

# Integral Operators on a Class of Analytic Functions



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**Abstract** A class  $SD(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ , of analytic functions is considered and functions in this class are shown to be univalent and starlike of order  $(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})$ , for  $\alpha \geq 1$ . For functions  $f(z)$  to belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$ , a sufficient condition is obtained. For functions  $f(z)$  satisfying this condition, the functions  $F(z)$  defined by several integral operators on  $f(z)$  are shown to be in the class  $SD(\alpha)$ . For a hypergeometric function to belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$ , a sufficiency condition is also obtained.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $A$  be the class of analytic functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (1)$$

defined on the unit disk  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathcal{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $S \subset A$  be the class of analytic univalent functions. Ruscheweyh [22] considered a subclass  $D \subset S$  consisting of

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convex functions  $f$  for which  $Re\{f'(z)\} \geq |zf''(z)|$ . Motivated by the class  $D$ , a family  $UCD(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ , was introduced in [21] connecting various subclasses of convex functions, especially, the subclass  $(UCV)$  of uniformly convex functions (see, for example, [2] for an excellent survey on  $UCV$ ). A function  $f$  given by (1) is in  $UCD(\alpha)$  if  $Re\{f'(z)\} \geq \alpha|zf''(z)|$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ . A family  $SD(\alpha)$  related to  $UCD(\alpha)$  was introduced in [20]. Recently, this class has been studied in [9, 25]. Also several authors have considered different integral operators on functions in  $S$  and its subclasses (see, for example, [1, 4, 5, 7, 11–14, 16, 17, 26]). In this paper, functions in the class  $SD(\alpha)$  are shown to be univalent and starlike of order  $(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})$ , for  $\alpha \geq 1$ . For a function  $f$  to belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$  [20], a sufficient condition is obtained. For functions  $f$  satisfying this condition, it is shown that the functions  $F(z)$  defined by various integral operators on  $f(z)$  belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$ . Also, for a hypergeometric function to belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$ , a condition of sufficiency is obtained.

## 2 The Class $SD(\alpha)$

In [20, 21], a class  $UCD(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ , consisting of functions satisfying the condition  $Re\{f'(z)\} \geq \alpha|zf''(z)|$ ,  $z \in \Delta$  was introduced and various properties of this class were obtained. Subsequently, this class has been considered by several authors [4, 5, 10, 24] in the context of different studies. A related class  $SD(\alpha)$  motivated by the class  $UCD(\alpha)$  was considered in [21], which is recalled here.

**Definition 1** [21] A function  $f$  of the form (1) is said to be in the class  $SD(\alpha)$  if

$$Re\left\{\frac{f(z)}{z}\right\} \geq \alpha\left|f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z}\right| \tag{2}$$

for  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

We note that  $f \in UCD(\alpha)$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in SD(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 1** Chichra [6, pp. 41 and 42] has considered a class  $\mathcal{G}(\alpha)$  of analytic functions  $f$  of the form (1) satisfying the condition

$$Re\left\{(1 - \alpha)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \alpha f'(z)\right\} \geq 0 \tag{3}$$

for  $\alpha \geq 0$  and has shown that functions in  $\mathcal{G}(\alpha)$  are univalent, if  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Hence the functions  $f$  in  $SD(\alpha)$  are univalent for  $\alpha \geq 1$ , since  $Re\left\{\frac{f(z)}{z}\right\} \geq -\alpha Re\left(f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z}\right)$  if  $f \in SD(\alpha)$  so that  $Re\left\{(1 - \alpha)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \alpha f'(z)\right\} \geq 0$ .

The class  $S^*(\alpha)$  of starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  [19] is well-known and consists of functions  $f$  satisfying the analytic condition  $Re\left\{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} > \alpha$ , for

$0 \leq \alpha < 1, z \in \Delta$ . The class  $SD(\alpha)$  is now related with the class  $S^*(\alpha)$  in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1**  $SD(\alpha) \subseteq S^*(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}), \alpha \geq 1$ .

**Proof** Let  $f \in SD(\alpha), \alpha \geq 1$ . Then  $f$  is univalent and

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \geq \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} \geq \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| = \alpha \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|$$

so that

$$\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}.$$

Now

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right\} \geq 1 - \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| \geq 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}.$$

Hence  $f \in S^*(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})$ .

The following theorem gives a sufficient condition for  $f$  of the form (1) to be in the class  $SD(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2** A function  $f$  of the form (1) is in the class  $SD(\alpha)$  if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|a_n| \leq 1 \tag{4}$$

**Proof** For  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} - \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| &\geq 1 - \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} - 1 \right| - \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| - \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n - 1)|a_n| = 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|a_n| \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

by (4). Hence

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} - \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \geq 0$$

which implies that  $f \in SD(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 3** Let  $f \in A$  be given by (1) and satisfy the condition (4). Then the function

$$F(z) = \frac{1 + \gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\gamma-1} dt, \quad \gamma \geq -1$$

defined by the Bernardi operator belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Proof** Since  $f \in A$ ,  $F(z) = z + b_2z^2 + \dots$  where  $b_n = \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma+n}a_n, n \geq 2$ .

Now

$$\sum_{n=2}^\infty [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|b_n| = \sum_{n=2}^\infty [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]\left(\frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma + n}\right)|a_n|$$

$$< \sum_{n=2}^\infty [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|a_n| < 1, \text{ since } \gamma + 1 < \gamma + n.$$

Thus, by Theorem 2,  $F \in SD(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

On substituting  $\gamma = 0$  and  $\gamma = 1$  in the Bernardi operator, we obtain the Alexander transformation and Libera operator, respectively, and so we have the following Corollary of Theorem 3.

**Corollary 1** Let  $f \in A$  be given by (1) and satisfy the condition (4). Then

1. the function

$$F(z) = \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$$

defined by the Alexander transformation belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

2. the function

$$F(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt$$

defined by the Libera operator belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 4** Let  $f \in SD(\alpha)$  and

$$F(z) = \frac{1 + \gamma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\gamma-1} dt. \tag{5}$$

Then

$$|\gamma F(z) + zF'(z)| \geq \alpha |z^2F''(z) + \gamma zF'(z) - \gamma F(z)| \tag{6}$$

**Proof** By (5),

$$f(z) = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} F(z) + \frac{zF'(z)}{1 + \gamma} \tag{7}$$

and

$$f'(z) = F'(z) + \frac{1}{1 + \gamma} z F''(z) \tag{8}$$

Since  $f \in SD(\alpha)$ ,

$$Re \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} \geq \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right|$$

which implies

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \geq \alpha \left| f'(z) - \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| \tag{9}$$

Using (7) and (8) in (9), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{\gamma}{1 + \gamma} \frac{F(z)}{z} + \frac{F'(z)}{1 + \gamma} \right| \geq \alpha \left| \frac{\gamma F'(z)}{1 + \gamma} + \frac{z F''(z)}{1 + \gamma} - \frac{\gamma F(z)}{1 + \gamma} \right|$$

which is equivalent to

$$|\gamma F(z) + z F'(z)| \geq \alpha |z^2 F''(z) + \gamma z F'(z) - \gamma F(z)|$$

**Corollary 2** *If  $f \in SD(\alpha)$ , then*

$$\left| \left( \log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)' \right| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha |z|} \text{ for all } z \in \Delta.$$

**Proof** By Theorem 4, (6) can be written as

$$\left| \frac{z^2 F''(z) + \gamma z F'(z) - \gamma F(z)}{\gamma F(z) + z F'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

In terms of  $f(z)$ , the above inequality becomes

$$\left| \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha |z|}$$

which implies

$$\left| \left( \log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)' \right| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha |z|} \text{ for all } z \in \Delta.$$

**Theorem 5** *Let  $f \in A$  be given by (1) and satisfy the condition (4). Then the function*

$$F(z) = \frac{a^\lambda}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_0^1 t^{a-2} \left( \log \frac{1}{t} \right)^{\lambda-1} f(tz) dt, \quad a > 0, \lambda \geq 0$$

*defined by the Komatu operator belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .*

**Proof** Here  $F(z) = z + b_2z^2 + \dots$  where  $b_n = \left(\frac{a}{a+n-1}\right)^\lambda a_n, a > 0, \lambda \geq 0$ .

Now

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|b_n| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] \left| \frac{a}{a + n - 1} \right|^\lambda |a_n|$$

$$< \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|a_n| < 1, \forall \alpha \geq 0,$$

since  $a < a + n - 1$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Thus by Theorem 2,  $F \in SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 6** Let  $f \in A$  be given by (1) and satisfy the condition (4). Then the function

$$F(z) = \frac{2^\lambda}{z\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_0^z \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\lambda-1} f(t)dt, \alpha > 0$$

defined by the Jung-Kim-Srivastava operator I belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Proof** Here  $F(z) = z + b_2z^2 + \dots$  where  $b_n = \left(\frac{2}{n+1}\right)^\lambda a_n, \alpha > 0$ .

Now

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|b_n| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] \left| \frac{2}{n + 1} \right|^\lambda |a_n|$$

$$< \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|a_n| < 1, \forall \alpha \geq 0,$$

since  $n \geq 2$ . Thus by Theorem 2,  $F \in SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 7** Let  $f \in A$  be given by (1) and satisfy the condition (4). Then the function

$$F(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \frac{\alpha}{z^\beta} \int_0^z \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\alpha-1} t^{\beta-1} f(t)dt, \beta > 0,$$

defined by the Jung-Kim-Srivastava operator II belongs to  $SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Proof** Here  $F(z) = z + b_2z^2 + \dots$  where  $b_n = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+n)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)\Gamma(\beta+1)} a_n$ .

Now

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)]|b_n| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] \frac{\Gamma(\beta + n)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)\Gamma(\beta + 1)} |a_n|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] \frac{\Gamma(\beta + n)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)} \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\beta} \\
 &< \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] |a_n| \frac{(\beta + n - 1) \cdots (\beta + 1) \beta}{(\alpha + \beta + n - 1) \cdots (\alpha + \beta)} \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\beta} \\
 &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + \alpha(n - 1)] |a_n| \frac{(\beta + n - 1)(\beta + n - 2) \cdots (\beta + 1)}{(\alpha + \beta + n - 1)(\alpha + \beta + n - 2) \cdots (\alpha + \beta + 1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$< 1$ , since  $\beta + i < \alpha + \beta + i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$ .

Thus, by Theorem 2,  $F \in SD(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

Several studies on the problem of deriving conditions for different forms of hypergeometric functions to belong to various subclasses of analytic functions in the unit disk have been done (see, for example, [3, 8, 15, 23, 24]). Here we consider the Gaussian hypergeometric function  $F(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z)$  given by

$$F(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_n (\eta)_n}{(\zeta)_n (1)_n} z^n, \quad z \in \Delta \tag{10}$$

where  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$  are complex numbers such that  $\zeta \neq -n, n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $(\xi)_0 = 1$ , for  $\xi \neq 0$  and for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $(\xi)_n = \xi(\xi + 1)(\xi + 2) \cdots (\xi + n - 1)$  is the Pochhammer symbol. We derive a sufficient condition in terms of a hypergeometric inequality for  $zF(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z)$  to belong to the class  $SD(\alpha)$ . We make use of the Gauss summation formula [18] given by

$$F(\xi, \eta, \zeta; 1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_n (\eta)_n}{(\zeta)_n (1)_n} = \frac{\Gamma(\zeta - \xi - \eta) \Gamma(\zeta)}{\Gamma(\zeta - \xi) \Gamma(\zeta - \eta)}$$

if  $Re(\zeta - \xi - \eta) > 0$ .

**Theorem 8** *Let  $\xi, \eta$  be two non-zero complex numbers and  $\zeta$  be a real number such that  $\zeta > |\xi| + |\eta| + 1$ . Let  $f \in A$  be of the form given by (1). Then  $zF(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z) \in SD(\alpha)$  if the following hypergeometric inequality holds:*

$$\frac{\Gamma(\zeta - |\xi| - |\eta| - 1) \Gamma(\zeta)}{\Gamma(\zeta - |\xi|) \Gamma(\zeta - |\eta|)} [(\zeta - |\xi| - |\eta| - 1) + \alpha|\xi\eta|] < 2. \tag{11}$$

**Proof** In view of Theorem 2 and the series representation of  $zF(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z)$  given by

$$zF(\xi, \eta, \zeta; z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\xi)_{n-1}(\eta)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} z^n, \quad z \in \Delta, \tag{12}$$

it is enough to prove that

$$S = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 + \alpha(n - 1)) \left| \frac{(\xi)_{n-1}(\eta)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \right| < 1. \tag{13}$$

Using the fact that  $|(\xi)_n| \leq (|\xi|)_n$  and noticing that  $\zeta$  is a positive real number, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 + \alpha(n - 1)) \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} + \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n - 1) \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} + \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus using the property  $(\xi)_n = \xi(1 + \xi)_{n-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(|\xi|)_{n-1}(|\eta|)_{n-1}}{(\zeta)_{n-1}(1)_{n-1}} + \alpha \frac{|\xi||\eta|}{\zeta} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + |\xi|)_{n-2}(1 + |\eta|)_{n-2}}{(1 + \zeta)_{n-2}(1)_{n-2}} \\ &= F(|\xi|, |\eta|, \zeta; 1) - 1 + \alpha \frac{|\xi||\eta|}{\zeta} F(1 + |\xi|, 1 + |\eta|, 1 + \zeta; 1) \end{aligned}$$

An application of the Gauss summation formula in (9) yields the result.

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