

## 80. Properties of Certain Integral Operator

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_n$  denote the class of functions of the form

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

which are analytic in the unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

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

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} - 1 \right| < 1 - \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ).

Let the functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in the unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then the function  $f(z)$  is said to be subordinate to  $g(z)$  if there exists a function  $w(z)$  analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ), such that

$$(1.3) \quad f(z) = g(w(z)) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

We denote this subordination by

$$(1.4) \quad f(z) \prec g(z).$$

In particular, if  $g(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ , then the subordination (1.4) is equivalent to  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\mathcal{U}) \subset g(\mathcal{U})$  (cf. [2]).

This concept of subordination can be traced to Lindelöf [5], but Littlewood ([6], [7]) and Rogosinski ([10], [11]) introduced the term and discovered the basic properties.

For a function  $f(z)$  belonging to the class  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , we define the generalized Libera integral operator  $J_c$  by

$$(1.5) \quad J_c(f(z)) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt \quad (c \geq 0).$$

The operator  $J_c$ , when  $c \in \mathcal{N}$ , was introduced by Bernardi [1]. In particular, the operator  $J_1$  was studied earlier by Libera [4] and Livingston [8].

**2. Properties of the operator  $J_c$ .** In order to derive our results, we have to recall here the following lemma due to Miller and Mocanu [9] (also Jack [3]).

**Lemma.** *Let the function*

$$(2.1) \quad w(z) = b_n z^n + b_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots \quad (n \in \mathcal{N})$$

*be regular in the unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $w(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ). If  $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0}$  ( $r_0 < 1$ ) and*

$$(2.2) \quad |w(z_0)| = \max_{|z| \leq r_0} |w(z)|,$$

*then*

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$$(2.3) \quad z_0 w'(z_0) = m w(z_0),$$

where  $m$  is real and  $m \geq n \geq 1$ .

Applying the above lemma, we prove

**Theorem 1.** *If a function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} < 1 + \frac{(1-\alpha)z}{n+1}.$$

*Proof.* It is clear for  $f(z) \equiv z$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ). Then we assume that  $f(z) \neq z$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ). Define the function  $w(z)$  by

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} = 1 + \frac{(1-\alpha)w(z)}{n+1}$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ , then we see that  $w(z) = b_n z^n + b_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $w(z) \neq 0$  ( $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ). Note that

$$(2.6) \quad (J_c f(z))' = -c \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} + (c+1) \frac{f(z)}{z}.$$

Therefore, it follows from (2.5) and (2.6) that

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{f(z)}{z} - 1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \left( w(z) + \frac{z w'(z)}{c+1} \right).$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1.$$

Then, with the aid of Lemma, we have

$$(2.8) \quad \left| \frac{f(z_0)}{z_0} - 1 \right| = \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \left| w(z_0) + \frac{z_0 w'(z_0)}{c+1} \right| \\ = \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \left( 1 + \frac{m}{c+1} \right) \geq \frac{(1-\alpha)(n+c+1)}{(n+1)(c+1)} \geq 1-\alpha,$$

which contradicts that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ . This shows that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , that is, that

$$\frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} < 1 + \frac{(1-\alpha)z}{n+1}.$$

Taking  $c=0$  in Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt < 1 + \frac{(1-\alpha)z}{n+1}.$$

Next, we have

**Theorem 2.** *If a function  $f(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{t\beta} \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

where

$$(2.11) \quad |\beta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \right).$$

The bound of  $|\beta|$  is best possible for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(2.12) \quad f(z) = z + \frac{(1-\alpha)(n+c+1)}{(n+1)(c+1)} z^{n+1}.$$

*Proof.* By virtue of Theorem 1, we see that

$$(2.13) \quad \left| \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} - 1 \right| < \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Therefore, it follows from (2.13) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{i\beta} \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for

$$|\beta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \right).$$

Further, the bound of  $|\beta|$  is best possible for the function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$  defined by

$$(2.14) \quad \frac{J_c(f(z))}{z} = 1 + \frac{(1-\alpha)z^n}{n+1},$$

which is equivalent to (2.12).

Letting  $c=0$  in Theorem 2, we have

**Corollary 2.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_n(\alpha)$ , then*

$$(2.15) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{e^{i\beta}}{z} \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

where

$$|\beta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{n+1} \right).$$

The bound of  $|\beta|$  is best possible for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(2.16) \quad f(z) = z + (1-\alpha)z^{n+1}.$$

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