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# Starlikeness and Subordination of Two Integral Operators

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**Abstract**: In this paper, we consider some sufficient conditions for two integral operators to be starlike in the open unit disk.

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#### 1 Introduction and definitions

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

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . A function f belonging to  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  if it satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > \alpha \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

for some  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{S}^*(0) = \mathcal{S}^*$  the class of all starlike functions with respect the origin.

Recently, Breaz and Breaz in [3] and Breaz et al. [7] introduced and studied the integral operators

$$F_n(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{f_1(t)}{t}\right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{f_n(t)}{t}\right)^{\alpha_n} dt \tag{1.1}$$

and

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$$F_{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n}(z) = \int_0^z (f_1'(t))^{\alpha_1} \dots (f_n'(t))^{\alpha_n} dt$$
 (1.2)

where  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  and for  $\alpha_i > 0$ , for all i = 1, ..., n (see also [1, 4, 6]).

Breaz and Güney [5] considered the above integral operators and they obtained their properties on the classes  $S_{\alpha}^{*}(b)$ ,  $C_{\alpha}(b)$  of starlike and convex functions of complex order b and type  $\alpha$  introduced and studied by Frasin [8] (see [2]).

Very recently, Frasin [9] obtained some sufficient conditions for the above integral operators to be in the classes  $\mathcal{S}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{UCV}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{UCV}$  denote the subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are, respectively, close -to-convex of order  $\alpha(0 \le \alpha < 1)$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  and uniformly convex functions.

In the present paper, we obtain some sufficient conditions for starlikeness of the above integral operators  $F_n$  and  $F_{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n}$ .

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

#### Lemma 1.1. ([10]) If $f \in A$ satisfies

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

$$\tag{1.3}$$

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} < \frac{5\beta - 1}{2(\beta + 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(1.4)

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

Lemma 1.2. ([10]) If  $f \in A$  satisfies

$$Re\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} > -\frac{\beta + 1}{2\beta(\beta - 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$

$$\tag{1.5}$$

for some  $\beta \leq -1$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right\} > \frac{3\beta + 1}{2\beta(\beta + 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(1.6)

for some  $\beta > 1$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{S}^* \left( \frac{\beta+1}{2\beta} \right)$ .

## 2 Starlikeness for the integral operator $F_n$

Applying Lemma 1.1, we derive

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\alpha_i > 0$  be real numbers for all i = 1, ..., n. If  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all i = 1, ..., n satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)}\right) < 1 + \frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)n\alpha_i} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(2.1)

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)}\right) < 1 + \frac{3(\beta - 1)}{2(\beta + 1)n\alpha_i} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(2.2)

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ , then  $F_n \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (1.1) that

$$F'_n(z) = \left(\frac{f_1(z)}{z}\right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{f_n(z)}{z}\right)^{\alpha_n}.$$
 (2.3)

Thus we have

$$F_n''(z) = \left[\alpha_1 \left(\frac{f_1'(z)}{f_1(z)} - \frac{1}{z}\right) + \ldots + \alpha_n \left(\frac{f_n'(z)}{f_n(z)} - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right] F_n'(z). \tag{2.4}$$

Then from (2.4), we obtain

$$\frac{zF_n''(z)}{F_n'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left( \frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)} - 1 \right)$$
 (2.5)

or, equivalently,

$$1 + \frac{zF_n''(z)}{F_n'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left( \frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)} \right) + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i.$$
 (2.6)

Taking the real part of both terms of (2.6), we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_n''(z)}{F_n'(z)}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)}\right) + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$$

$$= \alpha_1 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_1'(z)}{f_1(z)}\right) + \alpha_2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_2'(z)}{f_2(z)}\right) + \cdots$$

$$+ \alpha_n \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_n'(z)}{f_n(z)}\right) + 1 - [\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n], (2.7)$$

using the hypothesis (2.1) it follows from (2.7) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_n''(z)}{F_n'(z)}\right) < \alpha_1 \left(1 + \frac{3 - \beta}{2(\beta - 1)n\alpha_1}\right) + \alpha_2 \left(1 + \frac{3 - \beta}{2(\beta - 1)n\alpha_2}\right) + \cdots$$

$$+ \alpha_n \left(1 + \frac{3 - \beta}{2(\beta - 1)n\alpha_n}\right) + 1 - [\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n]$$

$$< \frac{\beta + 1}{2(\beta - 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3$ . Also from the hypothesis (2.2) and (2.7), we get

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_n''(z)}{F_n'(z)}\right) < \frac{5\beta - 1}{2(\beta + 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ . Hence by Lemma 1.1, we get  $F_n \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . This completes the proof.

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

Corollary 2.2. Let  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) < 1 + \frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)\alpha} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for some  $2 \le \beta \le 3$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) < 1 + \frac{3(\beta - 1)}{2(\beta + 1)\alpha}$$
  $(z \in \mathcal{U}),$ 

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ , then  $\int\limits_0^z \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha} dt \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

Applying Lemma 1.2, we derive

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\alpha_i > 0$  be real numbers for all i = 1, ..., n. If  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all i = 1, ..., n satisfies

$$Re\left(\frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)}\right) > 1 + \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 - 1}{2\beta(\beta - 1)n\alpha_i} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$
 (2.8)

for some  $\beta \leq -1$ , or

$$Re\left(\frac{zf_i'(z)}{f_i(z)}\right) > 1 + \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 + 1}{2\beta(\beta + 1)n\alpha_i} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}), \tag{2.9}$$

for some  $\beta > 1$ , then  $F_n \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)$ .

*Proof.* Using (2.7), (2.8), (2.9) and applying Lemma 1.2, we have  $F_n \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)$ .

Letting n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $f_1 = f$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

Corollary 2.4. Let  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > 1 + \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 - 1}{2\beta(\beta - 1)\alpha}$$
  $(z \in \mathcal{U}),$ 

for some  $\beta \leq -1$ , or

$$Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > 1 + \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 + 1}{2\beta(\beta + 1)\alpha}$$
  $(z \in \mathcal{U}),$ 

for some  $\beta > 1$ , then  $\int_{0}^{z} \left( \frac{f(t)}{t} \right)^{\alpha} dt \in \mathcal{S}^{*} \left( \frac{\beta+1}{2\beta} \right)$ .

### 3 Starlikeness for the integral operator $F_{\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n}$

Applying Lemma 1.1, we derive

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\alpha_i > 0$  be real numbers for all i = 1, ..., n. If  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all i = 1, ..., n satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)}\right) < \frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)n\alpha_i} \tag{3.1}$$

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)}\right) < \frac{3(\beta - 1)}{2(\beta + 1)n\alpha_i} \tag{3.2}$$

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ , then  $F_{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n} \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

*Proof.* From (1.2), we easily get

$$\frac{zF_{\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n}''(z)}{F_{\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n}'(z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\frac{zf_i''(z)}{f_i'(z)}\right). \tag{3.3}$$

It follows from (3.3) that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_{\alpha_{1},\dots,\alpha_{n}}'(z)}{F_{\alpha_{1},\dots,\alpha_{n}}'(z)}\right) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{i}''(z)}{f_{i}'(z)}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \alpha_{1} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{1}''(z)}{f_{1}'(z)}\right) + \alpha_{2} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{2}''(z)}{f_{2}'(z)}\right) + \cdots$$

$$+ \alpha_{n} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{n}''(z)}{f_{n}'(z)}\right), \tag{3.4}$$

which, in the light of the hypothesis (3.1), yields

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_{\alpha_{1},\dots,\alpha_{n}}'(z)}{F_{\alpha_{1},\dots,\alpha_{n}}'(z)}\right) < 1 + \alpha_{1}\left(\frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)n\alpha_{1}}\right) + \alpha_{1}\left(\frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)n\alpha_{2}}\right) + \cdots + \alpha_{n}\left(\frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)n\alpha_{n}}\right) < \frac{\beta+1}{2(\beta-1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3.0$ n the other hand, by the hypothesis (3.2) and (3.4), we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(1 + \frac{zF_{\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n}''(z)}{F_{\alpha_1,\dots,\alpha_n}'(z)}\right) < \frac{5\beta - 1}{2(\beta + 1)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

for some  $1 < \beta \leq 2$ . Hence by Lemma 1.1, we get  $F_{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n} \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

Letting n=1 ,  $\alpha_1=\alpha$  and  $f_1=f$  in Theorem 3.1, we have

Corollary 3.2. Let  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) < \frac{3-\beta}{2(\beta-1)\alpha}$$

for some  $2 \le \beta < 3$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) < \frac{3(\beta-1)}{2(\beta+1)\alpha}$$

for some  $1 < \beta \le 2$ , then  $\int\limits_0^z \left(f'(t)\right)^\alpha dt \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

Finally, we have

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\alpha_i > 0$  be real numbers for all i = 1, ..., n. If  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all i = 1, ..., n satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{i}''(z)}{f_{i}'(z)}\right) > \frac{\beta - 2\beta^{2} - 1}{2\beta(\beta - 1)n\alpha_{i}}$$
(3.5)

for some  $\beta \leq -1$ , or

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zf_{i}''(z)}{f_{i}'(z)}\right) > \frac{\beta - 2\beta^{2} + 1}{2\beta(\beta + 1)n\alpha_{i}}$$
(3.6)

for some  $\beta > 1$ , then  $F_{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n} \in \mathcal{S}^*\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)$ .

*Proof.* The theorem follows easily by using (3.4), (3.5), (3.6) and applying Lemma 1.2.

Letting n = 1,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $f_1 = f$  in Theorem 3.3, we have

Corollary 3.4. Let  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$Re\left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 - 1}{2\beta(\beta - 1)\alpha}$$

for some  $\beta \leq -1$ , or

$$Re\left(\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) > \frac{\beta - 2\beta^2 + 1}{2\beta(\beta + 1)\alpha}$$

for some  $\beta > 1$ , then then  $\int_{0}^{z} (f'(t))^{\alpha} dt \in \mathcal{S}^{*}\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)$ .

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