

ON CERTAIN CLASSES  
OF  $P$ -VALENT FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract:** We define certain subclasses of  $p$ -valent functions analytic in the unit disk. We study some interesting properties of integral operators:

$$I_n^\alpha(f(z)) = \frac{\alpha + 1}{z^{\alpha+1}} \int_0^z t^\alpha (I_{n-1}(f(t))) dt \quad (\alpha > -1)$$

for  $f(z)$  belonging to these classes.

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1. Introduction

Let  $A(p)$  denote the class of analytic functions

$$f : f(z) = z^p + \sum_{m=p+1}^{\infty} a_m z^m,$$

$p = 1, 2, \dots$ , which are analytic in the unit disk  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $P_k(\rho)$  be the class of functions  $h(z)$  analytic in  $E$  satisfying the properties  $h(0) = 1$  and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{\operatorname{Re} h(z) - \rho}{1 - \rho} \right| d\theta \leq k\pi, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $k \geq 2$  and  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ . This class was introduced in [8]. We note

that, for  $\rho = 0$ , we obtain the class  $P_k$  defined by Pinchuk [9] and for  $\rho = 0$ ,  $k = 2$ , we have the class  $P$  of the functions with positive real part. The case  $k = 2$  gives us the class  $P(\rho)$  of functions with positive real part greater than  $\rho$ . It is known [3] that the class  $P_k(\rho)$  is a convex set. Also, for  $h \in P_k(\rho)$ , we can write

$$h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)h_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right)h_2(z), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $h_1, h_2 \in P(\rho)$  for  $z \in E$ .

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}(\rho)$ . Then, for  $0 \leq \lambda < 1, \mu > 0$ ,  $f \in M_k(p, \lambda, \mu, \rho)$ , if it satisfies the condition:

$$\left\{ (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \lambda \frac{f'(z)(f(z))^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} \right\} \in P_k(\rho), \quad \text{for } z \in E. \quad (1.3)$$

**Special Cases.** (i)  $M_2(p, 0, \mu, \rho) = C_p(\mu, \rho) = \{f(z) \in A_p : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu > \rho, 0 \leq \rho < 1, z \in E\}$ .

(ii)  $M_2(p, 1, \mu, \rho) = B_p(\mu, \rho) = \{f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(p) : \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{f'(z)(f(z))^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} \right] > \rho, 0 \leq \rho < 1, z \in E\}$ .

(iii) For  $p = 1, k = 2$ , the class  $M_2(1, \lambda, \mu, \rho)$  is a subclass of Bazilevic functions, see [1].

We consider the integral operator  $I_n^\alpha(f(z))$  defined in [5], as following.

$$I_n^\alpha(f(z)) = \frac{\alpha + 1}{z^{\alpha+1}} \int_0^z t^\alpha (I_{n-1}(f(z))) dt, \quad n \in N,$$

with  $I_0^\alpha(f(z)) = I_0(f(z)) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p}\right)^\mu$  ( $\mu > 0$ ). For  $\alpha = 0$ , the operators  $I_n^0$  were introduced and studied in [7].

## 2. Preliminaries and Main Results

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [2]) Let  $u = u_1 + iu_2$  and  $v = v_1 + iv_2$ . Let  $\Psi(u, v)$  be a complex-valued function satisfying the conditions:

- (i)  $\Psi(u, v)$  is continuous in a domain  $\mathbf{D} \subset \mathbf{C}^2$ ,
- (ii)  $(1, 0) \in \mathbf{D}$  and  $\Psi(1, 0) > 0$ ,

(iii)  $\operatorname{Re} \{ \Psi(iu_2, v_1) \} \leq 0$ , whenever  $(iu_2, v_1) \in \mathbf{D}$  and  $v_1 \leq \frac{-1}{2}(1 + u_2)$ .

If  $h(z) = 1 + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} c_m z^m$  is a function, analytic in  $E$  such that  $(h(z), zh'(z)) \in \mathbf{D}$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \{ \Psi(h(z), zh'(z)) \} > 0$  for  $z \in E$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0$  in  $E$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $h(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$  be analytic in  $E$  and let  $\{h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\gamma}\} \in P_k(\rho)$  for  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0, k \geq 2, 0 \leq \rho < 1$ . Then  $h(z) \in P_k(\rho_0), z \in E$ , where

$$\rho_0 = \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma + 2\rho|r|^2}{\operatorname{Re} \gamma + 2|r|^2}. \tag{2.1}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) [(1 - \rho_0)h_1(z) + \rho_0] - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) [(1 - \rho_0)h_2(z) + \rho_0],$$

so  $h_i(z)$  is analytic in  $E$ , with  $h_i(0) = 1, i = 1, 2$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{\gamma} &= \left\{ \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) [(1 - \rho_0)h_1(z) + \frac{(1 - \rho_0)zh'_1(z)}{\gamma} + \rho_0] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) [(1 - \rho_0)h_2(z) + \frac{(1 - \rho_0)zh'_2(z)}{\gamma} + \rho_0] \right\} \in P_k(\rho), \quad z \in E. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - \rho} \left\{ (1 - \rho_0)h_i(z) + \frac{(1 - \rho_0)}{\gamma} zh'_i(z) + (\rho - \rho_0) \right\} &\in P, \\ z \in E, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

We form the functional  $\Psi(u, v)$  by choosing  $u = h_i(z), v = zh_i(z)$ .

Thus

$$\Psi(u, v) = (1 - \rho_0)u + \frac{(1 - \rho_0)}{\gamma}v + (\rho - \rho_0).$$

The first two conditions of Lemma 2.1 are clearly satisfied. We verify the condition (iii) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \{ \Psi(iu_2, v_1) \} &= (\rho - \rho_0) + \left[ \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma(1 - \rho_0)}{|\gamma|^2} v_1 \right] \\ &\leq (\rho - \rho_0) - \left[ \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma(1 - \rho_0)}{2|\gamma|^2} (1 + u_2^2) \right] = \frac{A + Bu_2^2}{2C}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = 2|\gamma|^2(\rho_0 - \rho) - \operatorname{Re} \gamma(1 - \rho_0), \quad B = -\operatorname{Re} \gamma(1 - \rho_0), \quad C = |\gamma|^2 > 0.$$

We notice that  $\operatorname{Re} \{\Psi(iu_2, v_1)\} \leq 0$  if and only if  $A \leq 0, \quad B \leq 0$  and this gives us  $\rho_0$  as in (2.1) with  $0 < \rho_0 < 1$ . Therefore, applying Lemma 2.1,  $h_i \in P, \quad i = 1, 2$ , and consequently  $h \in P_k(\rho_0)$  for  $z \in E$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in M_k(p, \lambda, \mu, \rho)$ . Then, for  $z \in E, \quad I_n^\alpha \in P_k(\rho_n)$ , where*

$$\rho_n = \frac{[(1+a)^n - a^n] + a^n \rho_0}{(1+a)^n}, \tag{2.2}$$

with  $a = 2(\alpha + 1)$  and  $\rho_0 = \frac{\lambda + 2p\mu\rho}{2p\mu + \lambda}$ .

*Proof.* We shall use the mathematical induction to prove this theorem.

Let

$$H_0(z) = \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu, \quad \text{with } \mu > 0.$$

By choosing a principle branch of  $\left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu$ , we note that  $H(z)$  is analytic in  $E$  with  $H_0(0) = 1$ . Now

$$(1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \lambda \frac{f'(z)(f(z))^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} = H_0(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p\mu} zH_0'(z).$$

Since

$$f \in M_k(p, \lambda, \mu, \rho), \quad \left\{ H_0(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p\mu} zH_0'(z) \right\} \in P_k(\rho), \quad z \in E$$

and, from Lemma 2.2 with  $\gamma = \frac{p\mu}{\lambda}$ , it implies that  $H \in P_k(\rho_0)$ , where  $\rho_0 = \frac{\lambda + 2p\mu\rho}{\lambda + 2p\mu}$ .

Thus the result of the theorem is true for  $n = 0$ .

For  $n = 1$ , we proceed as follows:

$$H_1(z) = I_1^\alpha(f(z)) = \frac{\alpha + 1}{z^{\alpha+1}} \int_0^z t^\alpha (I_0^\alpha(f(t))) dt \quad (\alpha > -1)$$

and so

$$\left\{ H_1(z) + \frac{zH_1'(z)}{\alpha + 1} \right\} \in P_k(\rho_0), \quad z \in E.$$

Using Lemma 2.2 with  $\gamma = (\alpha + 1)$ , we see that

$$H_1(z) = I_1^\alpha(f(z)) \in P_k(\rho_1),$$

where  $\rho_1 = \frac{1+2(\alpha+1)\rho_0}{1+2(\alpha+1)}$ , for  $z \in E$ . This shows that (2.2) holds true for  $n = 1$ .

Next we suppose that (2.2) holds true for  $n = m$ . That is

$$H_m(z) = I_m^\alpha(f(z)) \in P_k(\rho_m)$$

and

$$\rho_m = \frac{[(1+a)^m - a^m] + a^m \rho_0}{(1+a)^m}, \quad a = 2(1+\alpha).$$

Proceeding as before we see that

$$\left[ H_{m+1}(z) + \frac{zH'_{m+1}(z)}{\alpha+1} \right] = H_m(z) \in P_k(\rho_m), \quad z \in E,$$

where

$$H_{m+1}(z) = I_{m+1}^\alpha(f(z)) = \frac{\alpha+1}{z^{\alpha+1}} \int_0^z t^\alpha (I_m^\alpha(f(t))) dt \quad (\alpha > -1).$$

This implies that  $H_{m+1}(z) \in P_k(\rho_{m+1})$ , where  $\rho_{m+1} = \frac{1+a\rho_m}{(1+a)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a = 2(1+\alpha) &= \frac{1+a \left[ \frac{\{(1+a)^m - a^m\} + a^m \rho_0}{(1+a)^m} \right]}{(1+a)} \\ &= \frac{[(1+a)^{m+1} - a^{m+1}] + a^m \rho_0}{(1+a)^{m+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\rho_0 = \frac{\lambda+2p\mu\rho}{\lambda+2p\mu}$ .

Therefore, we conclude that  $I_n^\alpha \in P_k(\rho_n)$  for any integer  $n \in N_0$ . □

As special cases, we note that:

- (i) For  $f \in C_p(\mu, \rho)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} I_n^\alpha(f(z)) > \rho_n, \quad z \in E$ .
- (ii) For  $f \in B_p(\mu, \rho)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} I_n^\alpha(f(z)) > \rho_n, \quad z \in E$ .
- (iii) For  $f \in M_2(1, 1, 1, \rho)$ ,  $z \in E$ , that is,

$$\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > \rho \quad \text{implies} \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} > \frac{1+2\rho}{3}, \quad z \in E.$$

(iv) With  $p = \mu = 1, n = 0, \alpha = 0$ , we see that

$$[f'(z) + \lambda f''(z)] \in P_k(\rho) \text{ implies that } f'(z) \in P_k \left( \frac{\lambda+2\rho}{\lambda+2} \right), \quad z \in E.$$

With certain choices of  $\rho, \mu, \lambda$  and  $k$ , we obtain some partial results discussed in [4], [6], [10].

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