

**NEW RESULTS RELATED TO STARLIKENESS AND CONVEXITY  
OF THE BERNARDI INTEGRAL OPERATOR**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we extend some known results related to starlikeness and convexity of the Bernardi integral operator given by

$$L_{\beta}[f](z) = \frac{\beta + 1}{z^{\beta}} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\beta-1} dt \quad (1)$$

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{U})$  denote the set of holomorphic functions in the open disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and let

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{U}) : f(z) = z + a_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots\}$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . Also, for a positive integer  $n$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , let

$$\mathcal{H}[a, n] = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{U}), f(z) = a + a_n z^n + \dots, z \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

and  $\mathcal{S} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : f \text{ is univalent in } \mathcal{U}\}$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{K}(\alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 > \alpha, z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}$$

denote the class of normalized convex functions of order  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha < 1$ . For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(0) = \mathcal{K}$  denote the class of normalized convex functions in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

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

denote de class of starlike function of order  $\alpha$ , with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha < 1$ . For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^*(0) = \mathcal{S}^*$  denote the class of starlike functions in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Theorem 1.** [2][10][7] *Theorem 9.5.5., p. 218)* If  $L_\gamma : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is the integral operator defined by  $L_\gamma[f] = F$ , where  $F$  is given by

$$L_\gamma[f](z) = F(z) = \frac{\gamma + 1}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\gamma-1} dt,$$

and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , then it is well known that:

- (i)  $L_\gamma(\mathcal{S}^*) \subset \mathcal{S}^*$ ;
- (ii)  $L_\gamma(\mathcal{K}) \subset \mathcal{K}$ .

**Theorem 2.** ([8], Theorem 1) Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$  and let

$$F(z) = L_\beta(z) = \frac{\beta + 1}{z^\beta} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\beta-1} dt, \quad z \in \mathcal{U},$$

If

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

then the function  $F$  is convex.

**Theorem 3.** ([9], Theorem 1) Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$  and

$$F(z) = L_\beta[f](z) = \frac{\beta + 1}{z^\beta} \int_0^z f(t)t^{\beta-1} dt, \quad z \in \mathcal{U},$$

then the function  $F$  is starlike.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In [9], Georgia Irina Oros was proved that if  $f \in \mathcal{S}^* \left( -\frac{1}{2\beta} \right)$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$ , then  $F$  given by (1) is starlike. We will extend this result from the next theorem:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\beta \geq 1$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $F(z) = L_\beta[f](z)$  where  $L_\beta$  is given by (1).

If

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > -\frac{\beta}{2}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U} \tag{2}$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} > -\beta, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$ , we have  $F(z) = z + b_{n+1}z^{n+1} + \dots$ ,  $F(0) = 0$ ,  $F'(0) = 1$ .

From (1) we have

$$z^\beta \cdot F(z) = (\beta + 1) \int_0^z f(t)t^{\beta-1} dt, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{3}$$

By differentiating (3) and by a simple calculation we obtain

$$F(z) \left[ \beta + \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} \right] = (\beta + 1)f(z), \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{4}$$

We let

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\beta + 1} \left[ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \beta \right] = 1 + c_n z^n + \dots, \quad p(0) = 1, \quad p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]. \tag{5}$$

Using (5), then (4) becomes

$$F(z) \cdot p(z) = f(z), \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{6}$$

By differentiating (6) and using (5), we obtain

$$(1 + \beta)p(z) - \beta + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{7}$$

Using (2) and (7), we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 + \beta)p(z) - \beta + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > -\frac{\beta}{2}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 + \beta)p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] > 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{8}$$

We let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z) = (1 + \beta)p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{\beta}{2}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (9)$$

Then (8) is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re}\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z) > 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (10)$$

In order to prove our theorem, we use a well known Lemma due to S.S. Miller and P.T. Mocanu (see [3]-[6]). For that we calculate

$$\operatorname{Re}\psi(i\rho, \sigma, z) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 + \beta)i\rho + \frac{\sigma}{i\rho} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] = -\frac{\beta}{2} \leq 0.$$

Now, using the above mentioned Lemma, we get that  $\operatorname{Re}p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , i.e

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{1 + \beta} \left[ \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} + \beta \right] > 0,$$

which imply that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zF'(z)}{F(z)} > -\beta, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}$$

hence  $F \in \mathcal{S}^*(-\beta)$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ .

**Remark 1.** *This result improves the results in Theorem 1.*

**Remark 2.** *For  $\beta = 1$ , Theorem 4 extend the results obtained in [7], Theorem 9.5.2, p. 214, (R. J. Libera Theorem) for the Libera operator.*

In [8], Georgia Irina Oros showed that if  $f \in \mathcal{K}\left(-\frac{1}{2\beta}\right)$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$ , then  $F \in \mathcal{K}$ , where  $F$  is given by (1). We will extend this result by the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.** *If  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and satisfies*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 > -\frac{\beta}{2} \quad (11)$$

*then  $L_\beta[f](z) = F(z) \in \mathcal{K}(-\beta)$ , where  $L_\beta$  given by (1).*

*Proof.* By, differentiating (3), and by a simple calculation we obtain that

$$F'(z) \left[ \beta + 1 + \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} \right] = (\beta + 1)f'(z), \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (12)$$

We let

$$(1 + \beta)p(z) = \beta + 1 + \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} = \beta + 1 + c_n z^n + \dots, \quad p(0) = 1, \quad p \in \mathcal{H}[1, n]. \quad (13)$$

Using (13) in (12), we have

$$F'(z)p(z) = f'(z), \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (14)$$

By differentiating (14) and by a simple calculation we obtain

$$\frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} + \beta + 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 + \beta, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (15)$$

Using (13) in (15) we obtain

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 + \beta, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (16)$$

From (11), we have:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] > 0. \quad (17)$$

We let  $\psi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z) = p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{\beta}{2}, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (18)$$

Then (17) becomes

$$\operatorname{Re}\psi(p(z), zp'(z), z) > 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (19)$$

In order to prove our theorem, we use a well known Lemma due to S.S. Miller and P.T. Mocanu (see [3]-[6]). For that we calculate

$$\operatorname{Re}\psi(i\rho, \sigma, z) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ i\rho + \frac{\sigma}{i\rho} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] = -\frac{\beta}{2} < 0.$$

Now, using the above mentioned Lemma, we get that  $\operatorname{Re}p(z) > 0$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{U}$ , i.e

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{zF''(z)}{F'(z)} + 1 \right] > -\beta, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}$$

hence  $F \in \mathcal{K}(-\beta)$ .

**Remark 3.** *The results of this theorem extend the results obtained in Theorem 1.*

**Remark 4.** *For  $\beta = 1$ , the results extend the results of Th. 9.5.2, Th. 9.5.3.[7], p. 214-215.*

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