

QUASI-CONVOLUTION OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS WITH APPLICATIONS

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Abstract. In this paper we define a new concept of quasi-convolution for analytic functions normalized by $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$ in the unit disk $E = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < 1\}$. We apply this new approach to study the closure properties of a certain class of analytic and univalent functions under some families of (known and new) integral operators.

1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{A} denote the class of functions:

$$f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots \tag{1}$$

which are analytic in the unit disk $E = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < 1\}$. In [15], Opoola introduced the subclass $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ consisting of functions $f \in \mathbb{A}$ which satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \beta \tag{2}$$

where $\alpha > 0$ is real, $0 \leq \beta < 1$, D^n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) is the Salagean derivative operator defined as: $D^n f(z) = D(D^{n-1}f(z)) = z[D^{n-1}f(z)]'$ with $D^0 f(z) = f(z)$ and powers in (2) meaning principal determinations only. The geometric condition (2) slightly modifies the one given originally in [15] (see [4]). If $\beta = 0$, we have the class $B_n(\alpha)$ studied by Abdulhalim in [1].

Let $g(z) = z + b_2z^2 + \dots \in \mathbb{A}$. The convolution (or Hadamard product) of $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ (written as $(f * g)(z)$) is defined as

$$(f * g)(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

The above concept has proved very resourceful in dealing with certain problems of the theory of analytic and univalent functions, especially closure of families of

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functions under certain transformations (see [13]). It is natural, therefore, to desire to investigate the convolution properties of classes of functions. However, readers familiar with studies in Bazilevic functions of type α (see [1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 18, 19]) would appreciate the challenges posed by the index α in some characterizations of those functions, particularly when $\alpha \neq 1$ or is generally non-integers. Of note, in particular, is in their convolution. Perhaps it is the reason the convolution problem for the various families of such functions has not been addressed, or that no single paper has appeared treating it, especially in the case α is not an integer, as far as the present author is aware! To begin to look at the problem we propose an idea of quasi-convolution as follows: Let us recall that the concept of convolution actually arose from the integral

$$h(r^2 e^{i\theta}) = (f * g)(r^2 e^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i(\theta-t)})g(re^{it})dt, \quad r < 1$$

and that the integral convolution is defined by

$$H(z) = \int_0^z \xi^{-1}h(\xi)d\xi, \quad |\xi| < 1$$

(see [7]). Now, since for $\alpha > 0$, we can write $f(z)^\alpha$ and $g(z)^\alpha$ as $f(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + A_2(\alpha)z^{\alpha+1} + \dots$ and $g(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + B_2(\alpha)z^{\alpha+1} + \dots$ (where $A_k(\alpha)$, $B_k(\alpha)$ respectively depend on the coefficients a_k of $f(z)$ and b_k of $g(z)$, and α), we can define the following integrals.

$$\phi(r^2 e^{i\theta})^\alpha = (f^\alpha * g^\alpha)(r^2 e^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i(\theta-t)})^\alpha g(re^{it})^\alpha dt, \quad r < 1 \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Phi(z)^\alpha = \alpha \int_0^z \xi^{-1}\phi(\xi)^\alpha d\xi, \quad |\xi| < 1. \quad (4)$$

By the integrals (3) and (4), we define the following new concepts:

DEFINITION 1. Let $f, g \in \mathbb{A}$. Let $\alpha > 0$ be real. We define the quasi-convolution of $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ (denoted by $\phi(z)^\alpha = (f^\alpha * g^\alpha)(z)$) as

$$\phi(z)^\alpha = (f^\alpha * g^\alpha)(z) = z^\alpha + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k(\alpha)B_k(\alpha)z^{\alpha+k-1}, \quad (5)$$

and the integral quasi-convolution is correspondingly defined by

$$\Phi(z)^\alpha = \alpha \int_0^z \xi^{-1}\phi(\xi)^\alpha d\xi, \quad |\xi| < 1.$$

This is my thinking! The justification for it lies in some very interesting applications, which we provide in Section 4. Earlier works involving quasi-convolution of analytic functions can be found in the literatures [9, 14]. For $\alpha = 1$, we have the well known convolution (Hadamard product) of analytic functions.

Throughout this paper, $\phi(z)$ will be defined by the integral (3) having series expansion (5) and we will be investigating the class $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ under $\phi(z)$, for two cases, namely, (i) $g(z)$ convex, $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, and (ii) $f, g \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$. Our results are contained in Section 3, followed by some nice applications in Section 4. In the next section we give some preliminary lemmas and notes.

2. Some Lemmas and Notes

DEFINITION 2. Let $u = u_1 + u_2i$, $v = v_1 + v_2i$. Define Ψ as the set of functions $\psi(u, v) : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying:

- (a) $\psi(u, v)$ is continuous in a domain Ω of $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$,
- (b) $(1, 0) \in \Omega$ and $\text{Re } \psi(1, 0) > 0$,
- (c) $\text{Re } \psi(u_2i, v_1) \leq 0$ when $(u_2i, v_1) \in \Omega$ and $v_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + u_2^2)$.

Several examples of members of the set Ψ have been mentioned in [4, 11] and [12, p. 27]. We shall need the following member:

$$\psi(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{v}{\alpha(1 + u)}$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $\Omega = [\mathbb{C} - \{-1\}] \times \mathbb{C}$. To see this, observe that ψ is continuous on Ω , $(1, 0) \in \Omega$ and $\text{Re } \psi(1, 0) > 0$, and furthermore $\text{Re } \psi(u_2i, v_1) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{v_1}{\alpha(1+u_2^2)}$. Then if $v_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + u_2^2)$ we get $\text{Re } \psi(u_2i, v_1) = \frac{\alpha-1}{2} \leq 0$. Thus $\psi \in \Psi$.

DEFINITION 3. Let $\psi \in \Psi$ with corresponding domain Ω . Define $P(\Psi)$ as the set of functions $p(z)$ given as $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$ which are regular in E and satisfy:

- (i) $(p(z), zp'(z)) \in \Omega$
- (ii) $\text{Re } \psi(p(z), zp'(z)) > 0$ when $z \in E$.

More general concepts were discussed in [4, 11, 12].

LEMMA 1. ([4, 11, 12]) Let $p \in P(\Psi)$. Then $\text{Re } p(z) > 0$.

LEMMA 2. ([2]) If $p(z)$ is analytic in E , $p(0) = 1$ and $\text{Re } p(z) > 1/2$, $z \in E$, then for any function $q(z)$ analytic in E , the convolution $p * q$ takes its values in the convex hull of $q(E)$.

DEFINITION 4. ([2]) An infinite sequence $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k, \dots$ of nonnegative numbers is said to be a *convex null sequence* if $a_k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and $a_0 - a_1 \geq a_1 - a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_k - a_{k+1} \geq \dots \geq 0$.

LEMMA 3. ([2]) Let $\{c_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be a convex null sequence. Then the function $p(z) = c_0/2 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$, $z \in E$, is analytic in E and $\text{Re } p(z) > 0$.

If a, b are nonzero positive real numbers such that $a > b$, it can be shown by simple inductive process that

$$(a - b)^m \leq a^m - b^m, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By this it can be easily seen that the infinite sequence $\{d_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ where

$$d_k = \frac{\alpha^m}{(\alpha + k)^m}, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$$

is convex null. In fact it has been mentioned in [4] that the sequence preserves many geometric structures of analytic functions, particularly starlikeness, convexity and subordination. In this article we would make use of the convex null sequence $\{d_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ in the investigation of convolution properties of functions of the class $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$.

We now turn to the main result.

3. Quasi-Convolution

First we prove

THEOREM 1. *Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. If $g(z)$ is convex, then $\operatorname{Re} g(z)^\alpha / z^\alpha > 1/2$.*

Proof. It is known that if $g(z)$ is convex, then it is starlike of order $\frac{1}{2}$. Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and define

$$p(z) = 2 \frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} - 1.$$

Then

$$\frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{zp'(z)}{\alpha(1+p(z))}.$$

Let $\psi(u, v)$ be defined on a domain $\Omega = [\mathbb{C} - \{-1\}] \times \mathbb{C}$ by $\psi(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{v}{\alpha(1+u)}$ where $u = p(z)$ and $v = zp'(z)$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Thus by Lemma 1 we have $\operatorname{Re}(zg'(z)/g(z) - 1/2) > 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$ and consequently we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(zg'(z))'}{g'(z)} \right\} > 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} > \frac{1}{2},$$

which completes the proof. \square

The above proof is adapted from [3] for completeness. For $\alpha = 1$, the result can be found in literatures (see [11] for example).

THEOREM 2. *Let $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ and $g \in C$. If $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, that is*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \beta.$$

Proof. Since $g(z)$ is convex, then for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, we have $\operatorname{Re} g(z)^\alpha / z^\alpha > 1/2$. Hence by Lemma 2, the normalized analytic function defined by

$$\frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} * \frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} = \frac{D^n (f(z)^\alpha * g(z)^\alpha)}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} = \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha}$$

takes values in the convex hull of the image of E under $\frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha}$, hence

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \beta,$$

that is $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$. \square

THEOREM 3. *Let $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ and $g \in T_m^\alpha(\lambda)$, $1/2 \leq \beta + \gamma < 3/2$. Then $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta + \lambda - \frac{1}{2})$, that is*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \frac{2(\beta + \lambda) - 1}{2}.$$

Proof. Since the sequence $\{d_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ is a convex null sequence, we have, by Lemma 3, $\operatorname{Re} \varphi(z)^\alpha / z^\alpha > 1/2$ where $\varphi(z)$ is defined by

$$\frac{\varphi(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^\infty \frac{\alpha^m}{(\alpha + k - 1)^m} z^{k-1}.$$

But

$$\frac{D^m g(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^m z^\alpha} = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^\infty \frac{(\alpha + k - 1)^m}{\alpha^m} b_k(\alpha) z^{k-1}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D^m g(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^m z^\alpha} * \frac{\varphi(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} &= \frac{D^m (g(z)^\alpha * \varphi(z)^\alpha)}{\alpha^m z^\alpha} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=2}^\infty b_k(\alpha) z^{k-1} = \frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 2, we have $\operatorname{Re} g(z)^\alpha / z^\alpha > \lambda$, so that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} - \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \right) > \frac{1}{2}$$

By Lemma 2 again the analytic function (though not normalized) given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} * \left(\frac{g(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} - \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \right) &= \frac{D^n (f(z)^\alpha * g(z)^\alpha)}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} - \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} - \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

takes values in the convex hull of the image of E under $\frac{D^n f(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha}$, hence

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} - \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \right) > \beta,$$

so that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \beta + \lambda - \frac{1}{2}.$$

That is $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta + \lambda - \frac{1}{2})$. □

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For $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $m \geq 1$, Theorem 3 can be improved as follows:

THEOREM 4. *Let $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ and $g \in T_m^\alpha(\lambda)$. Then for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $m \geq 1$ we have $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta + \frac{\lambda}{2}) \subset T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, that is*

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{D^n \phi(z)^\alpha}{\alpha^n z^\alpha} > \beta + \frac{\lambda}{2}.$$

Proof. Consider the sequence $\{c_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ given as

$$c_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0, \\ \frac{2\alpha^m}{(\alpha+k)^m} & \text{if } k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

It is easily verified that the sequence is also convex null if $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $m \geq 1$. Then we define $\varphi(z)$ by

$$\frac{\varphi(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^m}{(\alpha+k-1)^m} z^{k-1},$$

and following the same argument as in Theorem 3, we have the result. \square

COROLLARY 3. Let $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, $g \in T_1^\alpha(\lambda)$. Then for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta + \frac{\lambda}{2})$.

COROLLARY 4. Let $f, g \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$. Then for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $n \geq 1$, $\phi \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$.

REMARK 1. The quasi-convolution of $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ -functions is univalent in the unit disk if $n \geq 1$ and:

- (i) $\beta \geq \frac{1}{4}$ or
- (ii) $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

Thus our results provide an abundant source of functions which are univalent in the unit disk.

4. Applications

For some applications of our results, let $f \in \mathbb{A}$ and define the following integrals:

$$\phi_1(z)^\alpha = \frac{\alpha + c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t)^\alpha dt, \quad \alpha + c > 0,$$

$$\phi_2(z)^\alpha = \frac{2^\sigma}{z\Gamma(\sigma)} \int_0^z \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\sigma-1} f(t)^\alpha dt, \quad (\sigma > 0)$$

and

$$\phi_3(z)^\alpha = \binom{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\sigma-1} t^{\gamma-1} f(t)^\alpha dt, \quad (\sigma, \gamma > 0).$$

The integral ϕ_1 and its special cases ($\alpha = 1$; $\alpha = 1, c = 0$ and $\alpha = 1, c = 1$) are well known and have been studied repeatedly in many literatures [1, 4, 6, 8, 15, 17, 18]. The integrals ϕ_2 and ϕ_3 are new generalizations of the Jung-Kim-Srivastava one-parameter families of integral operators (for $\gamma > 0$) [8]. If for $\alpha > 0$, we write $f(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + A_2(\alpha)z^{2\alpha} + \dots$, then in series form:

$$\phi_1(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha + c}{\alpha + c + k}\right) A_k(\alpha) z^{\alpha+k-1},$$

Evaluating ϕ_2 and ϕ_3 in terms of Beta and Gamma functions we obtain

$$\phi_2(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + \sum_{k=2}^\infty \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^\sigma A_k(\alpha)z^{\alpha+k-1}$$

and

$$\phi_3(z)^\alpha = z^\alpha + \frac{\Gamma(\sigma + \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} \sum_{k=2}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + k)}{\Gamma(\sigma + \gamma + k)} A_k(\alpha)z^{\alpha+k-1}.$$

We shall now apply the quasi-convolution to prove:

THEOREM 5. *Let $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$. Then $\phi_j \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, $j = 1, 2, 3$.*

Meanwhile let us prove the following:

LEMMA 4. *Let $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$ be analytic in E with $\text{Re}p(z) > \beta$, $0 \leq \beta < 1$. Then the real parts of the integral transformations*

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(p(z)) &= \frac{2^\sigma}{z\Gamma(\sigma)} \int_0^z \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\sigma-1} p(t)dt, \quad (\sigma > 0) \\ &= 2^\sigma + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^\sigma c_k z^k \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(p(z)) &= \binom{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma}{z^\gamma} \int_0^z \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\sigma-1} t^{\gamma-1} p(t)dt, \quad (\sigma, \gamma > 0) \\ &= \frac{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} + \frac{\Gamma(\sigma + \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + k)}{\Gamma(\sigma + \gamma + k)} c_k z^k \end{aligned}$$

are also greater than β .

Proof. The proofs of the assertions are similar. We prove the second part as follows. Let $z = re^{i\theta}$ and $t = \rho e^{i\theta}$, $0 < \rho \leq r < 1$ so that

$$\vartheta(p(re^{i\theta})) = \binom{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma}{r^\gamma} \int_0^r \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{r}\right)^{\sigma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1} p(\rho e^{i\theta})d\rho,$$

which gives

$$\text{Re } \vartheta(p(re^{i\theta})) = \binom{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma}{r^\gamma} \int_0^r \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{r}\right)^{\sigma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1} \text{Re } p(\rho e^{i\theta})d\rho.$$

Since $\text{Re } p(z) > \beta$, we have

$$\text{Re } \vartheta(p(re^{i\theta})) > \beta \binom{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma} \frac{\sigma}{r^\gamma} \int_0^r \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{r}\right)^{\sigma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1} d\rho.$$

Evaluating the above integral in terms of Beta and Gamma functions, noting that

$$\binom{\sigma}{\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma(\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(\sigma - \gamma + 1)\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}$$

we shall obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \vartheta(p(re^{i\theta})) > \beta \frac{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma}$$

which completes the proof. \square

Now define

$$g_1(z)^\alpha = \frac{\alpha + c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{\alpha+c-1} \frac{1}{1-t} dt,$$

$$g_2(z)^\alpha = \frac{2^\sigma z^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\sigma)} \int_0^z \left(\log \frac{z}{t}\right)^{\sigma-1} \frac{1}{1-t} dt$$

and

$$g_3(z)^\alpha = \left(\frac{\sigma + \gamma}{\gamma}\right) \frac{\sigma}{z^{\gamma-\alpha}} \int_0^z \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{\sigma-1} t^{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{1-t} dt.$$

Then

$$\frac{g_1(z)^\alpha}{z^\alpha} = \frac{\alpha + c}{z^{\alpha+c}} \int_0^z t^{\alpha+c-1} \frac{1}{1-t} dt$$

is an integral iteration of $p(z) = 1/(1-z)$ where $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 1/2$. Hence $g_1 \in T_0^\alpha(\frac{1}{2})$, that is $\operatorname{Re} g_1^\alpha/z^\alpha > 1/2$ (see [4]). Similarly by Lemma 4, $\operatorname{Re} g_2^\alpha/z^\alpha > 1/2$ and $\operatorname{Re} g_3^\alpha/z^\alpha > 1/2$. If we write g_j^α , $j = 1, 2, 3$ also in series form as ϕ_j^α we see that for each $f \in T_n^\alpha(\beta)$, $\phi_j^\alpha = g_j^\alpha * f^\alpha$. Thus by Corollary 2, we find that the class $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ is invariant under the transformations ϕ_j , which proves Theorem 5.

This application in particular provides a new proof of the closure property of the class $T_n^\alpha(\beta)$ under integral transformation ϕ_1 .

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