# UNIVALENCE CONDITIONS OF GENERAL INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain new univalence conditions for the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i,\beta_i}(f_1,\ldots,f_n)(z) = \left[\xi \int_0^z t^{\xi-1} \left(f_1'(t)\right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{f_1(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_1} \cdots \left(f_n'(t)\right)^{\alpha_n} \left(\frac{f_n(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_n} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

of analytic functions defined in the open unit disc.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Further, by  $\mathcal{S}$  we shall denote the class of all functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are univalent in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Very recently, Frasin [13] introduced and studied the following general integral operator

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $i = 1, ..., n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We let  $I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i, \beta_i}$ :  $\mathcal{A}^n \to \mathcal{A}$  to be the integral operator defined by

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}}(f_{1},\ldots,f_{n})(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi-1} \left(f_{1}'(t)\right)^{\alpha_{1}} \left(\frac{f_{1}(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_{1}} \cdots \left(f_{n}'(t)\right)^{\alpha_{n}} \left(\frac{f_{n}(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_{n}} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}},$$
(1.1)

where  $\xi \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $f_i \in A$  for all i = 1, ..., n.

Here and throughout in the sequel every many-valued function is taken with the principal branch.

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REMARK 1.2. Note that the integral operator  $I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i,\beta_i}(f_1,\ldots,f_n)(z)$  generalizes the following operators introduced and studied by several authors:

(1) For  $\xi = 1$ , we obtain the integral operator

$$I^{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}}(f_{1},\ldots,f_{n})(z) = \int_{0}^{z} \left(f_{1}'(t)\right)^{\alpha_{1}} \left(\frac{f_{1}(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_{1}} \cdots \left(f_{n}'(t)\right)^{\alpha_{n}} \left(\frac{f_{n}(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_{n}} dt$$

introduced and studied by Frasin [14].

(2) For  $\xi = 1$  and  $\alpha_i = 0$  for all i = 1, ..., n, we obtain the integral operator

$$F_n(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{f_1(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_1} \dots \left(\frac{f_n(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_n} dt$$

introduced and studied by Breaz and Breaz [3].

(3) For  $\xi = 1$  and  $\beta_i = 0$  for all i = 1, ..., n, we obtain the integral operator

$$F_{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n}(z) = \int_0^z \left(f_1'(t)\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(f_n'(t)\right)^{\alpha_n} dt$$

introduced and studied by Breaz et al. [6].

(4) For  $\xi = 1$ , n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta$  and  $f_1 = f$ , we obtain the integral operator

$$F_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \int_0^z \left(f'(t)\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)^\beta dt \qquad (\alpha,\beta \in \mathbb{R})$$

studied in [9] (see also [10]).

(5) For  $\xi = 1$ , n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta$  and  $f_1 = f$ , we obtain the integral operator

$$F_{\beta}(z) = \int_{0}^{z} \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta} dt$$

studied in [7]. In particular, for  $\beta = 1$ , we obtain Alexander integral operator introduced in [1]

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

(6) For  $\xi = 1$ , n = 1,  $\beta_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $f_1 = f$ , we obtain the integral operator

$$G_{\alpha}(z) = \int_0^z \left(f'(t)\right)^{\alpha} dt$$

studied in [21] (see also [25]).

Many authors studied the problem of integral operators which preserve the class S (see, for example, [2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27]).

In particular, Pfaltzgraff [25] and Kim and Merkes [16], have obtained the following univalence conditions for the functions  $\int_0^z (f'(t))^{\alpha} dt$  and  $\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)^{\alpha} dt$ , respectively.

THEOREM 1.3. [25] If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 1/4$ , then the function  $\int_0^z (f'(t))^{\alpha} dt$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

THEOREM 1.4. [16] If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 1/4$ , then the function  $\int_0^z \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)^{\alpha} dt$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

In the present paper, we obtain univalence conditions for the integral operator  $I_{\mathcal{E}}^{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(z)$  defined by (1.1).

In order to derive our main results, we have to recall here the following lemmas.

LEMMA 1.5. [18] If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left|1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| < \frac{5}{4} \left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right| \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

$$(1.2)$$

then f is univalent and starlike in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

LEMMA 1.6. [15, 26] If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\left|1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right| < \frac{1}{2} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$
(1.3)

then  $\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1\right| < 1 \ (z \in \mathcal{U}).$ 

LEMMA 1.7. [11] If  $f \in S$  then

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right| < \frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$
(1.4)

LEMMA 1.8. [20] Let  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

 $\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}(\delta)}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \left|\frac{zf^{\prime\prime}(z)}{f^{\prime}(z)}\right| \leq 1,$ 

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta)$ , the integral operator

$$F_{\xi}(z) = \left\{ \xi \int_0^z t^{\xi - 1} f'(t) \, dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class S.

## 2. Main results

We begin by proving the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{C}$  for all i = 1, ..., n and each  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition (1.2). If

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (29 |\alpha_i| + 16 |\beta_i|) \le \begin{cases} 4 \operatorname{Re} \delta, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} \delta \in (0, 1) \\ 4, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} \delta \in [1, \infty), \end{cases}$$
(2.1)

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ , the integral operator  $I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(z)$  defined by (1.1) is in the class S.

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*Proof.* Define a regular function h(z) by

$$h(z) = \int_0^z \prod_{i=1}^n \left(f_i'(t)\right)^{\alpha_i} \left(\frac{f_i(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta_i} dt.$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$h'(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( f'_i(z) \right)^{\alpha_i} \left( \frac{f_i(z)}{z} \right)^{\beta_i}$$
(2.2)

and h(0) = h'(0) - 1 = 0. Differentiating both sides of (2.2) logarithmically, we obtain

$$\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \left( \frac{zf''_i(z)}{f'_i(z)} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i \left( \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right)$$

and so

$$\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \left( \frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)} + 1 \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i \left( \frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right).$$

From Lemma 1.5, it follows that

$$\left| \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right| \leq \frac{5}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} \right| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\beta_i| \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \\
\leq \frac{5}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \left[ \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right| + 1 \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\beta_i| \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \\
\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \left( \frac{5}{4} |\alpha_i| + |\beta_i| \right) \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right| \right] + \frac{9}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \\
\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \left( \frac{5}{4} |\alpha_i| + |\beta_i| \right) \left( \left| \frac{zf'_i(z)}{f_i(z)} \right| + 1 \right) \right] + \frac{9}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| .$$
(2.3)

Multiplying both sides of (2.3) by  $\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}$ , from (1.4), we get

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \left| \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right| \\
\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{5}{4} \left| \alpha_i \right| + \left| \beta_i \right| \right) \left( \frac{2}{1-|z|} \right) + \frac{9(1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \alpha_i \right|}{4\operatorname{Re}\delta}. \quad (2.4)$$

Suppose that  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \in (0,1)$ . Define a function  $\Phi : (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\Phi(x) = 1 - a^{2x} \qquad (0 < a < 1).$$

Then  $\Phi$  is an increasing function and consequently for |z| = a;  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , we obtain

$$1 - |z|^{2\text{Re}\,\delta} < 1 - |z|^2 \tag{2.5}$$

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

We thus find from (2.4) and (2.5) that

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \left| \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right| \le \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( 5 \left| \alpha_i \right| + 4 \left| \beta_i \right| \right)}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} + \frac{9 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \alpha_i \right|}{4\operatorname{Re}\delta}$$
$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( 29 \left| \alpha_i \right| + 16 \left| \beta_i \right| \right)}{4\operatorname{Re}\delta}$$

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

Using the hypothesis (2.1) for  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \in (0, 1)$ , we readily get

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}\left|\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)}\right| \le 1.$$

Now if  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \in [1, \infty)$ , we define a function  $\Psi : [1, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1 - a^{2x}}{x} \qquad (0 < a < 1).$$

We observe that the function  $\Psi$  is decreasing and consequently for |z| = a;  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , we have

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \le 1-|z|^2 \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ . It follows from (2.4) and (2.6) that

$$\frac{1-\left|z\right|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}\left|\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)}\right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{29}{4}\left|\alpha_{i}\right|+4\left|\beta_{i}\right|\right).$$

Using once again the hypothesis (2.1) when  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \in [1, \infty)$ , we easily get

$$\frac{1-\left|z\right|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}\left|\frac{zh^{\prime\prime}(z)}{h^{\prime}(z)}\right|\leq1.$$

Finally by applying Lemma 1.8, we conclude that the integral operator  $I_{\varepsilon}^{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(z)$  defined by (1.2) is in the class S.

Letting n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta$  and  $f_1 = f$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

COROLLARY 2.2. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the condition (1.2). If

$$29 |\alpha| + 16 |\beta| \le \begin{cases} 4 \operatorname{Re} \delta, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} \delta \in (0, 1) \\ 4, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} \delta \in [1, \infty), \end{cases}$$

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi-\beta-1} \left(f'(t)\right)^{\alpha} \left(f(t)\right)^{\beta} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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Letting  $\beta = 0$  in Corollary 2.2, we have

COROLLARY 2.3. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the condition (1.2). If

$$|\alpha| \le \begin{cases} \frac{4\operatorname{Re}\delta}{29}, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}\delta \in (0,1) \\ \frac{4}{29}, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}\delta \in [1,\infty) \end{cases}$$

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha}(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi-1} \left(f'(t)\right)^{\alpha} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Letting  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 2.2, we have

COROLLARY 2.4. Let  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the condition (1.2). If

$$|\beta| \le \begin{cases} \frac{\operatorname{Re}\delta}{4}, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}\delta \in (0,1) \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re}\delta \in [1,\infty) \end{cases}$$

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\beta}(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi-1} \left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right)^{\beta} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Letting  $\xi = \delta = 1$  in Corollary 2.3, we have

COROLLARY 2.5. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 4/29 \approx 0.137$ , then the function  $\int_0^z (f'(t))^{\alpha} dt$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

REMARK 2.6. If we let  $\xi = \delta = 1$  in Corollary 2.4, then we have Theorem 1.4. Next, we obtain the following univalence condition for the integral operator  $I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(z)$  defined by (1.1) when  $\beta_i = 1 - \alpha_i$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

THEOREM 2.7. Let  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{C}$  for all i = 1, ..., n and each  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfy the condition (1.3). If  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \geq n, n \in \mathbb{N}, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| \le 2\operatorname{Re}\delta - 2n \tag{2.7}$$

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) > 0$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i}(f_1, \dots, f_n)(z) = \left[\xi \int_0^z t^{\xi - 1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(t \frac{f_i'(t)}{f_i(t)}\right)^{\alpha_i} \left(\frac{f_i(t)}{t}\right) dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$
(2.8)

is in the class S.

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*Proof.* Define a regular function G(z) by

$$G(z) = \int_0^z \prod_{i=1}^n \left( f'_i(t) \right)^{\alpha_i} \left( \frac{f_i(t)}{t} \right)^{1-\alpha_i} dt.$$
 (2.9)

. Then it follows from (2.9) that

$$\frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \left( 1 + \frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)} - \frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right).$$
(2.10)

Using Lemma 1.6, from (2.10), we have

$$\left|\frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)}\right| \le \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_i| + n$$
(2.11)

Multiply both sides of (2.11) by  $\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - \left|z\right|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \left| \frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)} \right| &\leq \frac{1 - \left|z\right|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left|\alpha_{i}\right| + n \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\operatorname{Re}\delta} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left|\alpha_{i}\right| + 2n \right), \end{aligned}$$

which, in the light of the hypothesis (2.7) yields

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}\delta}\left|\frac{zG''(z)}{G'(z)}\right| \le 1.$$

Finally by applying Lemma 1.8, we conclude that the integral operator  $I_{\xi}^{\alpha_i}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(z)$  defined by (2.8) is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Letting n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $f_1 = f$  in Theorem 2.7, we have

COROLLARY 2.8. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition (1.3),  $\alpha, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \geq 1$ . If

$$|\alpha| \le 2\mathrm{Re}\,\delta - 2$$

then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta)$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}^{\alpha}(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi + \alpha - 2} \left(f'(t)\right)^{\alpha} \left(f(t)\right)^{1 - \alpha} dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Letting  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 2.8, we have

COROLLARY 2.9. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition (1.3). If  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \geq 1$ then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta)$ , the integral operator

$$I_{\xi}(z) = \left[\xi \int_0^z t^{\xi-2} f(t) \, dt\right]^{\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

is in the class S.

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Letting  $\alpha = 1$  in Corollary 2.8, we have

COROLLARY 2.10. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the condition (1.3). If  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \delta \geq 3/2$ then, for any complex number  $\xi$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\xi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\delta)$ , the integral operator

$$F_{\xi}(z) = \left[\xi \int_{0}^{z} t^{\xi - 1} f'(t) \, dt\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is in the class S.

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