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# Some Properties of Certain Class of Integral Operators

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The main object of this paper is to derive some inequality properties and convolution properties of certain class of integral operators defined on the space of meromorphic functions.

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad (1.1)$$

which are *analytic* in the *punctured* open unit disk

$$\mathbb{U}^* := \{z : z \in \mathbb{C}, 0 < |z| < 1\} =: \mathbb{U} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (1.2)$$

Let  $f, g \in \Sigma$ , where  $f$  is given by (1.1) and  $g$  is defined by

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k. \quad (1.3)$$

Then the Hadamard product (or convolution)  $f * g$  of the functions  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) := \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k =: (g * f)(z). \quad (1.4)$$

For two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , we say that the function  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  and write

$$f(z) < g(z), \quad (1.5)$$

if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$ , which is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$\omega(0) = 0, \quad |\omega(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (1.6)$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(\omega(z)) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.7)$$

Indeed, it is known that

$$f(z) < g(z) \implies f(0) = g(0), \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}). \quad (1.8)$$

Furthermore, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have the following equivalence:

$$f(z) < g(z) \iff f(0) = g(0), \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}). \quad (1.9)$$

Analogous to the integral operator defined by Jung et al. [1], Lashin [2] recently introduced and investigated the integral operator

$$Q_{\alpha, \beta} : \Sigma \longrightarrow \Sigma \quad (1.10)$$

defined, in terms of the familiar Gamma function, by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\alpha, \beta} f(z) &= \frac{\Gamma(\beta + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{1}{z^{\beta+1}} \int_0^z t^\beta \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{z} + \frac{\Gamma(\beta + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha + 1)} a_k z^k \quad (\alpha > 0; \beta > 0; z \in \mathbb{U}^*). \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

By setting

$$f_{\alpha, \beta}(z) := \frac{1}{z} + \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta + \alpha)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(k + \beta + 1)} z^k \quad (\alpha > 0; \beta > 0; z \in \mathbb{U}^*), \quad (1.12)$$

we define a new function  $f_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda(z)$  in terms of the Hadamard product (or convolution)

$$f_{\alpha,\beta}(z) * f_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda(z) = \frac{1}{z(1-z)^\lambda} \quad (\alpha > 0; \beta > 0; \lambda > 0; z \in \mathbb{U}^*). \quad (1.13)$$

Then, motivated essentially by the operator  $Q_{\alpha,\beta}$ , Wang et al. [3] introduced the operator

$$Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda : \Sigma \longrightarrow \Sigma, \quad (1.14)$$

which is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) &:= f_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda(z) * f(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} + \frac{\Gamma(\beta + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda)_{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(k + \beta + \alpha + 1)} a_k z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}^*; f \in \Sigma), \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

where (and throughout this paper unless otherwise mentioned) the parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\lambda$  are constrained as follows:

$$\alpha > 0, \quad \beta > 0, \quad \lambda > 0 \quad (1.16)$$

and  $(\lambda)_k$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(\lambda)_k := \begin{cases} 1 & (k = 0), \\ \lambda(\lambda + 1) \cdots (\lambda + k - 1) & (k \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, \dots\}). \end{cases} \quad (1.17)$$

Clearly, we know that  $Q_{\alpha,\beta}^1 = Q_{\alpha,\beta}$ .

It is readily verified from (1.15) that

$$z(Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f)'(z) = \lambda Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1} f(z) - (\lambda + 1) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z), \quad (1.18)$$

$$z(Q_{\alpha+1,\beta}^\lambda f)'(z) = (\beta + \alpha) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) - (\beta + \alpha + 1) Q_{\alpha+1,\beta}^\lambda f(z). \quad (1.19)$$

Recently, Wang et al. [3] obtained several inclusion relationships and integral-preserving properties associated with some subclasses involving the operator  $Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda$ , some subordination and superordination results involving the operator are also derived. Furthermore, Sun et al. [4] investigated several other subordination and superordination results for the operator  $Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda$ .

In order to derive our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** (see [5]). Let  $\phi$  be analytic and convex univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\phi(0) = 1$ . Suppose also that  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . If

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{c} < \phi(z) \quad (\Re(c) \geq 0; c \neq 0), \quad (1.20)$$

then

$$p(z) < cz^{-c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} \phi(t) dt < \phi(z), \quad (1.21)$$

and  $cz^{-c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} \phi(t) dt$  is the best dominant of (1.20).

Let  $\mathbb{P}(\gamma)$  ( $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ) denote the class of functions of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \cdots, \quad (1.22)$$

which are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfy the condition

$$\Re(p(z)) > \gamma \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.23)$$

**Lemma 1.2** (see [6]). Let

$$\psi_j(z) \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_j) \quad (0 \leq \gamma_j < 1; j = 1, 2). \quad (1.24)$$

Then

$$(\psi_1 * \psi_2)(z) \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_3) \quad (\gamma_3 = 1 - 2(1 - \gamma_1)(1 - \gamma_2)). \quad (1.25)$$

The result is the best possible.

**Lemma 1.3** (see [7]). Let

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \cdots \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma) \quad (0 \leq \gamma < 1). \quad (1.26)$$

Then

$$\Re(p(z)) > 2\gamma - 1 + \frac{2(1 - \gamma)}{1 + |z|}. \quad (1.27)$$

In the present paper, we aim at proving some inequality properties and convolution properties of the integral operator  $Q_{\alpha, \beta}^\lambda$ .

## 2. Main Results

Our first main result is given by Theorem 2.1 below.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mu < 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition*

$$z \left[ (1 - \mu) Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda+1} f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda} f(z) \right] < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.1)$$

then

$$\Re \left( \left( z Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda} f(z) \right)^{1/n} \right) > \left( \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left( \frac{1 - Au}{1 - Bu} \right) du \right)^{1/n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.2)$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$p(z) := z Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda} f(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; f \in \Sigma). \quad (2.3)$$

Then  $p$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $p(0) = 1$ . Combining (1.18) and (2.3), we find that

$$z Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda+1} f(z) = p(z) + \frac{z p'(z)}{\lambda}. \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.1), (2.3), and (2.4), we get

$$p(z) + \frac{1 - \mu}{\lambda} z p'(z) < \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}. \quad (2.5)$$

By Lemma 1.1, we obtain

$$p(z) < \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left( \frac{1 + At}{1 + Bt} \right) dt, \quad (2.6)$$

or equivalently,

$$z Q_{\alpha, \beta}^{\lambda} f(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left( \frac{1 + Au\omega(z)}{1 + Bu\omega(z)} \right) du, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\omega$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with

$$\omega(0) = 0, \quad |\omega(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (2.8)$$

Since  $\mu < 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ , we deduce from (2.7) that

$$\Re\left(zQ_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z)\right) > \frac{\lambda}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left(\frac{1-Au}{1-Bu}\right) du. \quad (2.9)$$

By noting that

$$\Re\left(\varrho^{1/n}\right) \geq (\Re(\varrho))^{1/n} \quad (\varrho \in \mathbb{C}, \Re(\varrho) \geq 0; n \geq 1), \quad (2.10)$$

the assertion (2.2) of Theorem 2.1 follows immediately from (2.9) and (2.10).

To show the sharpness of (2.2), we consider the function  $f \in \Sigma$  defined by

$$zQ_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left(\frac{1+Au}{1+Bu}\right) du. \quad (2.11)$$

For the function  $f$  defined by (2.11), we easily find that

$$z\left[(1-\mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1}f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z)\right] = \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.12)$$

it follows from (2.12) that

$$zQ_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left(\frac{1-Au}{1-Bu}\right) du \quad (z \rightarrow -1). \quad (2.13)$$

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

In view of (1.19), by similarly applying the method of proof of Theorem 2.1, we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\mu < 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition*

$$z\left[(1-\mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha+1,\beta}^\lambda f(z)\right] < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.14)$$

then

$$\Re\left(\left(zQ_{\alpha+1,\beta}^\lambda f(z)\right)^{1/n}\right) > \left(\frac{\beta+\alpha}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 u^{(\beta+\alpha)/(1-\mu)-1} \left(\frac{1-Au}{1-Bu}\right) du\right)^{1/n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.15)$$

The result is sharp.

For the function  $f \in \Sigma$  given by (1.1), we here recall the integral operator

$$\mathcal{J}_v : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma, \quad (2.16)$$

defined by

$$\mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) := \frac{\nu-1}{z^\nu} \int_0^z t^{\nu-1} f(t) dt \quad (\nu > 1). \quad (2.17)$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\mu < 1$ ,  $\nu > 1$  and  $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ . Suppose also that  $\mathcal{J}_\nu$  is given by (2.17). If  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfies the condition

$$z \left[ (1-\mu) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) \right] < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.18)$$

then

$$\Re \left( \left( z Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) \right)^{1/n} \right) > \left( \frac{\nu-1}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 u^{(\nu-1)/(1-\mu)-1} \left( \frac{1-Au}{1-Bu} \right) du \right)^{1/n} \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (2.19)$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* We easily find from (2.17) that

$$(\nu-1) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) = \nu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) + z \left( Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f \right)'(z). \quad (2.20)$$

Suppose that

$$q(z) := z Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; f \in \Sigma). \quad (2.21)$$

It follows from (2.18), (2.20) and (2.21) that

$$z \left[ (1-\mu) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda \mathcal{J}_\nu f(z) \right] = q(z) + \frac{1-\mu}{\nu-1} z q'(z) < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}. \quad (2.22)$$

The remainder of the proof of Theorem 2.3 is much akin to that of Theorem 2.1, we therefore choose to omit the analogous details involved.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\mu < 1$  and  $-1 \leq B_j < A_j \leq 1$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). If  $f \in \Sigma$  is defined by

$$Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z) = Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda (f_1 * f_2)(z), \quad (2.23)$$

and each of the functions  $f_j \in \Sigma$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) satisfies the condition

$$z \left[ (1-\mu) Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1} f_j(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f_j(z) \right] < \frac{1+A_j z}{1+B_j z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.24)$$

then

$$\Re\left(z\left[(1-\mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1}f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f(z)\right]\right) > 1 - \frac{4(A_1 - B_1)(A_2 - B_2)}{(1 - B_1)(1 - B_2)} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1}}{1 + u} du\right). \quad (2.25)$$

The result is sharp when  $B_1 = B_2 = -1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f_j \in \Sigma$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) satisfy conditions (2.24). By setting

$$\varphi_j(z) := z\left[(1-\mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1}f_j(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f_j(z)\right] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; j = 1, 2), \quad (2.26)$$

it follows from (2.24) and (2.26) that

$$\varphi_j \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_j) \quad \left(\gamma_j = \frac{1 - A_j}{1 - B_j}; j = 1, 2\right). \quad (2.27)$$

Combining (1.18) and (2.26), we get

$$Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f_j(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \varphi_j(t) dt \quad (j = 1, 2). \quad (2.28)$$

For the function  $f \in \Sigma$  given by (2.23), we find from (2.28) that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f(z) &= Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}(f_1 * f_2)(z) \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \varphi_1(t) dt\right) * \left(\frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \varphi_2(t) dt\right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \varphi(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

where

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} (\varphi_1 * \varphi_2)(t) dt. \quad (2.30)$$

By noting that  $\varphi_1 \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_1)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_2)$ , it follows from Lemma 1.2 that

$$(\varphi_1 * \varphi_2)(z) \in \mathbb{P}(\gamma_3) \quad (\gamma_3 = 1 - 2(1 - \gamma_1)(1 - \gamma_2)). \quad (2.31)$$



Furthermore, by Lemma 1.3, we know that

$$\Re((\psi_1 * \psi_2)(z)) > 2\gamma_3 - 1 + \frac{2(1 - \gamma_3)}{1 + |z|}. \quad (2.32)$$

In view of (2.24), (2.30), and (2.32), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re\left(z\left[(1 - \mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda+1}f(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f(z)\right]\right) \\ &= \Re(\psi(z)) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \Re((\psi_1 * \psi_2)(uz)) du \\ &\geq \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left(2\gamma_3 - 1 + \frac{2(1 - \gamma_3)}{1 + u|z|}\right) du \\ &= 1 - \frac{4(A_1 - B_1)(A_2 - B_2)}{(1 - B_1)(1 - B_2)} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1}}{1 + u} du\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

When  $B_1 = B_2 = -1$ , we consider the functions  $f_j \in \Sigma$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) which satisfy conditions (2.24) and are given by

$$Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f_j(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} z^{-\lambda/(1-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left(\frac{1 + A_j t}{1 - t}\right) dt \quad (j = 1, 2). \quad (2.34)$$

It follows from (2.26), (2.28), (2.30), and (2.34) that

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1} \left[1 - (1 + A_1)(1 + A_2) + \frac{(1 + A_1)(1 + A_2)}{1 - uz}\right] du. \quad (2.35)$$

Thus, we have

$$\psi(z) \longrightarrow 1 - (1 + A_1)(1 + A_2) \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \mu} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{\lambda/(1-\mu)-1}}{1 + u} du\right) \quad (z \longrightarrow -1). \quad (2.36)$$

The proof of Theorem 2.4 is evidently completed.  $\square$

With the aid of (1.19), by applying the similar method of the proof of Theorem 2.4, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $\mu < 1$  and  $-1 \leq B_j < A_j \leq 1$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). If  $f \in \Sigma$  is defined by (2.23) and each of the functions  $f_j \in \Sigma$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) satisfies the condition*

$$z\left[(1 - \mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^{\lambda}f_j(z) + \mu Q_{\alpha+1,\beta}^{\lambda}f_j(z)\right] < \frac{1 + A_j z}{1 + B_j z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \quad (2.37)$$

then

$$\Re\left(z\left[(1-\mu)Q_{\alpha,\beta}^\lambda f(z)+\mu Q_{\alpha+1,\beta}^\lambda f(z)\right]\right) > 1 - \frac{4(A_1-B_1)(A_2-B_2)}{(1-B_1)(1-B_2)} \left(1 - \frac{\beta+\alpha}{1-\mu} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{(\beta+\alpha)/(1-\mu)-1}}{1+u} du\right). \quad (2.38)$$

The result is sharp when  $B_1 = B_2 = -1$ .

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