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# **Integral Operators Preserving Univalence**

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# ABSTRACT

We introduce two new integral operators  $F_{\alpha,\beta}$  and  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  acting on the class of normalized analytic functions  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\alpha,\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are complex parameters. Indeed, we derive sufficient conditions on the parameters  $\alpha,\beta$  and  $\gamma$  to obtain that  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  and  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  are univalent functions in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , whenever g is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY**

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} := \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and have the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

Denote by S the subclass of A consisting of functions univalent (one-to-one) in U. Ozaki and Nunokawa (1972) proved, for  $g \in A$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  in 0 < |z| < 1, that the condition

$$\left|\frac{z^2 g'(z)}{g^2(z)} - 1\right| \le 1, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

$$\tag{2}$$

is sufficient for g to be in the class S.

Let us introduce and consider the following integral operators defined on  $\mathcal{A}$ 



by

$$F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)(z) = \left[\beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{(\alpha-1)g(u)}{\alpha u - g(u)}\right)^{\beta-1} \mathrm{d}u\right]^{1/\beta} \tag{3}$$

and

$$H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)(z) = \left[\beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{\alpha u - g(u)}{(\alpha-1)g(u)}\right)^{1/\gamma} \mathrm{d}u\right]^{1/\beta},\tag{4}$$

where  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  in 0 < |z| < 1 and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are certain complex numbers. In some occasions during the study of  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$ , the parameter  $\gamma$  cannot be chosen such that  $\gamma = 1/(1-\beta)$  with  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . We treat this case by considering the function  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  independently with  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$ , for  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Note that, for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ :

(i) If we substitute  $g(u) = \alpha u f(u) / [(\alpha - 1)u + f(u)]$  in (3) where  $f(u) \neq 0$  in 0 < |u| < 1, then  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  becomes

$$G_{\beta}(f)(z) = \left[\beta \int_{0}^{z} [f(u)]^{\beta-1} du\right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$
 (5)

(ii) If we substitute  $g(u) = \alpha u f'(u) / [f'(u) + \alpha - 1]$  in (3), where  $f'(u) \neq 0$  in 0 < |u| < 1, then  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  becomes

$$I_{\beta}(f)(z) = \left[\beta \int_{0}^{z} \left[uf'(u)\right]^{\beta-1} du\right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$
 (6)

(iii) If we substitute  $g(u) = \alpha u^2 e^{f(u)} / [\alpha - 1 + u e^{f(u)}]$  in (3), then  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  becomes

$$T_{\beta}(f)(z) = \left[\beta \int_{0}^{z} \left[u^{2} e^{f(u)}\right]^{\beta-1} du\right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$
 (7)

(iv) If we substitute  $g(u) = \alpha u^2 / [(\alpha - 1)f(u) + u]$  in (4), then  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  becomes

$$Q_{\beta,\gamma}(f)(z) = \left[\beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{f(u)}{u}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \mathrm{d}u\right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$
(8)

(v) If we substitute  $g(u) = \alpha u^2 / [(\alpha - 1)f(u) + u]$ ,  $\beta = 1$  and  $\delta = 1/\gamma$ 164 *Malaysian Journal of Mathematical Sciences*  Integral Operators Preserving Univalence

in (4), then  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  becomes

$$W_{\delta}(f)(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{f(u)}{u}\right)^{\delta} du.$$
(9)

For the functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are satisfying (2) and more general for the functions of  $\mathcal{S}$ , the problem of preserving univalence under the above integral operators (i-v) has been studied by many authors including Pescar (2003, 2005, 2006, 2006A), Breez and Breez (2003, 2004) and Kim and Merkes (1972).

In this article, we study the univalence of  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  and  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  for the functions g of the general class S. Namely, we derive sufficient conditions on the parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  to obtain that  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  and  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  are members of S, whenever  $g \in S$ .

To prove our main results, we need the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.1. 1**(Pascu (1987)). Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Re\gamma > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . If

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\gamma}}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma}\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \le 1,$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\beta \geq \operatorname{Re}\gamma$ , the function

$$G_{\beta}(z) = \left[\beta \int_0^z t^{\beta-1} f'(t) \, \mathrm{d}t\right]^{1/\beta}$$

is univalent in U.

### 2. MAIN RESULTS

Let us prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** 2Let  $g \in S$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  for 0 < |z| < 1. If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$  and

$$|1 - \beta| \le \frac{1 - 4|\alpha|}{16|\alpha|} \operatorname{Re}\beta, \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}\beta \in (0, 1)$$
(10)

or

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$$|1 - \beta| \le \frac{1 - 4|\alpha|}{16|\alpha|}, \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}\beta \in [1, \infty), \tag{11}$$

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then the function  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  defined by (3) belongs to S.

**Proof.** In view of (3), the function  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  can be rewritten as

$$F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)(z) = \left[\beta \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}\right)^{1-\beta} \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} \left(\frac{u}{g(u)} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^{1-\beta} du\right]^{\overline{\beta}}.$$
 (12)

Let us consider the function

$$f(z) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}\right)^{1 - \beta} \int_0^z \left(\frac{u}{g(u)} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^{1 - \beta} du.$$
(13)

We can choose regular branch of the function z/g(z) to be equal to 1 at the origin. Hence the function f is regular in  $\mathbb{U}$  and f(0) = 1 - f'(0) = 0, which means  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . A simple computation shows that

$$F_{\alpha,\beta}^{\beta-1}(g)(z) \cdot F'_{\alpha,\beta}(g)(z) = z^{\beta-1} f'(z).$$
(14)

Therefore,  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)(0) = 1 - F'_{\alpha,\beta}(g)(0) = 0$  and hence  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Because  $g \in S$ , we have

$$\left|\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \le \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|}$$
(15)

and

$$|g(z)| \ge \frac{|z|}{(1+|z|)^2} \tag{16}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Also, by computations, we get

$$f'(z) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}\right)^{1 - \beta} \left(\frac{z}{g(z)} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^{1 - \beta},$$
$$f''(z) = (1 - \beta) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}\right)^{1 - \beta} \left(\frac{z}{g(z)} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^{-\beta} \left(\frac{g(z) - zg'(z)}{g^2(z)}\right)$$

and

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$$\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| = \left|1 - \beta\right| \left|\frac{\alpha z}{\alpha z - g(z)}\right| \left|1 - \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right|,\tag{17}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . From (16) and (15), we have for 0 < r = |z| < 1 and  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$ ,

$$\left|\frac{\alpha z}{g(z) - \alpha z}\right| \le \frac{|\alpha| r}{|g(z)| - |\alpha| r} \le \frac{|\alpha|}{\frac{1}{(1+r)^2} - |\alpha|} \le \frac{4|\alpha|}{1 - 4|\alpha|}$$
(18)

and

$$\left|1 - \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \le 1 + \left|\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \le \frac{2}{1-r}.$$
(19)

Next, for  $0 < Re\beta < 1$ , the function

$$t: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}, \quad t(x) = 1 - r^{2x}, \quad (0 < r < 1)$$

is an increasing function and for  $|z| = r, z \in U$ , we obtain

$$1 - |z|^{2\text{Re}\beta} \le 1 - r^2,\tag{20}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Hence, from (17), (18), (19) and (20), we obtain

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\beta}}{\operatorname{Re}\beta}\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \le \frac{16|\alpha||1-\beta|}{(1-4|\alpha|)\operatorname{Re}\beta}.$$
(21)

Combining (21) with condition (10), we get

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\beta}}{\operatorname{Re}\beta} \left| \frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)} \right| \le 1, \quad \operatorname{Re}\beta \in (0,1),$$
(22)

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Now, for  $\operatorname{Re}\beta \geq 1$ , we observe that the function

$$s: [1, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}, \quad s(x) = \frac{1 - r^{2x}}{x}, \quad (0 < r < 1)$$

is a decreasing function and for  $r = |z|, z \in \mathbb{U}$ , we have

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\beta}}{\operatorname{Re}\beta} \le 1-r^2,\tag{23}$$

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for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Hence, from (17), (18), (19) and (23), we get

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$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\beta}}{\operatorname{Re}\beta} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \le \frac{16|\alpha||1-\beta|}{1-4|\alpha|}.$$
(24)

Combining (24) with condition (11), we arrive at

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\beta}}{\operatorname{Re}\beta} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \le 1, \quad \operatorname{Re}\beta \in [1,\infty),$$
(25)

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Since

$$f'(z) = \left(\frac{\alpha z - g(z)}{(\alpha - 1)g(z)}\right)^{1-\beta}$$

Then, applying (22) and (25) to Theorem 1.1 for  $\beta = \gamma$ , we establish that the function  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  defined by (3) belongs to S.

Assuming that  $\beta$  is real in Theorem 2.1 gives what follows:

**Corollary 2.2.** 3Let  $g \in S$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  for 0 < |z| < 1. If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$  and

$$\beta \in \left[\frac{16|\alpha|}{12|\alpha|+1}, \frac{12|\alpha|+1}{16|\alpha|}\right],\,$$

then the function  $F_{\alpha,\beta}(g)$  defined by (3) belongs to S.

*Proof.* For  $\beta \in (0,1)$ , condition (10) yields

$$1 - \beta \le \frac{1 - 4|\alpha|}{16|\alpha|}\beta$$

and hence the domain of  $\beta$  is reduced to

$$\beta \in \left[\frac{16|\alpha|}{12|\alpha|+1}, 1\right).$$

For  $\beta \in [1, \infty)$ , condition (11) yields

$$\beta - 1 \le \frac{1 - 4|\alpha|}{16|\alpha|}$$

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and hence the domain of  $\beta$  is reduced to

$$\beta \in \left[1, \frac{12|\alpha|+1}{16|\alpha|}\right].$$

Thus the result follows by applying Theorem 2.1 for the choice  $\beta$  is real.

The univalence of  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  is studied in the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.4** Let  $g \in S$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  when 0 < |z| < 1. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$  and  $Re\beta \ge Re\gamma$ , if

$$|\gamma| \ge \frac{16|\alpha|}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma(1-4|\alpha|)}, \text{ when } \operatorname{Re}\gamma \in (0,1)$$
 (26)

or

$$|\gamma| \ge \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|}$$
, when  $\operatorname{Re}\gamma \in [1,\infty)$ , (27)

then the function  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  defined by (4) belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Proof. Consider the function

$$f(z) = (\alpha - 1)^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \int_0^z \left(\frac{\alpha u}{g(u)} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} du.$$
 (28)

The function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  because as  $g \in S$ , we can choose a regular branch of the function z/g(z) to be equal to 1 at the origin. Then a simple computation shows that

$$H^{\beta-1}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)(z) \cdot H'_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)(z) = z^{\beta-1}f'(z).$$
<sup>(29)</sup>

Therefore,  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)(0) = 1 - H'_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)(0) = 0$  and so  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Also we have

$$f'(z) = (\alpha - 1)^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left(\frac{\alpha z}{g(z)} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}},$$

$$f''(z) = (\alpha - 1)^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left(\frac{\alpha z}{g(z)} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma} - 1} \left(\frac{\alpha g(z) - \alpha z g'(z)}{\gamma g^2(z)}\right).$$

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This yields

$$\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \leq \frac{1}{|\gamma|} \left|\frac{\alpha z}{\alpha z - g(z)}\right| \left|1 - \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}\right| \tag{30}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Combining (30) with (18) and (19), we obtain for 0 < r = |z| < 1 and  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$ ,

$$\left|\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \le \frac{1}{|\gamma|} \cdot \frac{4|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|} \cdot \frac{2}{1-r}.$$
(31)

If  $0 < Re\gamma < 1$ , then from (20) and (31), we have  $1 - |z|^{2\text{Re}\gamma} \le 1 - |z|^2$  and

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\gamma}}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma}\left|\frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right| \le \frac{1}{|\gamma|\operatorname{Re}\gamma} \cdot \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|}.$$
(32)

Combining (32) with condition (26), we obtain

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\gamma}}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma}\left|\frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right| \le 1, \quad \operatorname{Re}\gamma \in (0,1), \tag{33}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . If  $\operatorname{Re}_{\gamma} \ge 1$ , then from (23) and (31), we have  $1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re}_{\gamma}} \le (1 - |z|^2)\operatorname{Re}_{\gamma}$  and

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\gamma}}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma}\left|\frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right| \le \frac{1}{|\gamma|} \cdot \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|'}$$
(34)

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Combining (34) with condition (27), we obtain

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\gamma}}{\operatorname{Re}\gamma}\left|\frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right| \le 1, \quad \operatorname{Re}\gamma \in [1,\infty), \tag{35}$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Since

$$f'(z) = \left(\frac{\alpha z - g(z)}{(\alpha - 1)g(z)}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}.$$

Then, applying (33) and (35) to Theorem 1.1 with  $\text{Re}\beta \ge \text{Re}\gamma$ , we establish that the function  $H_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(g)$  defined by (4) belongs to S.

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Assuming that  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are real in Theorem 2.3 with  $\beta = \gamma$  gives what follows:

**Corollary 2.4.** 5Let  $g \in S$  with  $g(z) \neq 0$  for 0 < |z| < 1. If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |\alpha| < 1/4$  and

$$\gamma \in \left[\min\left\{1, \frac{4\sqrt{|\alpha|}}{\sqrt{1-4|\alpha|}}\right\}, 1\right] \bigcup \left[\max\left\{1, \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|}\right\}, \infty\right),$$

then the function  $H_{\alpha,\gamma,\gamma}(g)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Proof.** From conditions (26) and (27), we have for  $\gamma \in (0,1]$ ,

$$\gamma^2 \ge \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|}$$

and hence the domain of  $\gamma$  is reduced to

$$\gamma \in \left[\min\left\{1, \frac{4\sqrt{|\alpha|}}{\sqrt{1-4|\alpha|}}\right\}, 1\right].$$

For  $\gamma \in [1, \infty)$ , condition (27) yields

$$\gamma \in \left[\max\left\{1, \frac{16|\alpha|}{1-4|\alpha|}\right\}, \infty\right).$$

Thus the result follows by applying Theorem 2.3 for the choice  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are real with  $\beta = \gamma$ .

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