

# On the univalence of an integral operator

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**Abstract.** In this paper we introduce a new general integral operator for analytic functions in the open unit disk and we derive some criteria for univalence of this integral operator.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the class of functions  $p$  of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k,$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ , with positive real part in  $\mathcal{U}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions  $f$  of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$  and we consider  $\mathcal{S}$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , which are univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

In this work we introduce a new integral operator, which is defined by

$$K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z) = \int_0^z \prod_{j=1}^n (p_j(u))^{\gamma_j} du, \quad (1.1)$$

for functions  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ .

## 2. Preliminary results

In order to prove our main results we will use the lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [1]. If the function  $f$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  and

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then the function  $f$  is univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [4]. Let  $\alpha$  be a complex number,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . If

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then for any complex number  $\beta$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq \operatorname{Re} \alpha$ , the function

$$F_\beta(z) = \left[ \beta \int_0^z u^{\beta-1} f'(u) du \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \quad (2.3)$$

is regular and univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** (Schwarz [2]). Let  $f$  be the function regular in the disk

$$\mathcal{U}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$$

with  $|f(z)| < M$ ,  $M$  fixed. If  $f(z)$  has in  $z = 0$  one zero with multiply  $\geq m$ , then

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{M}{R^m} |z|^m, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}_R), \quad (2.4)$$

the equality (in the inequality (2.4) for  $z \neq 0$ ) can hold if

$$f(z) = e^{i\theta} \frac{M}{R^m} z^m,$$

where  $\theta$  is constant.

**Lemma 2.4.** [3]. If the function  $f$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $|f(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , then for all  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  the following inequalities hold

$$\left| \frac{f(\xi) - f(z)}{1 - \overline{f(z)}f(\xi)} \right| \leq \frac{|\xi - z|}{|1 - \bar{z}\xi|}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |f(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}, \quad (2.6)$$

the equalities hold only in the case  $f(z) = \frac{\epsilon(z+u)}{1+uz}$ , where  $|\epsilon| = 1$  and  $|u| < 1$ .

**Remark 2.5.** [3]. For  $z = 0$ , from inequality (2.5)

$$\left| \frac{f(\xi) - f(0)}{1 - \overline{f(0)}f(\xi)} \right| \leq |\xi| \quad (2.7)$$

and, hence

$$|f(\xi)| \leq \frac{|\xi| + |f(0)|}{1 + |f(0)||\xi|}. \quad (2.8)$$

Considering  $f(0) = a$  and  $\xi = z$ , we have

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{|z| + |a|}{1 + |a||z|}, \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $M_j$  positive real numbers,  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,

$$p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots, \quad j = \overline{1, n}.$$

If

$$\left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| \leq M_j, \quad (j = \overline{1, n}; z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$|\gamma_1|M_1 + |\gamma_2|M_2 + \dots + |\gamma_n|M_n \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad (3.2)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  defined by (1.1), is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* The function  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  is regular in  $\mathcal{U}$  and

$$K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(0) = K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(0) - 1 = 0.$$

We have

$$\frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}), \quad (3.3)$$

and hence, we obtain

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq (1 - |z|^2) \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j| \left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right|, \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

From (3.1) and Lemma 2.3 we get

$$\left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| \leq M_j |z|, \quad (j = \overline{1, n}; z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad (3.5)$$

and by (3.4) we have

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq (1 - |z|^2) |z| \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j| M_j, \quad (3.6)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Since

$$\max_{|z| \leq 1} (1 - |z|^2) |z| = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}},$$

from (3.2) and (3.6) we obtain that

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{z K''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (3.7)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and by Lemma 2.1, it results that the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\alpha, \gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \alpha \leq 1$  and  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ .

If

$$\left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1}{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}}{2}, \quad (j = \overline{1, n}; z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$|\gamma_1| + |\gamma_2| + \dots + |\gamma_n| \leq 1, \quad (3.9)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$ , defined by (1.1), is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* From (3.3) we obtain

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{z K''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j| \left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right|, \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

By (3.8) and Lemma 2.3, we get

$$\left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1}{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}}{2} |z|, \quad (j = \overline{1, n}; z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad (3.11)$$

and hence, by (3.10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \cdot \left| \frac{z K''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{(2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1}{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

We have

$$\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{(1 - |z|)^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z|}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \right] = \frac{2}{(2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha + 1}{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}}$$

and from (3.9) and (3.12) we get

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{z K''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (3.13)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . By (3.13) and Lemma 2.2, for  $\beta = 1$ ,  $f = K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$ , it results that the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\gamma_j$  be complex numbers,

$$p_j \in \mathcal{P}, p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots, j = \overline{1, n}.$$

If

$$|\gamma_1| + |\gamma_2| + \dots + |\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad (3.14)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  defined by (1.1) belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n}$  we have

$$\left| \frac{zp'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2|z|}{1 - |z|^2}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; j = \overline{1, n}), \quad (3.15)$$

by (3.3) we obtain

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j|, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (3.16)$$

From (3.14) and (3.16) we get

$$(1 - |z|^2) \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (3.17)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

By (3.17) and Lemma 2.1 we obtain that the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\alpha, \gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $M_j$  positive real numbers and  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots, j = \overline{1, n}$ .

If

$$\left| \frac{p'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| < M_j, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; j = \overline{1, n}), \quad (3.18)$$

$$M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |c|}{1 + |c||z|} \right]}, \quad (3.19)$$

where

$$c = \frac{b_{11}\gamma_1 + b_{12}\gamma_2 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n}{M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|}, \quad (3.20)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n}$  defined by (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re} \alpha}}{\operatorname{Re} \alpha} |z| \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j| \left| \frac{p'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right|, \quad (3.21)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . We consider the function

$$f_n(z) = \frac{1}{M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|} \frac{K''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}) \quad (3.22)$$

and from (1.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(z) &= \frac{\gamma_1}{M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|} \cdot \frac{p'_1(z)}{p_1(z)} + \dots + \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_n}{M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|} \cdot \frac{p'_n(z)}{p_n(z)}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

From (3.18) and (3.23) we obtain  $|f_n(z)| < 1$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

We have

$$f_n(0) = \frac{b_{11}\gamma_1 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n}{M_1|\gamma_1| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|} = c$$

and by Remark 2.5 we get

$$|f_n(z)| \leq \frac{|z| + |c|}{1 + |c||z|}, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}), \quad (3.24)$$

where

$$|c| = \frac{|b_{11}\gamma_1 + b_{12}\gamma_2 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n|}{M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|}.$$

From (3.22) and (3.24) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq \\ &\leq (M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|) \max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} |z| \frac{|z| + |c|}{1 + |c||z|} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ .

By (3.19) and (3.25) we have

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} \left| \frac{zK''_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)}{K'_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}(z)} \right| \leq 1, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (3.26)$$

From (3.26) and Lemma 2.2 for  $\beta = 1$ , it results that the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n} \in \mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $\alpha, \gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $0 < Re \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $M_j$  positive real numbers and  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ .

If

$$\left| \frac{p'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| < M_j, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; j = \overline{1, n}), \quad (3.27)$$

$$|b_{11}\gamma_1 + b_{12}\gamma_2 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n| \leq \frac{(2Re \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2Re \alpha + 1}{2Re \alpha}}}{2}, \quad (3.28)$$

$$|b_{11}\gamma_1 + b_{12}\gamma_2 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n| = M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n|, \quad (3.29)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n} \in \mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* From (3.29) and (3.20) we obtain  $|c| = 1$ . Using the inequality (3.19) we have

$$M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} |z| \right]}, \quad (3.30)$$

Since

$$\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} |z| \right] = \frac{2}{(2Re \alpha + 1)^{\frac{2Re \alpha + 1}{2Re \alpha}}}, \quad (3.31)$$

from (3.30) and (3.29) we obtain (3.28).

The conditions of Theorem 3.4 are satisfied.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\alpha, \gamma_j$  be complex numbers,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $0 < Re \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $M_j$  positive real numbers and  $p_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $p_j(z) = 1 + b_{1j}z + b_{2j}z^2 + \dots$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $b_{11}\gamma_1 + b_{12}\gamma_2 + \dots + b_{1n}\gamma_n = 0$ .

If

$$\left| \frac{p'_j(z)}{p_j(z)} \right| < M_j, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; j = \overline{1, n}), \quad (3.32)$$

$$M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n| \leq (Re \alpha + 1)^{\frac{Re \alpha + 1}{Re \alpha}}, \quad (3.33)$$

then the integral operator  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n} \in \mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.4, by (3.20), we obtain  $c = 0$  and using the inequality (3.19) we get

$$M_1|\gamma_1| + M_2|\gamma_2| + \dots + M_n|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} |z|^2 \right]}. \quad (3.34)$$

We have

$$\max_{|z| \leq 1} \left[ \frac{1 - |z|^{2Re \alpha}}{Re \alpha} |z|^2 \right] = \frac{1}{(Re \alpha + 1)^{\frac{Re \alpha + 1}{Re \alpha}}}$$

and from (3.34) we obtain the inequality (3.33). Since the conditions of Theorem 3.4 are verified it results that  $K_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$

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