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On Some Integral Operators for Certain Classes of p -Valent Functions

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We study some generalized integral operators for the classes of p -valent functions with bounded radius and boundary rotation. Our work generalizes many previously known results. Many of our results are best possible.

1. Introduction

Let A_p denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad p \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}, \quad (1.1)$$

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

Let f and g be analytic functions in U we say that f is subordinate to g , written as

$$f < g; \quad (1.2)$$

if there exists a Schwarz function $w(z)$ in U , with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ ($z \in U$), such that

$$f(z) = g(w(z)). \quad (1.3)$$

In particular, when g is univalent, then the above subordination is equivalent to

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(U) \subseteq g(U). \quad (1.4)$$

For functions $f, g \in A_p$, given by

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad g(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad z \in U, \quad (1.5)$$

we define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f and g by

$$(f * g)(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n, \quad z \in U. \quad (1.6)$$

Janowski [1] defined the class $P[A, B]$ as follows.

Let h be a function, analytic in U , with $h(0) = 1$. Then h is said to belong to the class $P[A, B]$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, if and only if, for $z \in U$,

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + Aw(z)}{1 + Bw(z)}, \quad \text{where } w(z) \text{ is a Schwarz function.} \quad (1.7)$$

Or equivalently, we can say that $h \in P[A, B]$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, if and only if,

$$h(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}, \quad z \in U. \quad (1.8)$$

Geometrically, $h(z)$ is in the class $P[A, B]$, if and only if, $h(0) = 1$ and the image of $h(U)$ lies inside the open disc centered on the real axis with diameter end points,

$$D_1 = h(-1) = \frac{1 - A}{1 - B}, \quad D_2 = h(1) = \frac{1 + A}{1 + B}, \quad 0 < D_1 < 1 < D_2. \quad (1.9)$$

Clearly $P[A, B] \subset P((1 - A)/(1 - B))$.

In the recent paper, Noor [2] introduced the class $P_k(\alpha)$. We define it as follows. Let $P_k(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < p$, be the class of functions $p(z)$ with $p(0) = 1$ and satisfying the property

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + (1 - 2\alpha)ze^{-it}}{1 - ze^{-it}} d\mu(t), \quad (1.10)$$

where $\mu(t)$ is a real-valued function of bounded variation on $[0, 2\pi]$ and $\int_0^{2\pi} d\mu(t) = 2$ and $\int_0^{2\pi} |d\mu(t)| \leq k$.

The classes $V_k(\alpha)$ and $R_k(\alpha)$ are related to the class $P_k(\alpha)$ and can be defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f \in V_k(\alpha), \quad & \text{iff } \frac{(zf'(z))'}{pf'(z)} \in P_k(\alpha), \quad z \in U, \\ f \in R_k(\alpha), \quad & \text{iff } \frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \in P_k(\alpha), \quad z \in U. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

We define a class $P_k[A, B]$ as follows.

Let $P_k[A, B]$, $k \geq 2$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, denote the class of p -valent analytic functions $h(z)$ that are represented by

$$h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)h_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right)h_2(z), \quad z \in U, \quad (1.12)$$

where $h_1, h_2 \in P[A, B]$. For $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < p$) and $B = -1$, it reduces to the class $P_k(\alpha)$ and $P_2(\alpha) = P(\alpha)$ is the class of p -valent analytic functions $h(z)$ with $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > \alpha$, $z \in U$. Taking $A = 1$, $B = -1$, and $p = 1$, we have $P_k[1, -1] = P_k$ (see [3]), and $P_2[1, -1] = P$ is the class of functions with positive real part.

Definition 1.1. A function f , analytic in U , and given by (1.1) is said to be in the class $R_k[A, B]$; $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$, if and only if,

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \in P_k[A, B], \quad z \in U. \quad (1.13)$$

For $p = 1$, $R_k[A, B]$ is introduced and studied by Noor [4]. We note that

$$R_k[A, B] \subset R_k\left(\frac{1-A}{1-B}\right) \subset R_k, \quad (1.14)$$

where R_k is the class of functions with bounded radius rotation (see [5]). For $k = 2$, we have

$$R_2[A, B] \equiv S_p^*[A, B] \subset S_p^*\left(\frac{1-A}{1-B}\right) \subset S_p^*, \quad (1.15)$$

where S_p^* is the class of p -valent starlike functions. Similarly, we can define the class $V_k[A, B]$ as follows.

Definition 1.2. A function f , analytic in U , and given by (1.1) is said to be in the class $V_k[A, B]$; $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$, if and only if,

$$\frac{(zf'(z))'}{pf'(z)} \in P_k[A, B], \quad z \in U. \quad (1.16)$$

It is clear that

$$f \in V_k[A, B], \quad \text{iff } \frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in R_k[A, B], \quad z \in U. \quad (1.17)$$

For $p = 1$, $V_k[A, B]$ is the class introduced and studied by Noor [4]. It is easy to see that,

$$V_k[A, B] \subset V_k\left(\frac{1-A}{1-B}\right) \subset V_k, \quad (1.18)$$

where V_k is the class of functions with bounded boundary rotation see [5]. Also

$$V_2[A, B] \equiv C_p[A, B] \subset C_p\left(\frac{1-A}{1-B}\right) \subset C_p, \quad (1.19)$$

where C_p is the class of p -valent convex functions.

Very recently, Frasin [6], introduced the following general integral operators for p -valent functions,

$$F_p(z) = \int_0^z pt^{p-1} \left(\frac{f_1(t)}{t^p}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{f_n(t)}{t^p}\right)^{\alpha_n} dt, \quad (1.20)$$

$$G_p(z) = \int_0^z pt^{p-1} \left(\frac{f'_1(t)}{pt^{p-1}}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{f'_n(t)}{pt^{p-1}}\right)^{\alpha_n} dt, \quad \text{where } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}, \quad z \in U. \quad (1.21)$$

Clearly, we may see that for $p = 1$, these operators become the general integral operators

$$F_1(z) = F_n(z), \quad G_1(z) = F_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n}(z), \quad (1.22)$$

introduced and studied by Breaz and Breaz [7] and Breaz et al. [8], (see also [9, 10]).

For $p = n = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \alpha \in [0, 1]$ in (1.20), we obtain the integral operator $\int_0^z (f(t)/t)^\alpha dt$ studied in [11] and for $p = n = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \delta \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\delta| < 1/4$ in (1.21), we obtain the integral operator $\int_0^z (f'(t))^\delta dt$, studied in [12].

2. Main Results

Lemma 2.1. Let $\beta > 0$, $\beta + \gamma > 0$, $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, 1)$, with $\alpha_0 = \max\{(\beta - \gamma - 1)/2\beta, -\gamma/\beta\}$. If

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} < \frac{1 + (1 - 2\alpha)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.1)$$

then

$$p(z) < Q(z) < \frac{1 + (1 - 2\alpha)z}{1 - z}, \quad (2.2)$$

where $Q(z) = 1/\beta G(z) - \gamma/\beta$,

$$G(z) = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1-z}{1-tz} \right)^{2\beta(1-\alpha)} t^{\beta+\gamma-1} dt = {}_2F_1 \left(2\beta(1-\alpha), 1, \beta+\gamma+1; \frac{z}{1-z} \right), \quad (2.3)$$

$$\rho = \rho(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \frac{\beta+\gamma}{\beta {}_2F_1(2\beta(1-\alpha), 1, \beta+\gamma+1; 1/2)} - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, \quad (2.4)$$

${}_2F_1$ denotes the Gauss hypergeometric function. From (2.2), we can deduce the sharp result $p \in P(\rho)$, where ρ is defined in (2.4). This result is a special case of one given in [11].

Proof. To prove this Lemma we use Theorem 3.2j of [11, page 97]. Take $h(z) = (1 + (1 - 2\alpha)z)/(1 - z)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and

$$H(z) = \beta h(z) + \gamma = \frac{a + bz}{1 - z}, \quad (2.5)$$

where $a = \beta + \gamma$ and $b = \beta(1 - 2\alpha) + \gamma$.

Since H is convex to apply Theorem 3.2j of [11, page 97] we only need to determine condition $\operatorname{Re} H(z) > 0$.

The range of $|z| \leq 1$ under $H(z)$ is a half plane. In order to satisfy the required condition this half plane needs to lie in the right half plane. This requirement will be satisfied if $\operatorname{Re} H(-1) = \operatorname{Re} H(i)$ and $\operatorname{Re} H(0) > \operatorname{Re} H(-1) \geq 0$. Or we can write it as

$$\beta(1 - \alpha) > 0, \quad \beta\alpha + \gamma \geq 0. \quad (2.6)$$

When $\beta > 0$, $\beta + \gamma > 0$, these conditions imply that $\alpha \in [-\gamma/\beta, 1)$, and if $\beta + \gamma > 1$, then $\alpha \in [(\beta - \gamma - 1)/2\beta, 1)$. Hence all the conditions of Theorem 3.2j of [11, page 97] are satisfied for $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, 1)$, with $\alpha_0 = \max\{(\beta - \gamma - 1)/2\beta, -\gamma/\beta\}$, thus we have the required result. \square

To show that the solution $Q(z)$ can be represented in terms of hypergeometric functions we take $A = 1 - 2\alpha$, $B = -1$, $n = 1$ in Theorem 3.3d of [11, page 109].

Lemma 2.2. Let $f \in V_k(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < p$, $k \geq 2$. Then $f \in R_k(\rho)$ in U , where

$$\rho = \rho(\alpha, p) = \frac{1}{{}_2F_1(2p(1-\alpha), 1, p+1; 1/2)}. \quad (2.7)$$

This result is sharp.

Proof. Let for $k \geq 2$, $z \in U$, we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} = h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) h_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) h_2(z), \quad (2.8)$$

where h, h_i are analytic in U with $h(0) = 1$, $h_i(0) = 1$, $i = 1, 2$.

We define

$$\phi_p(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p(1+(n-1))} z^n, \quad z \in U. \quad (2.9)$$

By using (2.8), with convolution technique, see [13], we have

$$\frac{\phi_p(z)}{z} * h(z) = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\phi_p(z)}{z} * h_1(z)\right) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\phi_p(z)}{z} * h_2(z)\right). \quad (2.10)$$

This implies that,

$$h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{ph(z)} = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(h_1(z) + \frac{zh'_1(z)}{ph_1(z)}\right) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(h_2(z) + \frac{zh'_2(z)}{ph_2(z)}\right). \quad (2.11)$$

Logarithmic differentiation of (2.8) yields,

$$\frac{(zf'(z))'}{pf'(z)} = h(z) + \frac{zh'(z)}{ph(z)} = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(h_1(z) + \frac{zh'_1(z)}{ph_1(z)}\right) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(h_2(z) + \frac{zh'_2(z)}{ph_2(z)}\right). \quad (2.12)$$

Since $(zf'(z))'/pf'(z) \in P_k(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < p$, thus

$$h_i(z) + \frac{zh'_i(z)}{ph_i(z)} \in P(\alpha), \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (2.13)$$

By using Lemma 2.1 (for $\beta = p$ and $\gamma = 0$), we deduce that $h_i \in P(\rho)$, where ρ is given in (2.7). This estimate is best possible because of the best dominant property of function $Q(z)$, where

$$Q(z) = \frac{1}{{}_2F_1(2p(1-\alpha), 1, p+1; z/(1-z))}, \quad z \in U. \quad (2.14)$$

□

For $p = 1$, we have the sharp result proved in [14].

We begin with the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3. (i) Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in R_k[A, B]$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and, $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$. Then the integral operator $F_p \in V_k[A, B]$ in U , where $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$.

(ii) Let $f_i \in R_k(\alpha)$, $\alpha_i > 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $\alpha = (1-A)/(1-B)$, $k \geq 2$. If $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$, then the integral operator F_p defined by (1.20) also belongs to the class $R_k(\rho)$ in U , where $\rho = \rho(\alpha, p)$ is defined by (2.7). This result is sharp.

Proof (i). From (1.20), we can see that $F_p \in A_p$ in U , and

$$F'_p(z) = pz^{p-1} \left[\left(\frac{f_1(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{f_n(z)}{z^p} \right)^{\alpha_n} \right]. \quad (2.15)$$

Differentiating logarithmically and multiplying by z , we obtain,

$$\frac{zF''_p(z)}{F'_p(z)} = (p-1) + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\frac{zf'_i(z)}{f'_i(z)} - p \right), \quad z \in U. \quad (2.16)$$

Thus, we have

$$1 + \frac{zF''_p(z)}{F'_p(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\frac{zf'_i(z)}{f'_i(z)} \right), \quad (2.17)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(zF'_p(z))'}{pF'_p(z)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\frac{zf'_i(z)}{pf'_i(z)} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i p_i(z) \right) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i h_i(z) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

where $h_i, p_i \in P[A, B]$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Since $P[A, B]$ is a convex set, see [15], it follows that,

$$\frac{(zF'_p(z))'}{pF'_p(z)} = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) H_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) H_2(z), \quad (2.19)$$

where $H_1, H_2 \in P[A, B]$ and therefore,

$$\frac{(zF'_p(z))'}{pF'_p(z)} \in P_k[A, B], \quad z \in U. \quad (2.20)$$

This proves the result. □

Substituting $p = 1$, in Theorem 2.3(i), we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in R_k[A, B]$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$. Then the integral operator $F_p \in V_k[A, B]$ in U .

Remark 2.5. Letting $\alpha_1 = \alpha$, $\alpha_2 = \beta$, and $n = 2$ in Corollary 2.4, we obtain a result due to Noor [4].

For $n = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \alpha = 1$, and $f_1 = f$ in Theorem 2.3(i), we have the following.

Corollary 2.6. *Let $f \in R_k[A, B]$ in \mathcal{U} , $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$. Then the integral operator $\int_0^z p(f(t)/t)dt \in V_k[A, B]$, $z \in \mathcal{U}$.*

Proof (ii). Taking $A = 1 - 2\alpha$, $B = -1$, with $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$, we have for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$f_i \in R_k[1 - 2\alpha, -1] = R_k(\alpha), \quad (2.21)$$

using part (i) of Theorem 2.3, we have

$$F_p \in V_k[1 - 2\alpha, -1] = V_k(\alpha) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}. \quad (2.22)$$

Now using Lemma 2.2 for $F_p \in V_k(\alpha)$, $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$ implies that

$$F_p \in R_k(\rho), \quad \text{where } \rho = \rho(\alpha, p) \text{ is defined in (2.7)}. \quad (2.23)$$

The sharpness of the result is clear from the function $Q(z)$ defined by (2.14). \square

For $p = 1$, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.7. *Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in R_k(\alpha)$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$ and $A = 1 - 2\alpha$, $B = -1$. Then the integral operator F_p defined by (1.20) also belongs to the class $R_k(\rho)$ in \mathcal{U} , where*

$$\rho = \rho(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\alpha - 1}{2 - 2^{2(1-\alpha)}}, & \text{if } \alpha \neq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}, & \text{if } \alpha = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \quad (2.24)$$

Remark 2.8. Letting $\alpha_1 = \mu$, $\alpha_2 = \eta$, and $n = 2$ in Corollary 2.7, we have the sharp result proved in [14].

For $A = 1$, $B = -1$, and $p = 1$, we have

$$f_i \in R_k(0) \quad \text{implies that } F_p \in V_k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ in } \mathcal{U}. \quad (2.25)$$

Theorem 2.9. (i) *Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in V_k[A, B]$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$, then the integral operator G_p defined by (1.21), also belongs to the class $V_k[A, B]$ in \mathcal{U} , where $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$.*

(ii) *Let for $\alpha_i > 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ and $f_i \in V_k(\alpha)$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $0 \leq \alpha < p$, $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$, $k \geq 2$. Then the integral operator $G_p \in R_k(\rho)$ in \mathcal{U} , where $\rho = \rho(\alpha, p)$ is defined by (2.7). This result is sharp.*

Proof (i). From definition (1.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{zG_p''(z)}{G_p'(z)} &= p + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)} - p + 1 \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \frac{(zf_i'(z))'}{f_i'(z)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(zG_p'(z))'}{pG_p'(z)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \frac{(zf_i'(z))'}{pf_i'(z)} \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i p_i(z) \right) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i h_i(z) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

where $h_i, p_i \in P[A, B]$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Since $P[A, B]$ is a convex set, see [15], it follows that,

$$\frac{(zG_p'(z))'}{pG_p'(z)} = \left(\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) H_1(z) - \left(\frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) H_2(z), \quad z \in U, \quad (2.28)$$

where $H_1, H_2 \in P[A, B]$ and therefore,

$$\frac{(zG_p'(z))'}{pG_p'(z)} \in P_k[A, B] \quad \text{in } U. \quad (2.29)$$

This implies that $G_p \in V_k[A, B]$. □

Letting $p = 1$ in Theorem 2.9(i), we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.10. *Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in V_k[A, B]$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, $k \geq 2$. If $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$, then $G_p \in V_k[A, B]$ in U .*

Proof (ii). Taking $A = 1 - 2\alpha$, $B = -1$, we have for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$f_i \in V_k[1 - 2\alpha, -1] = V_k(\alpha), \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{1 - A}{1 - B}. \quad (2.30)$$

Now using part (i) of Theorem 2.9, we have

$$G_p \in V_k[1 - 2\alpha, -1] = V_k(\alpha) \quad \text{in } U. \quad (2.31)$$

Now using Lemma 2.2, for $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$, we have

$$G_p \in V_k(\alpha) \text{ implies that } G_p \in R_k(\rho), \text{ in } \mathcal{U}, \text{ where } \rho = \rho(\alpha, p) \text{ is defined in (2.7).} \quad (2.32)$$

The sharpness of the result is clear from the function $Q(z)$ defined by (2.14). \square

For $p = 1$, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.11. (i) Let $\alpha_i > 0$, $f_i \in V_k(\alpha)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $\alpha = (1 - A)/(1 - B)$ and $A = 1 - 2\alpha$, $B = -1$. Then $G_p \in R_k(\rho)$ in \mathcal{U} , where $\rho = \rho(\alpha)$ and defined in (2.24).

Also for $A = 1$, $B = -1$, we have.

(ii) If $f_i \in V_k(0)$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then $G_p \in R_k(1/2)$ in \mathcal{U} .

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