\alpha} + c + 1; \frac{1}{2})} - \alpha c > \frac{(1 + \alpha c)(1 + (c+1)\alpha)}{1 + (c+1)\alpha + 2 - 2\beta} - \alpha c = \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha - \alpha c + 2\beta \alpha c}{3 + (c+1)\alpha - 2\beta} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $c\alpha < \frac{1 + \alpha}{1 - 2\beta}$  which is true because  $\beta > \frac{c\alpha - (\alpha + 1)}{2\alpha c}$ . From

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha)z \frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} + \alpha(1+z \frac{F''(z)}{F'(z)}) \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left( z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} \right) + \alpha c + \alpha \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} - (c+1)z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right\}$$

using (9) and (12) we get

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ (1-\alpha)\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \alpha\left(1+z\frac{F''(z)}{F'(z)}\right) \right\} \geq \delta + \alpha c - \delta - \alpha c = 0$$

which completes the proof of the theorem.

**Remark 1.** When  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $c = 1$  this gives Theorem 1 of P. T. Mocanu [5]. When  $\alpha = 1$  and  $g(z) = z$ , we get the well-known result that the class  $K$  of convex univalent functions is closed under Bernardi's operator.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $g \in H(E)$  with  $g(0) = g'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $\frac{g(z)g'(z)}{g(z)^2} \neq 0$  in  $E$ . If  $\exists \alpha \geq 1$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $(c-1)\alpha < 1$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\beta \in [\beta_0, 0)$  where  $\beta_0 = \max\left\{ \frac{1-(c+1)\alpha}{2}, -\alpha c, \frac{c\alpha - (\alpha+1)}{2\alpha c} \right\}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{ c\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > c + \beta/\alpha$  and

$$(13) \quad 0 \leq \operatorname{Re}\left\{ (1+c)z\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - \left(1+z\frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)}\right) \right\} \leq c + \frac{\delta}{\alpha}$$

where  $\delta = \delta(\frac{1}{\alpha}; \beta; c)$ , then  $F = A_g(f) \in P(\alpha)$  whenever  $f \in P(\alpha)$ .

**Proof.** We remark that  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $c > 0 \implies (c+1)\alpha > 1$ . The existence and analyticity of  $F$  in  $E$  follow in the same way as in Theorem 1.

Since  $f \in P(\alpha)$ ,  $\exists$  an  $\varphi_1 \in S^\circ$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{ \frac{z^\alpha f'^\alpha(z) f^{1-\alpha}(z)}{\varphi_1(z)} \right\} > 0$  in  $E$ .

P. T. Mocanu [4] showed that  $\varphi \in M_\alpha$  if and only if  $\exists$  an  $\varphi_1 \in S^\circ$  such that  $z^\alpha \varphi'^\alpha(z) \varphi^{1-\alpha}(z) = \varphi_1(z)$ . Hence if  $f \in P(\alpha)$  then  $\exists$  an  $\varphi \in M_\alpha$  such that

$\operatorname{Re}\frac{f'^\alpha(z) f^{1-\alpha}(z)}{\varphi'^\alpha(z) \varphi^{1-\alpha}(z)} > 0$  in  $E$ . Also from the definition of  $F$ , (10) holds, whence we get by differentiation with respect to  $z$ ,

$$(14) \quad \frac{g^c(z)F^{1/\alpha-1}(z)F'(z)}{\alpha} + cg^{c-1}(z)g'(z)F^{1/\alpha}(z) = \left(c + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)g^{c-1}(z)g'(z)f^{1/\alpha}(z).$$

Putting  $p^\alpha(z) = \frac{F'^\alpha(z)F^{1-\alpha}(z)}{\Phi'^\alpha(z)\Phi^{1-\alpha}(z)}$  where  $\Phi(z) = A_g(\varphi)$ , (14) becomes

$$\frac{g^c(z)\Phi'(z)\Phi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)p(z)}{\alpha} + cg^{c-1}(z)g'(z)F^{1/\alpha}(z) = \left(c + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)g^{c-1}(z)g'(z)f^{1/\alpha}(z)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g^{c+1}(z)\Phi'(z)\Phi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)p(z)}{\alpha g'(z)} &= \left(c + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)g^c(z)f^{1/\alpha}(z) - cg^c(z)F^{1/\alpha}(z) = \\ &= \frac{\left(c + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}{\alpha} \int_0^z g^c(t)f^{1/\alpha-1}(t)f'(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{g^{c+1}(z)p(z)\Phi'(z)\Phi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)}{g'(z)} = \left(c + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \int_0^z g^c(t)f^{1/\alpha-1}(t)f'(t) dt.$$

Now differentiating again and simplifying,

$$\frac{\alpha z p'(z)}{\alpha G(z) + q(z)} + p(z) = \frac{\alpha(c + \frac{1}{\alpha})g^c(z)zf^{1/\alpha-1}(z)f'(z)}{(\alpha G(z) + q(z))\frac{g^{c+1}(z)\Phi'(z)\Phi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)}{g'(z)}}$$

where  $q(z) = (1-z)\frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} + \alpha(1+z\frac{\Phi''(z)}{\Phi'(z)})$  and  $G(z) = (c+1)z\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - (1+z\frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)})$ .

Now,

$$(\alpha G(z) + q(z))\frac{g^{c+1}(z)\Phi'(z)\Phi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)}{g'(z)} = \alpha(c + \frac{1}{\alpha})zg^c(z)\varphi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)\varphi'(z)$$

and hence

$$(15) \quad \frac{zp'(z)}{G(z) + \frac{q(z)}{\alpha}} + p(z) = \frac{f^{1/\alpha-1}(z)f'(z)}{\varphi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)\varphi'(z)}$$

Theorem 1 asserts that under the given conditions  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) \geq 0$  and from (13) it follows that  $\operatorname{Re} G(z) \geq 0$ .  $G(0) = c$  and  $q(0) = 1$ . Let  $Q(z) = G(z) + \frac{q(z)}{\alpha} - c - \frac{1}{\alpha} + 1$ . Then  $Q(0) = 1$ . Then (15) can be written as

$$\frac{zp'(z)}{Q(z) + c + 1/\alpha - 1} + p(z) = \frac{f^{1/\alpha-1}(z)f'(z)}{\varphi^{1/\alpha-1}(z)\varphi'(z)}$$

with  $\operatorname{Re}(Q(z) + c + 1/\alpha - 1) \geq 0$ . As  $f \in P(\alpha)$  we have

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{zp'(z)}{Q(z) + c + 1/\alpha - 1} + p(z) \right) \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2\alpha} \quad \text{where} \quad \operatorname{Re}(Q(z) + c + 1/\alpha - 1) \geq 0.$$

Since  $\alpha \geq 1$ , this with Lemma 1 implies that  $|\arg p(z)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2\alpha}$  which in turn shows that

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{F^{\alpha\alpha}(z)F^{1-\alpha}(z)}{\Phi^{\alpha\alpha}(z)\Phi^{1-\alpha}(z)} \right) \right| = |\arg p^\alpha(z)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

where  $\Phi \in M_\alpha$ . This shows that  $F \in P(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 3.** For  $\alpha = 1$  we get Theorem 2 of P. T. Mocanu [5] and for  $g(z) = z$  we get Theorem 1 of K.S. Padmanabhan and R. Bharati [7] for real  $c$  such that  $\alpha(c-1) \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $g \in H(E)$  with  $g(0) = g'(0) - 1 = 0$ ,  $\frac{g(z)g'(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $E$  and let  $f \in S^\circ$ . Define  $F = A_g(f)$  where  $c > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $(c+1)\alpha > 1$ . If  $\exists J \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $J > J_2 = \max\left(\frac{1/\alpha + c}{2}, J_1, c\right)$  where  $J_1$  is the positive root of the equation

$$(16) \quad 2J^2 + J - (c + \frac{1}{\alpha}) = 0,$$

and

$$(17) \quad c \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} \right) \leq J < c + \frac{1}{\alpha},$$

$$(18) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (c-1) \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} + \left( 1 + z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} \right) \right\} \geq J - \lambda(J), \quad z \in E$$

where  $\lambda(J) = (c + \frac{1}{\alpha} - J)/2J$ , then  $F \in S^*$ .

**Proof.** The hypothesis (17) implies  $c \leq J$  and since  $J > J_2 = \max(\frac{1/\alpha + c}{2}, J_1, c)$  we have  $\frac{c + 1/\alpha}{2} \leq J < c + \frac{1}{\alpha}$  which implies  $0 < c + \frac{1}{\alpha} - J \leq J$ . So

$$(19) \quad \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{c + 1/\alpha - J}{J}, \frac{J}{c + 1/\alpha - J} \right\} = \frac{c + 1/\alpha - J}{2J} = \lambda(J)$$

Again  $J - \lambda(J) = \frac{2J^2 + J - (c + 1/\alpha)}{2J} > 0$  provided  $J > J_1$  - the positive root of  $2J^2 + J - (c + 1/\alpha) = 0$ . Let  $J_0$  be the positive root of the equation  $2J^2 + (1 - 2c)J - (c + 1/\alpha) = 0$ . (18) implies  $J - \lambda(J) \leq c$  or  $2J^2 + (1 - 2c)J - (c + 1/\alpha) \leq 0$  which will hold if  $J \leq J_0$ . Since  $2J_0^2 + J_0 - (c + 1/\alpha) = 2cJ_0 > 0$ , it follows that  $J_0 < J_1$ .

Also clearly  $J_0 \geq c$ . If  $J_2 = \max(c, \frac{c + 1/\alpha}{2}, J_1)$  then  $J_0 > J_2$ . Further,  $(c + 1/\alpha) > 1$  implies  $J_0 > (c + 1/\alpha)/2$ . Thus  $J_0 > \frac{J_2}{2}$ . Let  $J \in [J_2, J_0]$ . Then  $0 < J - \lambda(J) \leq c$ . Set of  $g(z) = z\phi(z)$ ,  $\Phi(z) = \psi^c(z)$ ,  $\Phi \in H(E)$  with  $\Phi(0) = \psi(0) = 1$ . Since  $\frac{g(z)}{z} \neq 0$  in  $E$  we have  $\phi(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$  which implies  $\psi^{c-1}(z) \in H(E)$ .  $\Phi(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$ , since  $\psi(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$ .

$$F(z) = \left( \frac{c + 1/\alpha}{z^c \Phi(z)} \int_0^z g^{c-1}(t) g'(t) f^{1/\alpha}(t) dt \right)^\alpha = \left( \frac{c + 1/\alpha}{z^c \Phi(z)} \int_0^z t^{c-1} Q(t) f^{1/\alpha}(t) dt \right)^\alpha$$

where  $Q(z) = \psi^{c-1}(z) g'(z) \in H(E)$ ,  $Q(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$  with  $Q(0) = 1$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z \Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} &= cz \frac{\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} = c \left( \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right); \\ \frac{z Q'(z)}{Q(z)} &= (c-1) \frac{z \psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} + \frac{z g''(z)}{g'(z)}. \end{aligned}$$

In Theorem B, if we put  $\beta = 1/\alpha$ ,  $\gamma = \delta = c$  and change  $\alpha$  to  $1/\alpha$ , the operator (7) yields our operator for our choice of  $\Phi$  and  $Q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} c + \operatorname{Re} \frac{z Q'(z)}{Q(z)} &= c + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} + (c-1) z \frac{\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} \right\} = \\ &= c + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} + (c-1) \left( z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} = \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} + (c-1) z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} \\ &\geq J - \lambda(J) = \max\{0, J - \lambda(J)\} \end{aligned}$$

from (18); (5) is satisfied. From (17) we obtain

$$c + \operatorname{Re} \left( z \frac{\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( cz \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right) \leq J \leq c + \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

whence (3) and (4) are satisfied. (19) shows that (16) is fulfilled. Thus conditions in Theorem B are all satisfied and the conclusion follows as an application of Theorem B.

**Remark 4.** If we put  $c = \alpha = 1$  we obtain Theorem 1 of S.S.Miller, P.T.Mocanu, and M.O.Reade [3].

We now prove a theorem which serves as an example to Theorem 3.

**Theorem 4.** Suppose  $f \in S^*$  and  $|\lambda| \leq \varrho_0$  where  $\varrho_0$  is the positive root of  $(c + 1/\alpha)\varrho^3 + (2c - 1/\alpha)\varrho^2 - (4c^2 + 3c + 1/\alpha)\varrho + 1/\alpha = 0$ , lying in  $(0, 1)$ . Then  $F$  defined by  $F(z) = \left\{ \frac{(c + 1/\alpha)(1 + \lambda z)^c}{z^c} \int_0^z \frac{t^{c-1}}{(1 + \lambda t)^{c+1}} f^{1/\alpha}(t) dt \right\}^\alpha$ ,  $z \in E$  belongs to  $S^*$ .

**Proof.** Choose  $g(z) = \frac{z}{1 + \lambda z}$ ,  $|\lambda| = \varrho < 1$  in Theorem 3. The condition  $c \operatorname{Re} z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \leq J$  becomes

$$(20) \quad \operatorname{Re} \frac{c}{1 + \lambda z} \leq \frac{c}{1 - \varrho} \leq J$$

and the condition  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (c - 1)z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + 1 + z \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} \right\} \geq J - \lambda(J)$  becomes

$$(21) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{c - 1}{1 + \lambda z} + \frac{1 - \lambda z}{1 + \lambda z} \right) \geq \frac{c - 1}{1 + \varrho} + \frac{1 - \varrho}{1 + \varrho} = \frac{c - \varrho}{1 + \varrho} \geq J - \lambda(J) = \frac{2J^2 + J - (c + 1/\alpha)}{2J}$$

If we take  $J = \frac{c}{1 - \varrho}$ , then the above inequality will hold if

$$\frac{2c^2}{(1 - \varrho)^2} + \frac{c}{1 - \varrho} - (c + 1/\alpha) \leq \frac{2c(c - \varrho)}{1 - \varrho^2};$$

or  $T(\varrho) \equiv (c + 1/\alpha)\varrho^3 + (2c - 1/\alpha)\varrho^2 - (4c^2 + 3c + 1/\alpha)\varrho + 1/\alpha \geq 0$ . Let  $\varrho_0$  be the positive root of  $T(\varrho) = 0$ , in  $(0, 1)$ . Then for  $0 \leq \varrho \leq \varrho_0$  the inequality  $T(\varrho) \geq 0$  holds and so (20) and (21) hold. Also

$$\varrho_0 < \frac{1}{c\alpha + 1}$$

This implies that for  $\varrho \in [0, \varrho_0]$ ,  $\varrho < \frac{1}{c\alpha + 1} \implies J < c + \frac{1}{\alpha}$ . Hence Theorem 4 follows from Theorem 3.



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## STRESZCZENIE

W pracy tej autorzy zajmują się operatorem całkowym  $A_g(f) = F$ , określonym wzorem (1), i działającym na funkcje  $f$  holomorphyjne w kole jednostkowym  $E$ . Znajdują warunki na funkcję  $g$  i stałą  $c$  we wzorze (1) zapewniające prawdziwość implikacji:  $f \in M_\alpha \Rightarrow F \in M_\alpha$ , gdzie  $M_\alpha$  jest klasą Mocanu. Analogiczny wynik otrzymują dla klasy  $S^*$  funkcji gwiaździstych.

## SUMMARY

The authors deal with the integral operator  $A_g(f) = F$  defined by the formula (1) and acting on  $f$  holomorphic in the unit disk  $E$ . They find conditions on the function  $g$  and the constant  $c$  in the formula (1) for the implication:  $f \in M_\alpha \Rightarrow F \in M_\alpha$  to be satisfied, where  $M_\alpha$  denotes the Mocanu class. An analogous result for the class  $S^*$  of starlike functions was obtained.

