# Sufficient Conditions for Starlikeness of Univalent Analytic Functions Involving Flett Integral operator

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#### Abstract

In this paper we determined a condition on M for which  $\frac{I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z)}{z} \prec 1 + Mz$  implies  $f(z) \in S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$ , where  $I_m^n$  and  $F_\mu(f)(z)$  are respectively, the familiar multiplier transformations and the familiar Bernardi-Libera-Livingston operator.

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## Introduction

Let A(m) denote the class of functions of the form:

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \qquad (m \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, ....\}),$$
(1.1)

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . We note that A(1) = A, let  $S, S^*(\alpha)$  and  $C(\alpha)$  ( $0 \le \alpha < 1$ ) be the subclasses of functions in A which are, respectively, univalent, starlike of order  $\alpha$  and convex of order  $\alpha$  in U. We denote by  $S^*(0) = S^*$  and C(0) = C. If f and g are analytic in U, we say that f is subordinate to g, written  $f(z) \prec g(z)$  if there exists a Schwarz function w(z), which (by definition) is analytic in U with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1 for all  $z \in U$ , such that  $f(z) = g(w(z)), z \in U$ . Furthermore, if the function g is univalent in U, then we have the following equivalence (cf., e.g., [2], see also [7]):  $f(z) \prec g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(U) \subset g(U)$ . For functions  $f(z) \in A(m)$  given by (1.1) and  $g(z) \in A(m)$  given by

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} b_n z^k$$
 (*m*  $\in$  N),

the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f(z) and g(z) is given by

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

Also, for an analytic function f(z) given by (1.1), for all integer values of n and for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define the multiplier transformation  $I_m^n f(z)$  by

$$I_{m}^{n}f(z) = z + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} k^{-n}a_{k}z^{k} \qquad (z \in U).$$
(1.2)

Clearly, the function  $I_m^n f(z)$  is analytic in U. We note that

$$I_m^n(I_m^l f(z)) = I_m^{n+l} f(z) \qquad (m \in \mathbb{N}; z \in U)$$

for all integers n and l. We also note that :

(i) 
$$I_1^n f(z) = I^n f(z)$$
 (see Flett [3]);  
(ii)  $I_1^{-n} f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k$   
 $= D^n f(z) (n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$ 
(see Salagean [9])

It follows from (1.2) that  

$$z (I_m^n f(z))' = I_m^{n-1} f(z),$$
 (1.3)  
 $I_m^0 f(z) = f(z), I_m^{-1} f(z) = z f'(z)$  and  
 $I_m^{-2} f(z) = z (f'(z) + z f''(z)).$ 

For a function  $f(z) \in A$  (see [1], [4] and [6]) the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston operator  $F_{\mu} : A \rightarrow A$  is defined by

$$F_{\mu}(f)(z) = \frac{\mu+1}{z^{\mu}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{\mu-1} f(t) dt$$
  
=  $z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu+1}{\mu+k} a_{k} z^{k}$   
=  $\left(z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu+1}{\mu+k} z^{k}\right) * f(z)$   
=  $\left[z_{2}F_{1}(1,\mu+1;\mu+2;z)\right] * f(z)$   
 $(\mu > -1; z \in U),$  (1.4)

where  $_{2}F_{1}$  is the Gaussian hypergeometric function defined by

$${}_{2}F_{1}(a,b;c;z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{k}(b)_{k}}{(c)_{k}} \frac{z^{k}}{k!}$$
$$(a,b,c \in \mathbb{C}; c \notin \mathbb{Z}_{0} = \{0,-1,-2,\dots\}),$$

and  $(d)_k$  denotes the Pochhammer symbol given in terms of the Gamma function  $\Gamma$ , by

$$(d)_{k} = \frac{\Gamma(d+k)}{\Gamma(d)} \begin{cases} 1 & (k=0) \\ d(d+1)...(d+k-1) & (k \in \mathbb{N}) \end{cases}$$

We note that  $_2F_1$  represents an analytic function in U (see for details [10,Ch.14]). It is easily seen from (1.4) that

$$z (I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z))' = (\mu+1) I_m^n f(z) - \mu I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z).$$
(1.5)

Using the operator  $I^n f(z)$  Patel and Sahoo [8] introduced and investigated various properties and characteristics in U by using the techniques of Briot-Bouquet differential subordination.

**Definition.** A function  $f(z) \in A(m)$  is said to be in the class  $S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z\left(I_{m}^{n}F_{\mu}(f)(z)\right)'}{I_{m}^{n}F_{\mu}(f)(z)}\right\} > \alpha$$

 $(0 \le \alpha < 1; n \in \mathbb{Z}; m \in \mathbb{N}; \mu > -1; z \in U).$  (1.6) We note that:

(i)  $S_m^0(\mu, \alpha) = S_m(\mu, \alpha)$ , where  $S_m(\mu, \alpha)$  is the class of functions  $f(z) \in A(m)$  which satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zF_{\mu}'(f_{-})(z_{-})}{F_{\mu}(f_{-})(z_{-})}\right\} > \alpha$$

$$(0 \le \alpha < 1; \mu > -1; z \in U); \quad (1.7)$$

(ii)  $S_m^{-1}(\mu, \alpha) = C_m(\mu, \alpha)$ , where  $C_m(\mu, \alpha)$  is the class of functions  $f(z) \in A(m)$  which satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{1 + \frac{zF_{\mu}''(f_{-})(z_{-})}{F_{\mu}'(f_{-})(z_{-})}\right\} > \alpha$$

$$(0 \le \alpha < 1; \mu > -1; z \in U); \quad (1.8)$$

(iii)  $S_m^n(1,\alpha) = S_m^n(\alpha)$ , where  $S_m^n(\alpha)$  is the class of functions  $f(z) \in A(m)$  which satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zI_{m}^{n}F_{1}'(f)(z)}{I_{m}^{n}F_{1}(f)(z)}\right\} > \alpha \qquad (0 \le \alpha < 1; z \in U),$$
(1.9)

where

$$F_1(f)(z) = \frac{2}{z} \int_0^z f(t) dt; \qquad (1.10)$$

(iv)  $S_m^n(0,\alpha) = \hat{S}_m^n(\alpha)$ , where  $\hat{S}_m^n(\alpha)$  is the class of functions  $f(z) \in A(m)$  which satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zI_{m}^{n}F_{0}'(f)(z)}{I_{m}^{n}F_{0}(f)(z)}\right\} > \alpha \qquad (0 \le \alpha < 1; z \in U),$$
(1.11)

where

$$F_0(f)(z) = \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = I_m^1 f(z). \qquad (1.12)$$

## **Main Result**

Unless otherwise mentioned, we assume throughout this paper that  $(-1 \le B < A \le 1; 0 \le \alpha < 1; n \in \mathbb{Z}; m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \mu > -1).$ 

We now state the following lemma which can be proved analogously to similar result proved by Patel and Sahoo [ 8, Theorem 3].

**Lemma 1.** If  $f(z) \in A(m)$  satisfies

$$\frac{I_m^n f(z)}{z} \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz},\tag{2.1}$$

then

$$\frac{I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z)}{z} \prec q(z) \prec \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz},$$
(2.2)

where

$$q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right) \left(1 + Bz\right)^{-1} \\ \times_2 F_1 \left(1, 1; \mu + m + 1; \frac{Bz}{Bz + 1}\right) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{\mu + 1}{\mu + m + 1} Az & (B = 0) \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

is the best dominant of (2.2). Furthermore,

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{I_{m}^{n}F_{\mu}(f)(z)}{z}\right\} > \rho(A, B, \mu, m)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right)\left(1 + B\right)^{-1} \\ \times_{2}F_{1}\left(1, 1; \mu + m + 1; \frac{B}{B - 1}\right) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{\mu + 1}{\mu + m + 1}A & (B = 0). \end{cases}$$

$$(2.4)$$

The result is the best possible.

**Theorem 1.** Let the operator  $F_{\mu}(f)(z)$  defined by (1.4) satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\frac{I_m^n F_{\mu}(f)(z)}{z} \prec 1 + Mz \qquad (f \in A(m)), \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$M = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\frac{m}{\mu+1})}{|\mu+\alpha| + \sqrt{(\mu+1)^2 + (\mu+1+m)^2}}.$$
(2.6)

*Then*  $f(z) \in S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$ . **Proof.** From (1.2) and (1.4), it follows that

$$I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z) = \frac{\mu + 1}{z^{\mu}} \int_0^z t^{\mu - 1} I_m^n f(t) dt.$$
 (2.7)

Defining the function  $\phi(z)$  in U by

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z)}{z} \qquad (z \in U)$$
(2.8)

we see that  $\phi(z) = 1 + p_m z^m + p_{m+1} z^{m+1} + \dots$  is analytic in U and  $\phi(0) = 1$ . From Lemma 1 with A = M and B = 0, we have

$$\phi(z) \prec 1 + \frac{\mu + 1}{\mu + 1 + m} M z$$

which is equivalent to

$$|\phi(z)-1| < \frac{\mu+1}{\mu+1+m} M = N < 1$$
 ( $z \in U$ ). (2.9)  
Set

$$P(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \left( \frac{z(I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z))'}{I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z)} - \alpha \right).$$
(2.10)

Using the identity (1.5) followed by (2.8), we obtain

$$\frac{I_m^n f(z)}{z} = \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right) + \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right) P(z) \right] \varphi(z).$$
(2.11)

In view of (2.11), the hypothesis (2.5) can be written as follows:

$$\left(1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1}\right) \varphi(z) + \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} P(z) \varphi(z) - 1 \left| < M \right|$$
$$= \frac{\mu + 1 + m}{\mu + 1} N . \quad (2.12)$$

We need to show that (2.12) yields

$$\operatorname{Re}\{P(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in U).$$
 (2.13)

If we suppose that  $\operatorname{Re}\{P(z)\} \ge 0$   $(z \in U)$ , then there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that  $P(z_0) = ix$ for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . To prove (2.13), it is sufficient to obtain a contradiction from the following inequality:

$$W = \left| \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right) \phi(z_0) + \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} P(z_0) \phi(z_0) - 1 \right|$$
  
 
$$\geq M.$$

Let  $\phi(z_0) = u + iv$ . Then, by using (2.9) and the triangle inequality, we obtain that

$$W^{2} = \left| \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right) \varphi(z_{0}) + \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} P(z_{0}) \varphi(z_{0}) - 1 \right|^{2}$$
  
$$= (u^{2} + v^{2}) \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right)^{2} x^{2} + \frac{2(1 - \alpha)}{\mu + 1} vx$$
  
$$+ \left| \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right) \varphi(z_{0}) - 1 \right|^{2}$$
  
$$\ge (u^{2} + v^{2}) \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right)^{2} x^{2} + 2 \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{\mu + 1} vx$$
  
$$+ \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} - \left| 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right| N \right)^{2}.$$
  
Setting  
$$\Psi(x) = W^{2} - M^{2}$$
  
$$= (u^{2} + v^{2}) \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{\mu + 1} \right)^{2} x^{2} + 2 \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{\mu + 1} vx$$

$$+\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}-\left|1-\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}\right|N\right)^{2}$$
$$-\left(\frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1}\right)^{2}N^{2},$$

we note that (2.12) holds true if  $\Psi(x) \ge 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since

$$(u^{2} + v^{2})(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1})^{2} > 0,S$$

the inequality  $\Psi(x) \ge 0$  holds true if the discriminant  $\Delta \le 0$ ; that is

$$\Delta = 4 \left[ \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} \right)^2 v^2 - \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} \right)^2 (u^2 + v^2) \right]$$
$$\left\{ \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} - \left| 1 - \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} \right| N \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1} \right)^2 N^2 \right]$$
$$\leq 0,$$

which is equivalent to

$$v^{2}\left[1-\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}-\left|1-\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}\right|N\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1}\right)^{2}N^{2}\right]$$
  
$$\leq u^{2}\left[\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}-\left|1-\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}\right|N\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1}\right)^{2}N^{2}\right].$$

Putting  $\phi(z_0) - 1 = \xi e^{i\theta}$  for some real  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$ , we get

$$\frac{v^2}{u^2} = \frac{\xi^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\left(1 + \xi \cos \theta\right)^2}.$$

Since the above expression attains its maximum value at  $\cos \theta = -\xi$ , by using (2.9), we obtain

$$\frac{v^{2}}{u^{2}} \leq \frac{\xi^{2}}{1-\xi^{2}} \leq \frac{N^{2}}{1-N^{2}}$$

$$\leq \frac{\left[\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} - \left|1 - \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}\right|N\right)^{2} - \left(\frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1}\right)^{2}N^{2}\right]}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1} - \left|1 - \frac{1-\alpha}{\mu+1}\right|N\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\mu+1+m}{\mu+1}\right)^{2}N^{2}\right]},$$

which yields  $\Delta \le 0$ . Therefore,  $W \ge M$ , which contradicts (2.12), hence  $\operatorname{Re}\{P(z)\}>0$  ( $z \in U$ ). This proves that  $f(z) \in S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$ , which completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Putting n = 0 in Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.** Let the operator  $F_{\mu}(f)(z)$  defined by (1.4) satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$\frac{F_{\mu}(f)(z)}{z} \prec 1 + Mz \quad (f(z) \in A(m)),$$

where M is given by (2.6). Then  $f(z) \in S_m(\mu, \alpha)$ 

Putting n = -1 in Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.** Let the operator  $F_{\mu}(f)(z)$  defined by (1.4) satisfy the following subordination condition:

$$F'_{\mu}(f)(z) \prec 1 + Mz \quad (f(z) \in A(m)),$$

where M is given by (2.6). Then  $f(z) \in C_m(\mu; \alpha)$ .

Putting  $\mu = 1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.** Let the operator  $F_1(f)(z)$  defined by (1.10) satisfies the following subordination condition:

$$\frac{I_m^n F_1(f)(z)}{z} \prec 1 + Mz \quad (f \in A(m)),$$

where

$$M = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\frac{m}{2})}{(1+\alpha)+\sqrt{4+(2+m)^2}}.$$

Then  $f(z) \in S_m^n(\alpha)$ .

Putting  $\mu = 0$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 4.** Let the operator  $F_0(f)(z)$  defined by (1.12) satisfies the following subordination condition:

$$\frac{I_m^n F_0 f(z)}{z} \prec 1 + M z \qquad (f \in A(m)),$$

where

$$M = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+m)}{\alpha + \sqrt{1 + (1+m)^2}}$$

Then  $f(z) \in \hat{S}_m^n(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 1.** Putting n = 0 in Corollary 4 we obtain the result obtained by Liu [5, Theorem 2.2 with  $\zeta = a = 1$ ].

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$$\frac{I_m^n F_\mu(f)(z)}{4} \prec 1 + Mz$$

والتي تستلزم  $f \in S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$  هما على الترتيب تحويل المضروب  $f \in S_m^n(\mu, \alpha)$  ومؤثر برنارد - ليبرا - ليفنجستون المعروف.