# Starlikeness of a Double Integral Operator \*

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#### Abstract

For  $\alpha, \gamma \geq 0$ , sufficient conditions are obtained that ensure the normalized analytic functions f satisfying a differential inequality

$$\left| (1 - \alpha + 2\gamma) \frac{f(z)}{z} + (\alpha - 2\gamma) f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1 \right| < \lambda,$$

to be starlike of order  $\beta$  in the open unit disc. As an application, we construct new starlike function f of order  $\beta$  which can be expressed in terms of double integral

$$f(z)=\int_0^1\int_0^1g(r,s,z)drds,$$

of some suitable analytic function in the open unit disc.

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# 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denotes the class of all analytic functions f defined in the open unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . For a positive integer n and  $a \in \mathcal{C}$ (Complex plane), define the classes of functions:

$$\mathcal{H}[a,n] = \{ f \in \mathcal{H} : f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \cdots \},\$$

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$$\mathcal{A}_{n} = \{ f \in \mathcal{H} : f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + a_{n+2}z^{n+2} + \cdots \},\$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_n$  denote the class of all analytic functions  $\omega$ , such that  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < |z|^n$ . Further, denote by S the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of univalent functions in E. A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\beta$  in E iff it satisfies

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \beta, \quad z \in E,$$
(1.1)

for some  $\beta(0 \leq \beta < 1)$ . We denote by  $S^*(\beta)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all functions f which are starlike of order  $\beta$ . Set  $S^*(0) = S^*$ , where  $S^*$  is the well-known class of normalized analytic functions starlike with respect to the origin.

Let the functions f and g be analytic in E. We say that f is subordinate to g (in symbols,  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ ) in E, if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$  analytic in E with  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$ , such that  $f(z) = g(\omega(z))$ . If the function g is univalent in E, then  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  is equivalent to f(0) = g(0) and  $f(E) \subset g(E)$ .

In 2003, Fournier et. al. [2] investigated some differential inequalities which imply starlikeness. The study of such differential inequalities has been a constant theme of geometric function theory. In a recent paper, Miller and Mocanu [4] extended some of the results of Fournier et. al [2] and also investigated starlikeness properties of functions f defined by double integral operators of the form

$$f(z) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 W(r,s,z) dr ds$$

In a very recent paper, R. M. Ali et al [1] discussed the starlikeness of a linear integral transform over functions f in the class  $\mathcal{W}_{\beta}(\alpha, \gamma)$ 

$$\left\{f \in \mathcal{A} : \exists \phi \in \mathbb{R} | \Re e^{i\phi} \left( (1 - \alpha + 2\gamma) \frac{f(z)}{z} + (\alpha - 2\gamma) f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - \beta \right) > 0, \, z \in E \right\}.$$
(1.2)

Motivated by the definition of the class  $\mathcal{W}_{\beta}(\alpha, \gamma)$ , the aim of the present paper is to present a new differential inequality which generates starlike function of order  $\beta$ . As an application of this inequality, we construct new starlike function of order  $\beta$  which can be expressed in terms of double integrals of some suitable function in the class  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# 2. Preliminaries

We follow the notations used in [1]. Let  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\nu \geq 0$  satisfy

$$\mu + \nu = \alpha - \gamma \text{ and } \mu\nu = \gamma.$$
 (2.1)

When  $\alpha = 1 + 2\gamma$ , (2.1) yields  $\mu + \nu = 1 + \mu\nu$ , or  $(\mu - 1)(1 - \nu) = 0$ . In particular, for  $\gamma > 0$ , choosing  $\mu = 1$  gives  $\nu = \gamma$ . We shall also need the following lamma to prove our results.

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**Lemma 2.1.** ([3], p.71) Let h be a convex function with h(0) = a and let  $\Re(\gamma) > 0$ . If  $p \in \mathcal{H}[a, n]$  and

$$p(z) + rac{zp'(z)}{\gamma} \prec h(z)$$
 in E

then

$$p(z) \prec q(z) \prec h(z)$$
 in  $E$ ,

where

$$q(z) = \frac{\gamma}{nz^{\gamma/n}} \int_0^z h(t) t^{\gamma/n-1} dt.$$

This result is sharp.

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  satisfy (2.1) such that  $\mu > 0$  and  $\nu > \frac{2}{1-\beta}$  ( $0 \le \beta < 1$ ). If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  satisfies

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

$$< \frac{(1 + n\mu)(1 + n\nu)(\nu(1 - \beta) - 2)}{\nu(n + 1 - \beta)},$$

$$(3.1)$$

for  $z \in E$ , then  $f \in S^*(\beta)$ .

**Proof.** The differential inequality (3.1) can be written as follows:

$$(1 - \alpha + 2\gamma)\frac{f(z)}{z} + (\alpha - 2\gamma)f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) \prec 1 + \frac{(1 + n\mu)(1 + n\nu)(\nu(1 - \beta) - 2)}{\nu(n + 1 - \beta)}z$$
(3.2)

If we set

$$p(z) = (1 - \nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \nu f'(z),$$
  
= 1 + (1 + n\nu)a\_{n+1}z^n + \cdots ,

then  $p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  and the subordination (3.2) becomes

$$p(z) + \mu z p'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{(1+n\mu)(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} z = h(z) \ (say).$$
(3.3)

It can be easily seen that h is convex and h(0) = p(0). So, applying Lemma 2.1 (with  $\gamma = 1/\mu$ ), we obtain

$$p(z) \prec \frac{1}{n\mu z^{1/n\mu}} \int_0^z \zeta^{\frac{1}{n\mu} - 1} h(\zeta) d\zeta, \quad z \in E.$$

Equivalently

$$(1-\nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \nu f'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)}z, \ z \in E.$$
 (3.4)

Now, if we set

$$q(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z} = 1 + a_{n+1}z^n + \cdots,$$

then  $q \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$  and the subordination (3.4) leads to

$$q(z) + \nu z q'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} z = h_1(z) \text{ (say)}.$$

The function  $h_1$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.1. Thus, we obtain

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} = q(z) \prec \frac{1}{n\nu z^{1/n\nu}} \int_0^z t^{\frac{1}{n\nu}-1} h_1(t) dt = 1 + \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} z.$$
(3.5)

It follows from the subordination (3.4) that

$$\left| (1-\nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \nu f'(z) \right| < 1 + \frac{(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} = \frac{(n\nu+2)(\nu(1-\beta)-1)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)}, \ z \in E, \quad (3.6)$$

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while from the subordination (3.5), we have

$$\left|\frac{f(z)}{z}\right| > 1 - \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} = \frac{n\nu+2}{\nu(n+1-\beta)}, \ z \in E.$$
(3.7)

Combining these last two inequalities, we see that

$$\frac{n\nu+2}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right) \right| < \frac{1}{\nu} \left| \nu f'(z) + (1-\nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} \right| < \frac{1}{\nu} \left[ \frac{(n\nu+2)(\nu(1-\beta)-1)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} \right],$$

which simplifies to

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right)\right| < \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu} - \beta\right). \tag{3.8}$$

Thus,

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu} - \beta\right) = \beta, \qquad (3.9)$$
  
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Taking  $\alpha = 1 + 2\gamma (\mu = 1, \nu = \gamma)$  in Theorem 3.1 leads to the following result:

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and  $\nu$  be a real number such that  $\nu > \frac{2}{1-\beta}$  ( $0 \leq \frac{1}{1-\beta}$ )  $\beta < 1$ ). If f satisfies

$$|f'(z) + \nu z f''(z) - 1| < \frac{(n+1)(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)},$$
(3.10)

for  $z \in E$ , then  $f \in S^*(\beta)$ .

If we make  $\nu \longrightarrow \infty$  in Corollary 3.1, we obtain the following criterion for starlikeness :

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $f \in A_n$  and  $0 \le \beta < 1$ . If f satisfies

$$|zf''(z)| < \frac{n(n+1)(1-\beta)}{(n+1-\beta)},$$
(3.11)

for  $z \in E$ , then  $f \in S^*(\beta)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** We note that  $\beta = 0$  and n = 1 in Corollary 3.2 leads us to the well known result of Obradovic [5].

Substituting n = 1 and  $\beta = 0$  in Corollary 3.1 yields the following interesting criterion for starlikeness.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\nu$  be a real number such that  $\nu > 2$ . If f satisfies

$$\left|zf''(z) + \frac{1}{\nu}\left(f'(z) - 1\right)\right| < \frac{(1+\nu)(\nu-2)}{\nu^2},\tag{3.12}$$

for  $z \in E$ , then

$$\left|\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right)\right| < \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right),$$

i.e  $f \in S^*$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Corollary 3.3 is a particular case of the Theorem 1.7 in [6] with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\nu} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We now present the following example in support of Theorem 3.1.

**Example 3.1.** Consider the function

$$f(z) = z + ((\nu(1-\beta) - 2)/\nu(n+1-\beta))z^{n+1}, \ 0 \le \beta < 1.$$

Now,

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

$$= \left| ((1 - \alpha + 2\gamma) + (n+1)(\alpha - 2\gamma) + n(n+1)\gamma) \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} z^n \right|$$

$$= \left| (1 + n\mu)(1 + n\nu) \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} \right| |z|^n$$

$$< (1 + n\mu)(1 + n\nu) \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)}.$$

Thus, f satisfies the criterion of Theorem 3.1. Further, for  $\mu > 0$  and  $\nu > \frac{2}{1-\beta}$ 

as defined in (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re\left\{zf'(z)f(z)\right\} &= \Re\left\{\frac{1 + \left((n+1)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)z^n/\nu(n+1-\beta)\right)}{1 + \left((\nu(1-\beta)-2)z^n/\nu(n+1-\beta)\right)}\right\} \\ &> \left\{\frac{1 - \left((n+1)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)/\nu(n+1-\beta)\right)}{1 - \left((\nu(1-\beta)-2)/\nu(n+1-\beta)\right)}\right\} \\ &= \left\{\frac{n\nu\beta + 2n + 2}{n\nu + 2}\right\} \\ &> \beta. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let a function  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  satisfy

$$|g(z)| \le \frac{(1+n\mu)(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)},\tag{3.13}$$

for some  $\mu > 0$  and  $\nu > \frac{2}{1-\beta}$  as defined in (2.1) and  $0 \le \beta < 1$ . Then the function f given by

$$f(z) = z + \frac{z^{n+1}}{\mu\nu} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 g(rsz) r^{n+1/\mu-1} s^{n+1/\nu-1} drds$$
(3.14)

is starlike of order  $\beta$  in E.

**Proof.** We first consider the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  satisfying the differential equation

$$(1 - \alpha + 2\gamma)\frac{f(z)}{z} + (\alpha - 2\gamma)f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1 = z^n g(z).$$
(3.15)

In view of (3.13), we have

$$\left| (1 - \alpha + 2\gamma) \frac{f(z)}{z} + (\alpha - 2\gamma) f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1 \right| = |z|^n |g(z)|$$
  
<  $\frac{(1 + n\mu)(1 + n\nu)(\nu(1 - \beta) - 2)}{\nu(n + 1 - \beta)}, \quad z \in E.$ 

By Theorem 3.1, we see that the solution of differential equation (3.15) must be a starlike function of order  $\beta$ . Further, to obtain the solution, let  $\varphi(z) = (1-\nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \nu f'(z) \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ , then the equation (3.15) simplifies to

$$\mu z \varphi'(z) + \varphi(z) - 1 = z^n g(z).$$

On integration, we get

$$\varphi(z) = 1 + \frac{1/\mu}{z^{1/\mu}} \int_0^z g(\zeta) \zeta^{n+1/\mu-1} d\zeta = 1 + \frac{1}{\mu} z^n \int_0^1 g(rz) r^{n+1/\mu-1} dr.$$

Thus,

$$(1-\nu)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \nu f'(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{\mu}z^n \int_0^1 g(rz)r^{n+1/\mu-1}dr.$$
 (3.16)

Further, setting  $\psi(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z} \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]$ , the differential equation (3.16) reduces to

$$\nu z \psi'(z) + \psi(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{\mu} z^n \int_0^1 g(rz) r^{n+1/\mu-1} dr.$$

A simple calculation gives

$$\psi(z) = 1 + \frac{1/\mu\nu}{z^{1/\nu}} \int_0^z \left( \int_0^1 g(r\zeta) r^{n+1/\mu-1} dr \right) \zeta^{n+1/\nu-1} d\zeta.$$

Since,  $\psi(z) = f(z)/z$  and a change of variable yields that

$$f(z) = z + \frac{z^{n+1}}{\mu\nu} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 g(rsz) r^{n+1/\mu-1} s^{n+1/\nu-1} dr ds.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

As an illustration of Theorem 3.2, we give the following example.

**Example 3.2.** The function  $g(z) = \frac{(1+n\mu)(1+n\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)}$  ( $0 \le \beta < 1$ ), satisfies the criteria of the Theorem 3.2. An Application of the theorem yields

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(n+1-\beta)} z^{n+1},$$

which is starlike of order  $\beta$ , as shown in the Example 3.1.

Further, taking n = 1 and  $\alpha = 1 + 2\gamma (\mu = 1, \nu = \gamma)$  in Theorem 3.2, we have the following :

**Corollary 3.4.** Let a function  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  satisfy

$$|g(z)| \le \frac{2(1+\nu)(\nu(1-\beta)-2)}{\nu(2-\beta)},\tag{3.17}$$

for some  $\nu > \frac{2}{1-\beta}$  and  $0 \le \beta < 1$ . Then the function f given by

$$f(z) = z + z^2 \left(\frac{1}{\nu} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 g(rsz) rs^{1/\nu} dr ds\right)$$
(3.18)

is starlike of order  $\beta$  in E.

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