

Univalence of a General Integral Operator Associated With the Generalized Hypergeometric Function *

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Abstract

By making use of the generalized hypergeometric function, we introduce a new family of integral operators and investigate their univalence properties. Relevant connections of the results, which are presented in this paper, with various other known results are also pointed out.

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1. Introduction, Definitions and Preliminaries

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

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad a_n \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the open disc $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and \mathcal{S} be the class of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}$ which are univalent in \mathcal{U} .

The Hadamard product of two functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ and $g(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ is given by

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

For complex parameters $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$ and β_1, \dots, β_s ($\beta_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-; \mathbb{Z}_0^- = 0, -1, -2, \dots; j = 1, \dots, s$), we define the generalized hypergeometric function ${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s; z)$ by

$${}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_q)_k z^k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_s)_k k!},$$

$$(q \leq s + 1; q, s \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where \mathbb{N} denotes the set of all positive integers and $(x)_k$ is the Pochhammer symbol defined, in terms of the Gamma function Γ , by

$$(x)_k = \frac{\Gamma(x+k)}{\Gamma(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ x(x+1)(x+2) \dots (x+k-1) & \text{if } k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}. \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to a function $\mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ defined by

$$\mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z) := z {}_qF_s(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_s; z). \quad (2)$$

Recently, the authors [17] defined the linear operator $D_{\lambda}^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ by

$$D_{\lambda}^0(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z),$$

$$D_{\lambda}^1(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = (1-\lambda)(f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z)) + \lambda z(f(z) * \mathcal{G}_{q,s}(\alpha_1, \beta_1; z))', \quad (3)$$

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = D_\lambda^1(D_\lambda^{m-1}(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)), \quad (4)$$

where ‘ $*$ ’ denotes the usual Hadamard product of analytic functions.

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, then from (3) and (4) we may easily deduce that

$$D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [1 + (k-1)\lambda]^m \frac{(\alpha_1)_{k-1} \cdots (\alpha_q)_{k-1}}{(\beta_1)_{k-1} \cdots (\beta_s)_{k-1}} \frac{a_k z^k}{(k-1)!}, \quad (5)$$

where $m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $\lambda \geq 0$. We remark that, for a choice of the parameter $m = 0$, the operator $D_\lambda^0(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f$ reduces to the well-known Dziok-Srivastava operator for functions in \mathcal{A} [8] (see also [1, 9]), for $q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = 1$, we get the operator introduced by F.M.Al-Oboudi [2] and for $q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = 1$ and $\lambda = 1$, we get the operator introduced by G. Ş. Sălăgean [16]. Also many (well known and new) integral and differential operators can be obtained by specializing the parameters.

Using the operator $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f$, we now introduce the following:

For $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \delta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$, we define the integral operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z) : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^n$ by

$$F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z) = \left\{ \delta \int_0^z t^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(t)}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_i}} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, \quad (6)$$

where $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$.

Remark 1.1 It is interesting to note that the integral operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ generalizes many operators which were introduced and studied recently. Here we list a few of them

1. Let $q = 2, s = 1, \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = 1, \gamma_i = 1/\alpha_i$ and $\delta = 1$, then the operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ reduces to the integral operator

$$I(f_1, \dots, f_m)(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m f_1(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m f_m(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_n} dt, \quad (7)$$

where $D_\lambda^m f$ is the well known Al-Oboudi differential operator. $I(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ was introduced and studied recently by S. Bulut in [7].

2. For $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\gamma_i = 1/(\alpha - 1)$ and $\delta = n(\alpha - 1) + 1$, then the operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ reduces to an integral operator

$$F_{n, \alpha}(z) = \left[(n(\alpha - 1) + 1) \int_0^z (f_1(t))^{\alpha-1} \dots (f_n(t))^{\alpha-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{(n(\alpha-1)+1)}}, \quad (8)$$

studied recently by D. Breaz, N. Breaz and H. M. Srivastava in [5].

3. Let $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\gamma_i = 1/\alpha_i$ and $\delta = 1$, then the operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ reduces to an operator

$$F_{\alpha}(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{f_1(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{f_n(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha_n} dt \quad (9)$$

recently introduced and studied by D. Breaz and N. Breaz in [3].

4. Let $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = 2$, $\beta_1 = 1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\gamma_i = 1/\alpha_i$ and $\delta = 1$, then the operator $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ reduces to an operator

$$G_{\alpha}(z) = \int_0^z (f_1'(t))^{\alpha_1} \dots (f_n'(t))^{\alpha_n} dt, \quad (10)$$

recently introduced and studied by D. Breaz and H. Ö. Güney in [4].

Apart from the above several well-known and new integral operators will follow as a special case on specializing the parameters.

We now state the following results which we need to establish our results in the sequel.

Theorem 1.2 [11] *If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the condition*

$$\left| \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{f^2(z)} - 1 \right| \leq 1, \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathcal{U}, \quad (11)$$

then the function f is univalent in \mathcal{U} .

Theorem 1.3 (Schwartz Lemma) *Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfy the condition $|f(z)| \leq 1$, for all $z \in \mathcal{U}$. Then*

$$|f(z)| \leq |z|, \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathcal{U},$$

and equality holds only if $f(z) = \epsilon z$, where $|\epsilon| = 1$.

Theorem 1.4[12] Let δ be a complex number with $\operatorname{Re} \delta > 0$. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\frac{1 - |z|^{2\delta}}{\operatorname{Re} \delta} \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then the function

$$F_\delta(z) = \left[\delta \int_0^z t^{\delta-1} f'(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\delta}} = z + \dots$$

is analytic and univalent in \mathcal{U} .

Pescar [13] has proved the following result

Theorem 1.5 [13] Let $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} \delta > 0$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ($|c| \leq 1$; $c \neq -1$). If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\left| c |z|^{2\delta} + (1 - |z|^{2\delta}) \frac{zf''(z)}{\delta f'(z)} \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then the function

$$F_\delta(z) = \left[\delta \int_0^z t^{\delta-1} f'(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\delta}} = z + \dots$$

is analytic and univalent in \mathcal{U} .

Theorem 1.6 [15] Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the condition (11). Also let

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \left(\alpha \in \left[1, \frac{3}{2} \right] \right) \quad \text{and } c \in \mathbb{C}.$$

If

$$|c| \leq \frac{3 - 2\alpha}{\alpha} \quad (c \neq -1) \quad \text{and} \quad |f(z)| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

then the function

$$H_\alpha(z) = \left(\alpha \int_0^z [g(t)]^{\alpha-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

belongs to \mathcal{S} .

2. Main Results

Theorem 2.1 *Let each of the functions $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ($i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$) satisfy the inequality (11). Also for $M \geq 1$, let γ_i, δ be complex numbers such that*

$$\operatorname{Re} \delta \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2M+1}{|\gamma_i|} \quad \text{and } c \in \mathbb{C}.$$

If

$$|c| \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re} \delta} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2M+1}{|\gamma_i|} \quad (12)$$

and

$$|D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)| \leq M \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}),$$

then the function $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ defined by (6) is univalent.

Proof. From the definition of the operator $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f$, it can be easily seen that

$$\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f(z)}{z} \neq 0 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

and moreover for $z = 0$, we have

$$\left(\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_1(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_1}} \dots \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_n(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_n}} = 1.$$

We define the function

$$h(z) = \int_0^z \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(t)}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_i}} dt,$$

so that, obviously

$$h'(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)}{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma_i}}$$

and

$$\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \left(\frac{z(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)} - 1 \right). \quad (13)$$

So, from (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| c|z|^{2\delta} + (1 - |z|^{2\delta}) \frac{zh''(z)}{\delta h'(z)} \right| \\ &= \left| c|z|^{2\delta} + (1 - |z|^{2\delta}) \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \left(\frac{z(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)} - 1 \right) \right| \\ &\leq |c| + \frac{1}{|\delta|} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|\gamma_i|} \left(\left| \frac{z^2(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{[D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)]^2} \right| \frac{|D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)|}{|z|} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $|D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)| \leq M$ ($z \in \mathcal{U}; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$), on applying the Theorem 1 we have,

$$|D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)| \leq M |z| \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}).$$

By using the inequality (11), we obtain

$$\left| c|z|^{2\delta} + (1 - |z|^{2\delta}) \frac{zh''(z)}{\delta h'(z)} \right| \leq |c| + \frac{1}{Re \delta} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2M+1}{|\gamma_i|} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

which, in the light of the hypothesis (12), yields

$$\left| c|z|^{2\delta} + (1 - |z|^{2\delta}) \frac{zh''(z)}{\delta h'(z)} \right| \leq 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Finally applying Theorem 1.3, we conclude that the function $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ defined by (6) is univalent. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Upon setting $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\gamma_i = 1/(\alpha - 1)$ and $\delta = n(\alpha - 1) + 1$ (α a real number), we obtain

Corollary 2.2 [5] *Let $M \geq 1$ and suppose that each of the functions $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ($i=1, \dots, n$) satisfies the inequality (11). Also let*

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \left(\alpha \in \left[1, \frac{(2M+1)n}{(2M+1)n-1} \right] \right) \quad \text{and } c \in \mathbb{C}.$$

If

$$|c| \leq 1 + \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \right) (2M+1)n \quad \text{and} \quad |f_i(z)| \leq M \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; i \in \{1, \dots, n\}),$$

then the function $F_{n,\alpha}(z)$ defined by (8) is in the univalent function class \mathcal{S} .

Remark 2.3 Corollary 2 provides an extension of Theorem 1 due to Pescar [15], if we let $n = 1$.

Next we set $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\delta = 1$ and $\gamma_i = \frac{1}{\alpha_i}$ (α_i , a real number), we obtain the following.

Corollary 2.4 Let $M \geq 1$ and suppose that each of the functions $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ($i=1, \dots, n$) satisfies the inequality (11). Also let

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \left(\alpha \in \left[1, \frac{(2M+1)n}{(2M+1)n-1} \right] \right) \quad \text{and } c \in \mathbb{C}.$$

If

$$|c| \leq 1 + \alpha(2M+1)n \quad \text{and} \quad |f_i(z)| \leq M \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}; i \in \{1, \dots, n\}),$$

then the function $F_\alpha(z)$ defined by (9) is univalent.

Remark 2.5 Many other interesting corollaries and results can be obtained by specializing the parameters in Theorem 2.1, for example see [5, 6, 10].

We now prove another univalence criterion for univalence of the integral operator $F_{\gamma_i,\delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ in the unit disc \mathcal{U} .

Theorem 2.6 Let each of the functions $D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i \in \mathcal{S}$ ($i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$) and δ be a complex number with $\text{Re}\delta > 0$. If

$$\frac{1}{|\gamma_1|} + \frac{1}{|\gamma_2|} + \dots + \frac{1}{|\gamma_n|} \leq 1/4,$$

then the function $F_{\gamma_i,\delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ is in the class \mathcal{S} .

Proof. Let $h(z)$ be defined as in Theorem (2.1). From (13) we have

$$\frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \left(\frac{z(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)} - 1 \right).$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \left| \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right| &= \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|\gamma_i|} \left| \frac{z(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)} - 1 \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|\gamma_i|} \left(\left| \frac{z(D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z))'}{D_\lambda^m(\alpha_1, \beta_1)f_i(z)} \right| + 1 \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|\gamma_i|} \left(\frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|} + 1 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{1-|z|} \frac{2}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|\gamma_i|}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, we note that

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{1-|z|} \leq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < \operatorname{Re}(\delta) < \frac{1}{2} \\ 2\operatorname{Re}(\delta) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \operatorname{Re}(\delta) < \infty. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Using the inequality (14) and the hypothesis of the theorem, we obtain

$$\frac{1-|z|^{2\operatorname{Re}\delta}}{\operatorname{Re}(\delta)} \left| \frac{zh''(z)}{h'(z)} \right| \leq 1. \quad (15)$$

Hence, by applying Theorem 1, we conclude that the function $F_{\gamma_i, \delta}(\lambda, m; \alpha_1, \beta_1; z)$ defined by (6) is univalent. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Let $n = 1$, $m = 0$, $q = 2$, $s = 1$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 = 1$, $\gamma_1 = 1/\delta$ in Theorem 2. Then, we have the following

Corollary 2.7 [14] *Let $f \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\delta = a + bi$ be a complex number and $\delta \in (0, 4]$. If*

$$a^4 + a^2b^2 - 4 \geq 0, a \in (0, \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad a^2 + b^2 - 16 \geq 0, a \in [\frac{1}{2}, 4]$$

then the function

$$F_\delta(z) = \left[\delta \int_0^z t^{\delta-1} \left(\frac{f(t)}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \quad (16)$$

is in the class \mathcal{S} .

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