

Starlikeness of an integral operator associated with Mittag-Leffler functions

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Abstract

In the present paper, we introduce a new integral operator involving with Mittag-Leffler function and the Salagean operator. Further, we obtain some sufficient conditions for this integral operator belonging to certain classes of starlike functions.

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1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} represent the class of functions f of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad (1.1)$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk $\Delta = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$. Further, we represent \mathcal{S} by the subclass of \mathcal{A} consisting of functions f of the form (1.1) which are also univalent in Δ .

In 1936, Robertson [22] (see also [24]) introduced two most important and widely used classes of univalent functions as follows:

A function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be starlike of order ϵ if it satisfies the following analytic criteria

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \epsilon, \quad z \in \Delta, \quad \text{for some } \epsilon (0 \leq \epsilon < 1).$$

Also, a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be convex of order ϵ if it satisfies the following analytic criteria

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \epsilon, \quad z \in \Delta, \quad \text{for some } \epsilon (0 \leq \epsilon < 1).$$

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The classes of all starlike functions and convex functions of order ϵ are denoted by $\mathcal{S}^*(\epsilon)$ and $\mathcal{C}(\epsilon)$, respectively. For $\epsilon = 0$, these classes reduce to the classes \mathcal{S}^* and \mathcal{C} , respectively. In 1983, Salagean [23] introduced an interesting derivative operator D^p known as Salagean derivative operator. Using this operator he generalized and unified the classes of starlike and convex functions, by investigating a new class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon)$ consisting of functions f of the form (1.1) and satisfying the following analytic criteria

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{D^{p+1}f(z)}{D^p f(z)} \right\} > \epsilon, \quad z \in \Delta, \quad p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad \text{for some } \epsilon (0 \leq \epsilon < 1).$$

It is worthy to note that for $p = 0$ and $p = 1$, the class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon)$ reduce to the classes $\mathcal{S}^*(\epsilon)$ and $\mathcal{C}(\epsilon)$, respectively. The class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon)$ was further studied by Kadioglu [9]. By using Salagean operator several researchers introduced various subclasses of analytic and harmonic univalent functions. Recent work on Salagean operator may be find in [7, 8, 10]. Analogues to the class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon)$, Porwal and Kumar [19] introduced a new class $\mathcal{N}(p, \omega)$ consisting of functions f of the form (1.1) and satisfying the following analytic criteria

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{D^{p+1}f(z)}{D^p f(z)} \right\} < \omega, \quad z \in \Delta, \quad p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad \text{for some } \omega \left(1 < \omega \leq \frac{2^p + 1}{2^{p-1} + 1} \right).$$

The applications of various special functions on integral operator is a current and interesting topic of research in geometric function theory. From time-to-time various integral operators associated with several special functions like Bessel functions, Mittag-Leffler functions, Dini functions, Struve function and Lommel functions are introduced and extensively studied by several researchers. Noteworthy, contribution in this direction may be found in [1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26].

Now, we recall the definition of Mittag-Leffler function $E_\alpha(z)$ which was introduced by Mittag-Leffler[13] and defined as

$$E_\alpha(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}, \Re(\alpha) > 0).$$

In 1905, Wiman[27, 28] generalized the Mittag-Leffler function in $E_{\alpha, \beta}(z)$ by the relation

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}, \quad (1.2)$$

where $z, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $\Re(\alpha) > 0$. It should be easy to see that the function $E_{\alpha, \beta}(z)$ defined by (1.2) is not in class \mathcal{A} . Thus, first we normalize the Mittag-Leffler function as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta}(z) &= \Gamma(\beta) z E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) \\ \mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta}(z) &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} z^n, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where $z, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $\beta \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$, $\Re(\alpha) > 0$. In the present work, we shall restrict our attention to the case for real-valued α , β and $z \in \Delta$. For specific values of α and β , the function $\mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta}(z)$ reduces to many well-known functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{2, 1}(z) &= z \cosh \sqrt{z} \\ \mathbb{E}_{2, 2}(z) &= \sqrt{z} \sinh \sqrt{z} \\ \mathbb{E}_{2, 3}(z) &= 2[\cosh \sqrt{z} - 1] \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbb{E}_{2, 4}(z) &= \frac{6[\sinh \sqrt{z} - \sqrt{z}]}{\sqrt{z}}. \end{aligned}$$

For further study of Mittag-Leffler function and generalized Mittag-Leffler function, interesting reader may refer to [2, 3].

Motivated with the above mentioned work, Srivastava *et al.* [26] investigated a new integral operator associated with Mittag-Leffler functions and obtain various interesting results.

In the present work, we introduce a new integral operator involving Mittag-Leffler function in the following way

$$F_{\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, \lambda_j}(p, z) = \int_0^z \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(t)}{t} \right)^{\gamma_i} \prod_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{D^p f_j(t)}{t} \right)^{\lambda_j} dt \quad (1.4)$$

where the functions $\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)$ is normalized Mittag-Leffler functions defined by (1.3), parameters γ_i, λ_j are positive real numbers such that the integral in (1.4) exists. The integral operator defined by (1.4) reduces to various integral operators for specific values of parameters $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, \lambda_j, p$, studied earlier by various researchers.

1. For $\gamma_i = 0 (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, the integral operator studied by Porwal [16].
2. For $\gamma_i = 0 (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, $p = 0, 1$ the integral operator studied by Breaz [4].
3. For $\gamma_i = 0 (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, $p = 1, m = 1$ the integral operator studied by Passai and Pescar [14].
4. For $\lambda_j = 0 (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ the integral operator studied by Srivastava *et al.* [26].

In the present paper, we obtain some sufficient conditions for the integral operator defined by (1.4) is in the class \mathcal{S}^* . For simplicity we can write $\mathbb{F}(p, z) = F_{\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, \lambda_j}(p, z)$.

2 Preliminary Results

To prove our main results we shall require the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. ([26]) Let $\alpha \geq 1, \beta \geq 1$. Then

$$\left| \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha, \beta}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta}(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1}, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

Lemma 2.2. ([25]) If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} &< \frac{\delta + 1}{2(\delta - 1)}, \quad z \in \Delta, \text{ for some } 2 \leq \delta < 3, \\ \text{or } \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} &< \frac{5\delta - 1}{2(\delta + 1)}, \quad z \in \Delta, \text{ for some } 1 < \delta \leq 2, \text{ then } f \in \mathcal{S}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3. ([25]) If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} &> -\frac{\delta + 1}{2\delta(\delta - 1)}, \quad z \in \Delta, \text{ for some } \delta \leq -1, \\ \text{or } \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} &> \frac{3\delta + 1}{2\delta(\delta + 1)}, \quad z \in \Delta, \text{ for some } \delta > 1, \text{ then } f \in \mathcal{S}^* \left(\frac{\delta + 1}{2\delta} \right). \end{aligned}$$

3 Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let n, m be natural numbers and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \geq 1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$ and suppose that $\beta = \min \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ and suppose that $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n), \lambda_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ are positive real numbers. Further, we let $f_j(z)$ be of the form (1.1) in the class $N(p, \omega_j)$ for $(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, also let $\omega = \max \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_m\}$. Moreover, suppose that these numbers satisfy the following inequality

$$\frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (\omega - 1) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \leq \frac{3 - \delta}{2(\delta - 1)}$$

is satisfied. Then the function $\mathbb{F}(p, z)$ defined by (1.4) is in the class \mathcal{S}^* for some $2 \leq \delta < 3$.

Proof . Differentiating equation (1.4) we have

$$\mathbb{F}'(p, z) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{z} \right)^{\gamma_i} \prod_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{D^p f_j(z)}{z} \right)^{\lambda_j}.$$

Taking logarithmic differentiation, we have

$$\frac{\mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \left(\frac{(D^p f_j(z))'}{D^p f_j(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

or equivalently

$$1 + \frac{z \mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left(\frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} - 1 \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \left(\frac{D^{p+1} f_j(z)}{D^p f_j(z)} - 1 \right) + 1. \quad (3.1)$$

Taking the real part of both side of (3.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z \mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} \right\} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \Re \left\{ \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} - 1 \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \Re \left(\frac{D^{p+1} f_j(z)}{D^p f_j(z)} - 1 \right) + 1 \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left| \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} - 1 \right| + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j (\omega_j - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left(\frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j (\omega_j - 1). \quad (3.3)$$

For all $z \in \Delta$ and $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n) \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$. Since the function $\phi : \left(\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), \infty \right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by $\phi(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 - x - 1}$ is decreasing. Therefore, for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we obtain

$$\frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1} \leq \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1}.$$

Using this result, inequality (3.2) can be written as

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z \mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} \right\} \leq 1 + \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (\omega - 1) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (\omega - 1) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j &< \frac{\delta + 1}{2(\delta - 1)} \\ \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (\omega - 1) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j &< \frac{\delta + 1}{2(\delta - 1)} - 1 \\ &= \frac{3 - \delta}{2(\delta - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from Lemma 2.2, $\mathbb{F}(p, z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$ for some $2 \leq \delta < 3$. Thus, the proof of Theorem 3.1 is established. \square

Theorem 3.2. Let n, m be natural numbers and $\alpha_i \geq 1, \beta_i \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \beta = \min \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ and suppose that $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n), \lambda_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ are positive real numbers. Further, we let $f_j(z)$ be of the

form (1.1) in the class $N(p, \omega_j)$ for $(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $p \in N_0$, $1 < \omega_j \leq \frac{2^p + 1}{2^{p-1} + 1}$, also let $\omega = \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_m\}$. Moreover, suppose that these numbers satisfy the following inequality

$$\frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (\omega - 1) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \leq \frac{3(\delta - 1)}{2\delta + 1}$$

is satisfied. Then the function $\mathbb{F}(p, z)$ defined by (1.4) is in the class \mathcal{S}^* for some $1 < \delta \leq 2$.

Proof . The proof of above theorem is much similar to that Theorem 3.1. Therefore, we omit the detail. \square

Theorem 3.3. Let n, m be natural numbers and $\alpha_i \geq 1$, $\beta_i \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; $\beta = \max\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ and suppose that $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, $\lambda_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ are positive real numbers. Further, we let $f_j(z)$ be of the form (1.1) in the class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon_j)$ for $(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $p \in N_0$, $0 \leq \epsilon_j < 1$, also let $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_m\}$. Moreover, suppose that these numbers satisfy the following inequality

$$\frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (1 - \epsilon) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \leq \frac{2\delta^2 - \delta + 1}{2\delta(\delta - 1)}$$

is satisfied. Then the function $\mathbb{F}(p, z)$ defined by (1.4) is in the class $\mathcal{S}\left(\frac{\delta + 1}{2\delta}\right)$ for some $\delta \leq -1$.

Proof . The equation (3.1) can be re-written as

$$\Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z \mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} \right\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \Re \left\{ \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \Re \left(\frac{D^{p+1} f_j(z)}{D^p f_j(z)} \right) + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i - \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j. \quad (3.4)$$

From Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\left| \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1}.$$

Using the identity $\Re\{z\} \leq |z|$, we have

$$\Re \left\{ 1 - \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} \right\} \leq \frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1}, \quad \text{or} \quad \Re \left\{ \frac{z \mathbb{E}'_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)}{\mathbb{E}_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}(z)} \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1}.$$

Using the above result in (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{z \mathbb{F}''(p, z)}{\mathbb{F}'(p, z)} \right\} &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left(1 - \frac{2\beta_i + 1}{\beta_i^2 - \beta_i - 1} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \epsilon_j + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i - \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i - (1 - \epsilon) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \\ &\geq -\frac{\delta + 1}{2\delta(\delta - 1)}, \quad (\text{by the given hypothesis}). \end{aligned}$$

\square

Theorem 3.4. Let n, m be natural numbers and $\alpha_i \geq 1$, $\beta_i \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; $\beta = \max\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ and suppose that $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, $\lambda_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ are positive real numbers. Further, we let $f_j(z)$ be of the form (1.1) in the class $\mathcal{S}(p, \epsilon_j)$ for $(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $p \in N_0$, $0 \leq \epsilon_j < 1$, also let $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_m\}$. Moreover, suppose that these numbers satisfy the following inequality

$$\frac{2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 - \beta - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i + (1 - \epsilon) \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \leq \frac{\delta + 1 - 2\delta^2}{2\delta(\delta - 1)}$$

is satisfied. Then the function $\mathbb{F}(p, z)$ defined by (1.4) is in the class $\mathcal{S}\left(\frac{\delta + 1}{2\delta}\right)$ for some $\delta > 1$.

Proof . The proof of above theorem runs parallel to that of Theorem 3.3. Therefore, we omit the details involved. \square

- Remark 3.5.**
1. If we put $\gamma_i = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) in Theorem 3.1–3.4 then we obtain the corresponding results for the integral operator introduced by Porwal [16].
 2. If we put $\lambda_j = 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) in Theorem 3.1–3.4 then we obtain the corresponding results for the integral operator studied by Srivastava et al. [26]

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