

**ON STARLIKENESS OF A CLASS OF INTEGRAL OPERATORS  
FOR MEROMORPHIC STARLIKE FUNCTIONS**

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**Abstract.** Let  $M_0$  be the class of meromorphic functions in  $\dot{U}$  of the form  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \dots$ ,  $z \in \dot{U}$ . For  $\Phi, \varphi \in H[1, 1]$ ,  $\Phi(z)\varphi(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $g \in M_0$ , we consider the integral operator  $J_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\Phi, \varphi} : K \subset M_0 \rightarrow M_0$  defined by

$$J_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\Phi, \varphi}(g)(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z g^\alpha(t) \varphi(t) t^{\delta-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, z \in \dot{U}.$$

The first result of this paper gives us the conditions for which  $J_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta}^{\Phi, \varphi}$  will be well-defined. Furthermore, we study the properties of a function  $G = J_{\beta, \gamma}(g)$ , where  $J_{\beta, \gamma} = J_{\beta, \beta, \gamma, \gamma}^{1, 1}$ , when  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ . For the second result we consider  $\beta < 0$ ,  $\gamma - \beta > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, 1)$ , where  $\alpha_0 = \max \left\{ \frac{\beta + \gamma + 1}{2\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right\}$  and we find the order of starlikeness of the class  $J_{\beta, \gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha))$ . For the third result we consider  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta < \gamma$  and we find some conditions for  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta = \delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  such that

$$J_{\beta, \gamma}[M_0^*(\alpha) \cap K_{\beta, \gamma}] \subset M_0^*(\delta).$$

## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  be the unit disc in the complex plane,  $\dot{U} = U \setminus \{0\}$  and  $H(U) = \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ is holomorphic in } U\}$ .

We will also use the following notations:

$$H[a, n] = \{f \in H(U) : f(z) = a + a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots\} \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

$$A_n = \{f \in H(U) : f(z) = z + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + a_{n+2} z^{n+2} + \dots\}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

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and for  $n = 1$  we denote  $A_1$  by  $A$  and this set is called *the class of analytic functions normalized at the origin*.

Let  $S^*$  be the class of normalized starlike functions on  $U$ , i.e.

$$S^* = \left\{ f \in A : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > 0, z \in U \right\}.$$

We denote by  $M_0$  the class of meromorphic functions in  $\dot{U}$  of the form

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \dots, z \in \dot{U}.$$

Let

$$M_0^* = \left\{ g \in M_0 : \operatorname{Re} \left[ -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] > 0, z \in U \right\}$$

be called the class of meromorphic starlike functions in  $\dot{U}$ .

We note that if  $f$  is a normalized starlike function in  $U$ , then the function  $g = \frac{1}{f}$  belongs to the class  $M_0^*$ .

For  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\delta > 1$  let

$$M_0^*(\alpha) = \left\{ g \in M_0 : \operatorname{Re} \left[ -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] > \alpha, z \in U \right\},$$

$$M_0^*(\alpha, \delta) = \left\{ g \in M_0 : \alpha < \operatorname{Re} \left[ -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] < \delta, z \in U \right\}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** [3, p.4], [4, p.45] Let  $f, g \in H(U)$ . We say that the function  $f$  is subordinate to the function  $g$ , and we denote this by  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , if there is a function  $w \in H(U)$ , with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$ ,  $z \in U$ , such that

$$f(z) = g[w(z)], z \in U.$$

**Remark 1.2.** If  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , then  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subseteq g(U)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** [3, p.4], [4, p.46] Let  $f, g \in H(U)$  and let  $g$  be a univalent function in  $U$ . Then  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subseteq g(U)$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [3, p. 46], [4, p.228] Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} c > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . We consider

$$C_n = C_n(c) = \frac{n}{\operatorname{Re} c} \left[ |c| \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\operatorname{Re} c}{n}} + \operatorname{Im} c \right].$$

If the univalent function  $R : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is given by  $R(z) = \frac{2C_n z}{1 - z^2}$ , then we will denote by  $R_{c,n}$  the "Open Door" function, defined as

$$R_{c,n}(z) = R\left(\frac{z+b}{1+\bar{b}z}\right) = 2C_n \frac{(z+b)(1+\bar{b}z)}{(1+\bar{b}z)^2 - (z+b)^2},$$

where  $b = R^{-1}(c)$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** [3, Theorem 2.5c.] *Let  $\Phi, \varphi \in H[1, n]$  with  $\Phi(z) \neq 0, \varphi(z) \neq 0$ , for  $z \in U$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0, \alpha + \delta = \beta + \gamma$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha + \delta) > 0$ . Let the function  $f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots \in A_n$  and suppose that*

$$\alpha \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} + \delta \prec R_{\alpha+\delta,n}(z).$$

If  $F = I_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta}^{\Phi,\varphi}(f)$  is defined by

$$F(z) = I_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta}^{\Phi,\varphi}(f)(z) = \left[ \frac{\beta + \gamma}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z f^\alpha(t) \varphi(t) t^{\delta-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \quad (1.1)$$

then  $F \in A_n$  with  $\frac{F(z)}{z} \neq 0, z \in U$ , and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \beta \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} + \gamma \right] > 0, z \in U.$$

All powers in (1.1) are principal ones.

**Lemma 1.6.** [3, Theorem 2.3i.], [4, p.209] *Let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function that satisfies the condition*

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(\rho i, \sigma; z) \leq 0, \quad (1.2)$$

when  $\rho, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma \leq -\frac{n}{2}(1 + \rho^2), z \in U, n \geq 1$ .

If  $p \in H[1, n]$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) > 0, \quad z \in U,$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

**Theorem 1.7.** [3, Theorem 3.2a.], [4, p.247] *Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}, \beta \neq 0$  and let  $h$  be a convex function on  $U$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}[\beta h(z) + \gamma] > 0, z \in U$ . If  $p \in H[h(0), n]$  and*

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\beta p(z) + \gamma} \prec h(z),$$

then  $p(z) \prec h(z)$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** [5], [4, p.299](the order of starlikeness of the class  $I_{\beta,\gamma}(S^*(\alpha))$ )

Let  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\gamma + \beta > 0$  and consider the integral operator  $I_{\beta,\gamma}$  defined by

$$I_{\beta,\gamma}(f)(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma + \beta}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} f^\beta(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$

If  $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, 1)$  where  $\alpha_0 = \max \left\{ \frac{\beta - \gamma - 1}{2\beta}, -\frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right\}$ , then the order of starlikeness of the class  $I_{\beta,\gamma}(S^*(\alpha))$  is given by

$$\delta(\alpha; \beta, \gamma) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ \frac{\gamma + \beta}{{}_2F_1(1, 2\beta(1 - \alpha), \gamma + 1 + \beta; \frac{1}{2})} - \gamma \right],$$

where  ${}_2F_1$  represents the hypergeometric function.

## 2. Main results

Let  $\Phi, \varphi \in H[1, 1]$  with  $\Phi(z)\varphi(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0$ . The first result of this section is a corollary of Theorem 1.5 and gives us the conditions for which the integral operator  $J_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta}^{\Phi,\varphi} : K \subset M_0 \rightarrow M_0$ ,

$$J_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta}^{\Phi,\varphi}(g)(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z g^\alpha(t) \varphi(t) t^{\delta-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}},$$

is well-defined.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\Phi, \varphi \in H[1, 1]$  with  $\Phi(z)\varphi(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \gamma = \beta + \delta$  and  $\text{Re}(\gamma - \beta) > 0$ . If  $g \in M_0$  and

$$\alpha \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} + \delta \prec R_{\delta-\alpha,1}(z), \tag{2.1}$$

then

$$G(z) = J_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta}^{\Phi,\varphi}(g)(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z g^\alpha(t) \varphi(t) t^{\delta-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \in M_0,$$

with  $zG(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , and

$$\text{Re} \left[ \beta \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} + \frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} + \gamma \right] > 0, z \in U.$$

All powers are chosen as principal ones.

*Proof.* We denote  $\alpha_1 = -\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1 = -\beta$ , so we have  $\gamma + \beta_1 = \delta + \alpha_1$ , and  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma + \beta_1) > 0$ . We remark that from (2.1) we have  $zg(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ .

We know that  $g \in M_0$  with  $zg(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , if and only if  $f = \frac{1}{g} \in A_1$  with  $\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . It is also easy to see that  $\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} = -\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$ ,  $z \in U$ .

Using these new notations we obtain

$$\alpha_1 \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} + \delta \prec R_{\delta + \alpha_1, 1}(z), \quad z \in U,$$

and applying Theorem 1.5 we have

$$F(z) = I_{\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma, \delta}^{\Phi, \varphi}(f)(z) = \left[ \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma}{z^\gamma \Phi(z)} \int_0^z f^{\alpha_1}(t) \varphi(t) t^{\delta-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta_1}} \in A_1,$$

with  $\frac{F(z)}{z} \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \beta_1 \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} + \gamma \right] > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

Therefore, we have  $G(z) = \frac{1}{F(z)} \in M_0$  with  $zG(z) \neq 0$  and, because

$$\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} = -\frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)}, \quad z \in U,$$

we also have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \beta \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} + \frac{z\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} + \gamma \right] > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

□

We next consider a special case of Theorem 2.1. If we let  $\Phi \equiv \varphi \equiv 1$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$ ,  $\gamma = \delta$  and if we use the notation  $J_{\beta, \gamma}$  instead of  $J_{\beta, \beta, \gamma, \gamma}^{1, 1}$ , we obtain:

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma - \beta) > 0$ . If  $g \in M_0$  and*

$$\beta \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} + \gamma \prec R_{\gamma - \beta, 1}(z),$$

then

$$G(z) = J_{\beta, \gamma}(g)(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z g^\beta(t) t^{\gamma-1} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \in M_0, \quad (2.2)$$

with  $zG(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \beta \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} + \gamma \right] > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

**Remark 2.3.** 1. Let us define the classes  $K_{\beta,\gamma}$  as

$$K_{\beta,\gamma} = \left\{ g \in M_0 : \gamma + \beta \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \prec R_{\gamma-\beta,1}(z), z \in U \right\}.$$

From Corollary 2.2, we have  $J_{\beta,\gamma} : K_{\beta,\gamma} \rightarrow M_0$  with  $zJ_{\beta,\gamma}(g)(z) \neq 0, z \in U$ , and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \gamma + \beta \frac{zJ'_{\beta,\gamma}(g)(z)}{J_{\beta,\gamma}(g)(z)} \right] > 0, z \in U.$$

2. We denote

$$\tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma} = \left\{ g \in M_0 : \operatorname{Re} \left[ \gamma + \beta \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] > 0, z \in U \right\}.$$

Using the above corollary we have  $J_{\beta,\gamma}(K_{\beta,\gamma}) \subset \tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma}$ , so  $J_{\beta,\gamma}(\tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma}) \subset \tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma}$ , where  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma - \beta) > 0$ .

3. Let  $\beta < 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > \beta$  and  $\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta} \leq \alpha < 1$ . Then, from

$$J_{\beta,\gamma}(\tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma}) \subset \tilde{K}_{\beta,\gamma}, \text{ we deduce } J_{\beta,\gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha)) \subset M_0^*\left(\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}\right).$$

It's easy to see that from

$$G(z) = \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} g^\beta(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, z \in \dot{U},$$

we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta p(z)} = -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}, \quad \text{where } p(z) = -\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)}, z \in U. \quad (2.3)$$

Next we will study the properties of the image of a function  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$  through the integral operator  $J_{\beta,\gamma}$  defined by (2.2).

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\beta > 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1 < \delta \leq \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}$ .

If  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ , then  $G = J_{\beta,\gamma}(g) \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$  is equivalent to

$$\alpha < \operatorname{Re} \left[ -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] < \delta, z \in U,$$

so,

$$\operatorname{Re} \gamma - \beta \delta < \operatorname{Re} \left[ \gamma + \beta \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] < \operatorname{Re} \gamma - \beta \alpha, z \in U, \quad \text{when } \beta > 0.$$

Because  $\delta \leq \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}$  we get  $\operatorname{Re} \left[ \gamma + \beta \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] > 0, z \in U$ , and using Corollary 2.2, we

obtain that  $G = J_{\beta,\gamma}(g) \in M_0, zG(z) \neq 0, z \in U$ , and  $\operatorname{Re} \left[ \gamma + \beta \frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \right] > 0, z \in U$ .

From (2.3) we know that

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta p(z)} = -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}, \quad \text{where } p(z) = -\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)}.$$

Since  $G \in M_0$  with  $zG(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , we have  $p(z) = -\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \in H[1, 1]$ .

It's not difficult to see that there is a convex function  $q$  on  $U$  such that  $q(U) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha < \operatorname{Re} z < \delta\}$  and  $q(0) = 1$ , so

$$g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta) \Rightarrow -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \prec q(z).$$

Now we have

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta p(z)} \prec q(z), \text{ with } q \text{ convex on } U, q(0) = 1.$$

We want to apply Theorem 1.7 to the above differential subordination, so we need to see that  $\operatorname{Re} [\gamma - \beta q(z)] > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ .

Since  $\beta > 0$ , we obtain from  $\alpha < \operatorname{Re} q(z) < \delta$ ,  $z \in U$ , that

$$\operatorname{Re} \gamma - \beta \delta < \operatorname{Re} [\gamma - \beta q(z)] < \operatorname{Re} \gamma - \beta \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

Because  $\delta \leq \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}$  we have  $\operatorname{Re} [\gamma - \beta q(z)] > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , and using Theorem 1.7 we obtain  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ , which is equivalent to

$$-\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \prec q(z), \quad z \in U. \tag{2.4}$$

Since  $G \in M_0$ , we get from (2.4) that  $G \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ . □

Taking  $\beta = 1$  in the above theorem we obtain:

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1 < \delta \leq \operatorname{Re} \gamma$ . If  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ , then*

$$G = J_{1,\gamma}(g) = \frac{\gamma - 1}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} g(t) dt \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta).$$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\beta < 0$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta} \leq \alpha < 1 < \delta$ .*

*If  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ , then  $G = J_{\beta,\gamma} \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ .*

*Proof.* From Remark 2.3 item 3., we have  $J_{\beta,\gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha)) \subset M_0^*\left(\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}\right)$ , hence

$G = J_{\beta,\gamma}(g) \in M_0^*\left(\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}\right)$ . Since  $G \in M_0^*\left(\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}\right)$ , we have  $G \in M_0$  and  $zG(z) \neq$

$0$ ,  $z \in U$ , so  $-\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \in H[1, 1]$ .

Because  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$  and

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta p(z)} = -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)}, \quad \text{where } p(z) = -\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)},$$

we will use the same idea as at the proof of Theorem 2.4. So, we have to see that  $\operatorname{Re}[\gamma - \beta q(z)] > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , where  $q$  is convex on  $U$ ,  $q(0) = 1$ ,  $q(U) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha < \operatorname{Re} z < \delta\}$ .

From  $\operatorname{Re} q(z) > \alpha$ ,  $z \in U$ , we obtain  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma - \beta \operatorname{Re} q(z) > \operatorname{Re} \gamma - \alpha \beta \geq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , when  $\alpha \geq \frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}$ ,  $\beta < 0$ .

Applying Theorem 1.7 to the differential subordination

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta p(z)} \prec q(z), \quad z \in U,$$

we obtain  $p(z) \prec q(z)$ , which is equivalent to

$$-\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} \prec q(z), \quad z \in U. \tag{2.5}$$

Since  $G \in M_0$ , we get from (2.5) that  $G \in M_0^*(\alpha, \delta)$ . □

**Remark 2.7.** If we consider  $\delta \rightarrow \infty$  in the above theorem, we obtain that for  $\beta < 0$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\beta < \operatorname{Re} \gamma$  and  $\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta} \leq \alpha < 1$ ,

$$g \in M_0^*(\alpha) \Rightarrow G = J_{\beta, \gamma}(g) \in M_0^*(\alpha).$$

**Definition 2.8.** For a given number  $\alpha \in \left[\frac{\operatorname{Re} \gamma}{\beta}, 1\right)$ , where  $\beta < 0$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\beta < \operatorname{Re} \gamma$ , we define the order of starlikeness of the class  $J_{\beta, \gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha))$  as the biggest number  $\mu = \mu(\alpha; \beta, \gamma)$  such that  $J_{\beta, \gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha)) \subset M_0^*(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 2.9. (the order of starlikeness of the class  $J_{\beta, \gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha))$ )** Let  $\beta < 0$ ,  $\gamma - \beta > 0$  and let  $J_{\beta, \gamma}$  be given by (2.2). If  $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, 1)$ , where  $\alpha_0 = \max\left\{\frac{\beta + \gamma + 1}{2\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right\}$ , then the order of starlikeness of the class  $J_{\beta, \gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha))$  is given by

$$\mu(\alpha; \beta, \gamma) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left[ \frac{\gamma - \beta}{{}_2F_1(1, 2\beta(\alpha - 1), \gamma + 1 - \beta; \frac{1}{2})} - \gamma \right],$$

where  ${}_2F_1$  represents the hypergeometric function.



*Proof.* We know that if  $g \in M_0$  with  $zg(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , then  $\frac{1}{g} \in A$ . It's not difficult to see that

$$J_{\beta,\gamma}(g) = \frac{1}{I_{-\beta,\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)}, \beta < 0, g \in M_0^*(\alpha).$$

Using the fact that  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha)$  is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{g} \in S^*(\alpha)$ , we obtain from Theorem 1.8 that

$$I_{-\beta,\gamma}(S^*(\alpha)) \subset S^*(\delta(\alpha; -\beta, \gamma)),$$

so

$$J_{\beta,\gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha)) \subset M_0^*(\delta(\alpha; -\beta, \gamma)).$$

It's easy to prove that  $\delta(\alpha; -\beta, \gamma)$  is the largest number  $\mu$  such that  $J_{\beta,\gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha)) \subset M_0^*(\mu)$ , so the order of starlikeness of the class  $J_{\beta,\gamma}(M_0^*(\alpha))$  is  $\mu(\alpha; \beta, \gamma) = \delta(\alpha; -\beta, \gamma)$ .  $\square$

Further we will find some conditions for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta = \delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  such that

$$J_{\beta,\gamma}[M_0^*(\alpha) \cap K_{\beta,\gamma}] \subset M_0^*(\delta).$$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $0 < \beta < \gamma$ . Let's denote*

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) &= \frac{2\sqrt{2\gamma(\alpha-1)^2 + \alpha - \alpha - 1}}{2(\alpha-1)^2}, \\ \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= \frac{2\alpha\beta + 2\gamma + 1 - \sqrt{(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\gamma)^2 + 8(\gamma - \beta)}}{4\beta}, \\ \delta_2(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= \frac{2\alpha\beta + 2\beta + 1 - \sqrt{(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\beta)^2 + 8(\beta - \gamma)}}{4\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\gamma > \frac{1}{8}$  and  $\beta < \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma)$ , then  $J_{\beta,\gamma}[M_0^*(\alpha) \cap K_{\beta,\gamma}] \subset M_0^*(\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ .

$$\text{If } \gamma \leq \frac{1}{8} \text{ or } \begin{cases} \gamma > \frac{1}{8} \\ \beta \geq \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) \end{cases}, \text{ then } J_{\beta,\gamma}[M_0^*(\alpha) \cap K_{\beta,\gamma}] \subset M_0^*(\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)), \text{ where}$$

$$\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \min\{\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma), \delta_2(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)\}. \tag{2.6}$$

The operator  $J_{\beta,\gamma}$  is defined by (2.2).

*Proof.* We remark that  $\beta_1(\alpha, \gamma)$  is a real number and it is the greatest root for the equation

$$\Delta_2 = (1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\beta)^2 + 8(\beta - \gamma) = 4(\alpha - 1)^2\beta^2 + 4\beta(\alpha + 1) + 1 - 8\gamma = 0,$$

hence  $\Delta_2 \geq 0$ , when  $\beta \geq \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma)$ .

It's not difficult to see that

$$\beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (8\gamma - 1)(\alpha - 1)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \gamma \geq \frac{1}{8}.$$

We next verify that the number  $\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is less than 1. It's obvious that  $\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is a real number since  $\gamma - \beta > 0$ . Further we will use the notation  $\delta_1$  instead of  $\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

We have  $\delta_1 < 1$  if and only if

$$2\alpha\beta + 2\gamma + 1 - 4\beta < \sqrt{(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\gamma)^2 + 8(\gamma - \beta)}. \quad (2.7)$$

If  $2\alpha\beta + 2\gamma + 1 - 4\beta < 0$  then the inequality (2.7) is fulfilled.

If  $2\alpha\beta + 2\gamma + 1 - 4\beta \geq 0$ , we use the square of the inequality (2.7) and after a simple computation, we obtain that (2.7) is equivalent to  $(\beta - \gamma)(1 - \alpha) < 0$  which is true for  $\beta < \gamma$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . Thus, we have  $\delta_1 < 1$ .

Since  $g \in K_{\beta, \gamma}$ , with  $\beta < \gamma$ , we have from Corollary 2.2 that  $zG(z) = zJ_{\beta, \gamma}(g)(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . Now let us put

$$-\frac{zG'(z)}{G(z)} = (1 - \delta)p(z) + \delta, \quad z \in U, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $p \in H(U)$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $\delta < 1$ . We remark that the function  $p$  also depends on  $\delta$ .

Using (2.8) and the logarithmic differential for (2.2), we obtain

$$-\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \alpha = (1 - \delta)p(z) + \delta - \alpha + \frac{(1 - \delta)zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta\delta - (1 - \delta)\beta p(z)}, \quad z \in U.$$

Let us denote

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) = (1 - \delta)p(z) + \delta - \alpha + \frac{(1 - \delta)zp'(z)}{\gamma - \beta\delta - (1 - \delta)\beta p(z)}, \quad z \in U.$$

Since  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha)$ , we have  $\operatorname{Re} \left[ -\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right] > \alpha$ , so

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(p(z), zp'(z); z) > 0, \quad z \in U.$$

To be able to use Lemma 1.6 we need to verify the condition (1.2) for  $n = 1$ .

For  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z \in U$  and  $\sigma \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma; z) = \delta - \alpha + (1 - \delta)\sigma \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\gamma - \beta\delta - (1 - \delta)\beta p i} = \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \delta - \alpha + \frac{(\gamma - \beta\delta)(1 - \delta)\sigma}{(\gamma - \beta\delta)^2 + (1 - \delta)^2\beta^2\rho^2}.$$

Because  $(\gamma - \beta\delta)(1 - \delta) > 0$  and  $\sigma \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + \rho^2)$ , we obtain from (2.9) that

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma; z) \leq \delta - \alpha - \frac{(\gamma - \beta\delta)(1 - \delta)}{2[(\gamma - \beta\delta)^2 + (1 - \delta)^2\beta^2\rho^2]}.$$

Thus,

$$\operatorname{Re} \psi(i\rho, \sigma; z) \leq -\frac{1}{D}(A + B\rho^2), \rho \in \mathbb{R},$$

where

$$A = (\gamma - \beta\delta)[2\beta\delta^2 - (1 + 2\gamma + 2\alpha\beta)\delta + 2\alpha\gamma + 1],$$

$$B = (1 - \delta)[2\beta^2\delta^2 - \beta(1 + 2\beta + 2\alpha\beta)\delta + 2\alpha\beta^2 + \gamma],$$

$$D = 2[(\gamma - \beta\delta)^2 + (1 - \delta)^2\beta^2\rho^2] > 0.$$

If  $\gamma > \frac{1}{8}$  and  $0 < \beta < \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma)$ , then  $\Delta_2 < 0$ , so  $B > 0$  for every  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, since  $\beta > 0$ , we have  $A \geq 0$  when  $\delta \leq \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Hence, the condition (1.2) is satisfied for  $\delta \leq \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) < 1$  and applying Lemma 1.6 we obtain  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , when  $\delta \leq \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

From (2.8) and  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , when  $\delta \leq \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , we get  $G \in M_0^*(\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ .

If  $\gamma \leq \frac{1}{8}$  or  $\begin{cases} \gamma > \frac{1}{8} \\ \beta \geq \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) \end{cases}$  and  $\delta \leq \delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , where  $\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is given by (2.6),

then  $A \geq 0$  and  $B \geq 0$ , therefore the condition (1.2) is satisfied. Applying Lemma 1.6 we obtain  $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , for all  $\delta \leq \delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , so  $G \in M_0^*(\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ .  $\square$

We see that if we consider, in the above theorem, the condition  $zG(z) = zJ_{\alpha, \beta}(g)(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ , we get:

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \beta < \gamma$ ,  $g \in M_0^*(\alpha)$  and  $G(z) = J_{\alpha, \beta}(g)(z)$ , where the operator  $J_{\beta, \gamma}$  is defined by (2.2). Suppose that  $zG(z) \neq 0$ ,  $z \in U$ . Let's denote*

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) &= \frac{2\sqrt{2\gamma(\alpha - 1)^2 + \alpha} - \alpha - 1}{2(\alpha - 1)^2}, \\ \delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= \frac{2\alpha\beta + 2\gamma + 1 - \sqrt{(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\gamma)^2 + 8(\gamma - \beta)}}{4\beta}, \\ \delta_2(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= \frac{2\alpha\beta + 2\beta + 1 - \sqrt{(1 + 2\alpha\beta - 2\beta)^2 + 8(\beta - \gamma)}}{4\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\gamma > \frac{1}{8}$  and  $\beta < \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma)$ , then  $G \in M_0^*(\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ .

If  $\gamma \leq \frac{1}{8}$  or  $\begin{cases} \gamma > \frac{1}{8} \\ \beta \geq \beta_1(\alpha, \gamma) \end{cases}$ , then  $G \in M_0^*(\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ , where

$$\delta(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \min\{\delta_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma), \delta_2(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)\}.$$

The properties of the integral operator  $J_{1,\gamma}$ , were studied by many authors in different papers, from which we remember [1], [2], [6], [7], [8].

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