

23. Certain Integral Operators^{*)}

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1. Introduction. Let $\mathcal{A}(p)$ be the class of functions of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the unit disk $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. For $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p)$, we define

$$(1.2) \quad I_0 f(z) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\alpha \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad I_n f(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z I_{n-1} f(t) dt \quad (n \in \mathcal{N}).$$

For $f(z)$ belonging to the class $\mathcal{A}(1)$, Thomas [4] has shown

Theorem A. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(1)$ satisfies*

$$(1.4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ f'(z) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some α ($\alpha > 0$), then

$$(1.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} (I_n f(z)) \geq \gamma_n(r) > \gamma_n(1),$$

where $n \in \mathcal{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and

$$(1.6) \quad 0 < \gamma_n(r) = -1 + 2\alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} r^{k-1}}{k^n (k-1+\alpha)} < 1.$$

Equality occurs for the function $f(z)$ defined by

$$(1.7) \quad f(z) = \left(\alpha \int_0^z t^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) dt \right)^{1/\alpha}.$$

For $n=0$, (1.5) becomes

$$(1.8) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\alpha \right\} \geq \frac{\alpha}{r^\alpha} \int_0^r t^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) dt \\ = -1 + 2\alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} r^{k-1}}{k-1+\alpha},$$

which reduces to

$$-1 + \frac{2}{r} \log(1+r)$$

when $\alpha=0$.

Also, Hallenbeck [1] has proved

Theorem B. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(1)$ satisfies*

$$(1.9) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{f'(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

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