

**SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS OF SUBCLASSES OF SPIRAL-LIKE  
FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MITTAG-LEFFLER  
FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of the present paper is to find the sufficient conditions for some subclasses of analytic functions associated with Mittag-Leffler functions to be in subclasses of spiral-like univalent functions. Further, we discuss geometric properties of an integral operator related to Mittag-Leffler functions.

1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Let  $\mathbf{E}_\alpha$  be the function defined by

$$\mathbf{E}_\alpha(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ with } \operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0,$$

that was introduced by Mittag-Leffler [14] and commonly known as the *Mittag-Leffler function*. Wiman [25] defined a more general function  $\mathbf{E}_{\alpha,\beta}$  generalizing the  $\mathbf{E}_\alpha$  Mittag-Leffler function, that is

$$\mathbf{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ with } \operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0, \operatorname{Re} \beta > 0.$$

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When  $\beta = 1$ , it is abbreviated as  $\mathbf{E}_\alpha(z) = \mathbf{E}_{\alpha,1}(z)$ . Observe that the function  $\mathbf{E}_{\alpha,\beta}$  contains many well-known functions as its special case, for example,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}_{1,1}(z) &= e^z, & \mathbf{E}_{1,2}(z) &= \frac{e^z - 1}{z}, & \mathbf{E}_{2,1}(z^2) &= \cosh z, \\ \mathbf{E}_{2,1}(-z^2) &= \cos z, & \mathbf{E}_{2,2}(z^2) &= \frac{\sinh z}{z}, & \mathbf{E}_{2,2}(-z^2) &= \frac{\sin z}{z}, \\ \mathbf{E}_4(z) &= \frac{1}{2}(\cos z^{1/4} + \cosh z^{1/4}), & \mathbf{E}_3(z) &= \frac{1}{2}\left[e^{z^{1/3}} + 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^{1/3}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}z^{1/3}\right)\right].\end{aligned}$$

We recall the error function  $\operatorname{erf}$  given by [1, p. 297]

$$\operatorname{erf}(z) := \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-t^2} dt = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(2n+1)} z^{2n+1},$$

the complement of the error function  $\operatorname{erfc}$  defined by

$$\operatorname{erfc}(z) := 1 - \operatorname{erf}(z) = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(2n+1)} z^{2n+1},$$

and the normalized form of the error function  $\operatorname{erf}$  denoted by  $\operatorname{Erf}$  (normalized with the condition  $\operatorname{Erf}'(0) = 1$ ) is given by

$$\operatorname{Erf}(z) := \frac{\sqrt{\pi z}}{2} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{z}) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!(2n-1)} z^n.$$

It is of interest to note that by fixing  $\alpha = 1/2$  and  $\beta = 1$  we get

$$\mathbf{E}_{\frac{1}{2},1}(z) = e^{z^2} \operatorname{erfc}(-z),$$

that is

$$\mathbf{E}_{\frac{1}{2},1}(z) = e^{z^2} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(2n+1)} z^{2n+1} \right).$$

The Mittag-Leffler function arises naturally in the solution of fractional order differential and integral equations, and especially in the investigations of fractional generalization of kinetic equation, random walks, Lévy flights, super-diffusive transport and in the study of complex systems. Several properties of Mittag-Leffler function and generalized Mittag-Leffler function can be found for example in [2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12]. We note that the above generalized (Mittag-Leffler) function  $\mathbf{E}_{\alpha,\beta}$  does not belong to the family  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  represents the class of functions whose members are of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  whose members

are univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Thus, it is expected to define the following normalization of Mittag-Leffler functions as below, due to Bansal and Prajapat [3]:

$$(1.2) \quad E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) := z\Gamma(\beta) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} z^n,$$

that holds for the parameters  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0, \operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . In this paper we shall confine our attention to the case of real-valued parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and we will consider that  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

For functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be given by (1.1) and  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  given by  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , we define the *Hadamard product (or convolution)* of  $f$  and  $g$  by

$$(f * g)(z) := z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

The two well known subclasses of  $\mathcal{S}$  are namely the class of starlike and convex functions (for details see Robertson [20]). Thus, a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  given by (1.1) is said to be *starlike of order*  $\gamma, 0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \gamma, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

and this function class is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\gamma)$ . We also write  $\mathcal{S}^*(0) =: \mathcal{S}^*$ , where  $\mathcal{S}^*$  denotes the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is starlike domain with respect to the origin.

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be *convex of order*  $\gamma, 0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \gamma, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

and this class is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}(\gamma)$ . Further,  $\mathcal{K} := \mathcal{K}(0)$  represents the well-known standard class of convex functions. By Alexander’s duality relation (see [6]), it is a known fact that

$$f \in \mathcal{K} \Leftrightarrow zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*.$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be *spiral-like* if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( e^{-i\xi} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

for some  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and the class of spiral-like functions was introduced in [23]. Also, the function  $f$  is said to be *convex spiral-like* if  $zf'(z)$  is spiral-like. Due to Murugusundramoorthy [15, 16], we consider the following subclasses of spiral-like functions as below.

**Definition 1.1.** For  $0 \leq \rho < 1, 0 \leq \gamma < 1$  and  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , let define the class  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  by

$$\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho) := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i\xi} \frac{zf'(z)}{(1-\rho)f(z) + \rho zf'(z)} \right) > \gamma \cos \xi, \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}.$$

By virtue of Alexander’s relation (see [6]) we define the following subclass  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** For  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$  and  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , let define the class  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  by

$$\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho) := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i\xi} \frac{zf''(z) + f'(z)}{f'(z) + \rho zf''(z)} \right) > \gamma \cos \xi, z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}.$$

By specializing the parameter  $\rho = 0$  in the above two definitions we obtain the subclasses  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma) := \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma) := \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, 0)$ , respectively.

Now we state a sufficient conditions for the function  $f$  to be in the above classes.

**Lemma 1.1** ([15, 16]). *A function  $f$  given by (1.1) is a member of  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  if*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] |a_n| \leq 1 - \gamma,$$

where  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ .

Since  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , and from Lemma 1.1 we get the next result.

**Lemma 1.2.** *A function  $f$  given by (1.1) is a member of  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  if*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] |a_n| \leq 1 - \gamma,$$

where  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ .

The next class  $\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$  was introduced earlier by Swaminathan [24], and for special cases see the references cited there in.

**Definition 1.3.** A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$ , where  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $0 < \vartheta \leq 1$ , and  $\delta < 1$ , if it satisfies the inequality

$$\left| \frac{(1 - \vartheta) \frac{f(z)}{z} + \vartheta f'(z) - 1}{2\tau(1 - \delta) + (1 - \vartheta) \frac{f(z)}{z} + \vartheta f'(z) - 1} \right| < 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

**Lemma 1.3** ([24]). *If  $f \in \mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$(1.3) \quad |a_n| \leq \frac{2|\tau|(1 - \delta)}{1 + \vartheta(n - 1)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}.$$

The bounds given in (1.3) is sharp for

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\vartheta z^{1-\frac{1}{\vartheta}}} \int_0^z t^{1-\frac{1}{\vartheta}} \left[ 1 + \frac{2(1 - \delta)\tau t^{n-1}}{1 - 2^{n-1}} \right] dt.$$

Now we define the following new linear operator based on convolution (Hadamard) product.

For real parameters  $\alpha, \beta$ , with  $\alpha, \beta, \notin \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  and  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  be given by (1.2), we define the linear operator  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  with the aid of the convolution product

$$\Lambda_\beta^\alpha f(z) := f(z) * E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} a_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Stimulated by prior results on relations between different subclasses of analytic and univalent functions by using hypergeometric functions (see for example [5, 10, 13, 21, 22, 24]) and by the recent investigations related with distribution series (see for example [4, 7, 17–19]), we obtain sufficient condition for the function  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  to be in the classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , and information regarding the images of functions belonging in  $\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$  by using the convolution operator  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha$ . Finally, we determined conditions for the integral operator  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \frac{E_{\alpha, \beta}(t)}{t} dt$  to belong to the above classes.

## 2. INCLUSION RESULTS

In order to prove our main results, unless otherwise stated throughout this paper, we will use the notation (1.2), therefore

$$(2.1) \quad E_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1 = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)},$$

$$(2.2) \quad E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1 = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)},$$

$$(2.3) \quad E''_{\alpha, \beta}(1) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)}.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *If*

$$(2.4) \quad [(1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma)] E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) E_{\alpha, \beta}(1) \leq 2(1 - \gamma),$$

then  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  is defined by (1.2), according to Lemma 1.1 it is sufficient to show that

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \leq 1 - \gamma.$$

Since the left-hand side of the inequality (2.5) could be written as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &:= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(1 - \rho) \sec \xi(n - 1) + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho)] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &= [(1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma)] \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &\quad + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore, by using (2.1) and (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &= \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \left[ E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1 \right] \\ &\quad + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \left[ E_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1 \right] \\ &= \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) E_{\alpha, \beta}(1) \\ &\quad - (1 - \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from the assumption (2.4) it follows that  $Q_1(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq 1 - \gamma$ , that is (2.5) holds, therefore  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *If*

$$(2.6) \quad \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] E''_{\alpha, \beta}(1) + (1 - \gamma) E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) \leq 2(1 - \gamma),$$

then  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

*Proof.* Using the definition (1.2) of  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$ , in view of Lemma 1.2 it is sufficient to prove that

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \leq 1 - \gamma.$$

The left-hand side of the inequality (2.7) could be written as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &:= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &= \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n - 1) \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &\quad + (1 - \gamma) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)}, \end{aligned}$$

and from (2.2) and (2.3) we get

$$Q_2(\xi, \gamma, \rho) = \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] E''_{\alpha, \beta}(1) + (1 - \gamma) \left[ E'_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1 \right].$$

Hence, the assumption (2.6) implies that  $Q_2(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq 1 - \gamma$  that is (2.7) holds, and consequently  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .  $\square$

### 3. IMAGE PROPERTIES OF $\Lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha}$ OPERATOR

Making use of the Lemma 1.1 and Lemma 1.3 we will focus the influence of the  $\Lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  operator for the functions of the class  $\mathcal{R}^{\tau}(\vartheta, \delta)$ , and we will give sufficient conditions such that these images are in the classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If*

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] [E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - 1] \\ + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{E_{\alpha,\beta}(t)}{t} - 1 \right) dt \leq 1 - \gamma,$$

then

$$\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)) \subset \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$  be of the form (1.1). To prove that  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(f) \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , in view of Lemma 1.1 it is required to show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^\infty \left[ (1-\rho)(n-1)\sec\xi + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} |a_n| \leq 1 - \gamma.$$

Let us denote the left-hand side of the above inequality by

$$Q_3(\xi, \gamma, \rho) := \sum_{n=2}^\infty \left[ (1-\rho)(n-1)\sec\xi + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} |a_n|.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$ , by Lemma 1.3 we have

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{1+\vartheta(n-1)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\},$$

and using the inequality  $1 + \vartheta(n-1) \geq \vartheta n$  we obtain that

$$Q_3(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \left[ (1-\rho)(n-1)\sec\xi + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \right\} \\ = \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^\infty \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \right. \\ \left. + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi) \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \right\}.$$

From the above inequality, using (2.1), we get

$$Q_3(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] [E_{\alpha,\beta} - 1] \\ + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{E_{\alpha,\beta}(t)}{t} - 1 \right) dt,$$

hence, the assumption (3.1) implies then  $Q_3(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq 1 - \gamma$ , that is  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(f) \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ . □

Using Lemma 1.2 and following the same procedure as in the proof of Theorem 2.2, we have the subsequent result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If*

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] E'_{\alpha,\beta}(1) + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi)E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - (1-\gamma) \right\} \leq 1-\gamma,$$

then

$$\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)) \subset \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$  be of the form (1.1). In view of Lemma 1.2, to prove that  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(f) \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  we have to show that

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{n=2}^\infty n \left[ (1-\rho)(n-1)\sec\xi + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} |a_n| \leq 1-\gamma.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)$ , then by Lemma 1.3 we have

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{1+\vartheta(n-1)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\},$$

and  $1+\vartheta(n-1) \geq \vartheta n$ . Denoting the left-hand side of the inequality (3.3) by

$$Q_4(\xi, \gamma, \rho) := \sum_{n=2}^\infty n \left[ (1-\rho)(n-1)\sec\xi + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} |a_n|,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_4(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &\leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \sum_{n=2}^\infty \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi(n-1) + (1-\gamma)(1+n\rho-\rho) \right] \\ &\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \\ &= \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{n\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi) \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1)+\beta)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using (2.1) and (2.2), the above inequality yields to

$$\begin{aligned} Q_4(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &\leq \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] [E'_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - 1] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi)[E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - 1] \right\} \\ &= \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \left[ (1-\rho)\sec\xi + \rho(1-\gamma) \right] E'_{\alpha,\beta}(1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1-\rho)(1-\gamma - \sec\xi)E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - (1-\gamma) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$



Therefore, the assumption (3.2) yields to  $Q_4(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq 1 - \gamma$ , which implies the inequality (3.3), that is  $\Lambda_\beta^\alpha(f) \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .  $\square$

4. THE ALEXANDER INTEGRAL OPERATOR FOR  $E_{\alpha,\beta}$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let the function  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha$  be given by*

$$(4.1) \quad \Psi_\beta^\alpha(z) = \int_0^z \frac{E_{\alpha,\beta}(t)}{t} dt, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

If

$$\left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] E'_{\alpha,\beta}(1) + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) \leq 2(1 - \gamma),$$

then  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

*Proof.* Since

$$(4.2) \quad \Psi_\beta^\alpha(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} \cdot \frac{z^n}{n}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

according to Lemma 1.2, it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sum_{n=2}^\infty n \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} \leq 1 - \gamma,$$

or, equivalently

$$\sum_{n=2}^\infty \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} \leq 1 - \gamma.$$

Now, the proof of Theorem 4.1 is parallel to that of Theorem 2.1, and so it will be omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let the function  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha$  be given by (4.1). If*

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] (E_{\alpha,\beta}(1) - 1) \\ & + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{E_{\alpha,\beta}(t)}{t} - 1 \right) dt \leq 1 - \gamma, \end{aligned}$$

then  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha$  has the power series expansion (4.2), then by Lemma 1.1 it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n-1) + \beta)} \leq 1 - \gamma.$$

The left-hand side of the above inequality could be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_5(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[ (1 - \rho)(n - 1) \sec \xi + (1 - \gamma)(1 + n\rho - \rho) \right] \\ &\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)} \\ &\quad + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha(n - 1) + \beta)}, \end{aligned}$$

and using (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} Q_5(\xi, \gamma, \rho) &\leq \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] [E_{\alpha, \beta}(1) - 1] \\ &\quad + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{E_{\alpha, \beta}(t)}{t} - 1 \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if the assumption (4.3) holds, then  $Q_5(\xi, \gamma, \rho) \leq 1 - \gamma$ . Hence,  $\Psi_\beta^\alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ . □

*Remark 4.1.* By taking  $\rho = 0$  in Theorems 2.1–4.2, we can easily attain the sufficient condition for  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma)$  and  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma)$ . The function  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  is associated with Mittag-Leffler functions and has not been studied sofar. We left this as an exercise to interested readers.

For the special case  $\alpha = 1/2$  and  $\beta = 1$ , that is connected with the error function can derive some results based on the error function. Thus, a simple computation shows that if

$$\mathcal{E}(z) := E_{\frac{1}{2}, 1}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(1) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}, \quad \mathcal{E}'(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}, \quad \mathcal{E}''(1) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}, \\ \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{t} - 1 \right) dt &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.4) \quad \mathcal{L} := \Lambda_1^{1/2} f(z) = f(z) * \mathcal{E}(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_n z^n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)},$$

$$(4.5) \quad \mathcal{P} := \Psi_1^{1/2}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\mathcal{E}(t)}{t} dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}.$$

Using the above relations, from Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 we get, respectively.

*Example 4.1.* If

$$\begin{aligned} & [(1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma)] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \\ & \leq 2(1 - \gamma), \end{aligned}$$

then  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

*Example 4.2.* If

$$\left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} + (1 - \gamma) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \leq 2(1 - \gamma),$$

then  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

Similarly, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 give us the next examples.

*Example 4.3.* If

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \\ & + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \leq 1 - \gamma, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)) \subset \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho),$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined by (4.4).

*Example 4.4.* If

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2|\tau|(1-\delta)}{\vartheta} \left\{ \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \right. \\ & \left. + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} - (1 - \gamma) \right\} \leq 1 - \gamma, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}^\tau(\vartheta, \delta)) \subset \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho),$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined by (4.4).

Finally, from Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 we have the following.

*Example 4.5.* If

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \\ & \leq 2(1 - \gamma), \end{aligned}$$

then  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined by (4.5).

*Example 4.6.* If

$$\left[ (1 - \rho) \sec \xi + \rho(1 - \gamma) \right] \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} + (1 - \rho)(1 - \gamma - \sec \xi) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \leq 1 - \gamma,$$

then  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined by (4.5).

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this investigation we obtained sufficient conditions and inclusion results for functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  to be in the classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , and information regarding the images of functions by applying convolution operator with Mittag-Leffler functions.

The investigation methods are based on some recent results and techniques found in [15] and [16], and we determined sufficient conditions for the functions  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  to belong to the new defined classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

Moreover, we found sufficient conditions such that the images of the functions belonging to the class  $\mathcal{R}^{\tau}(\vartheta, \delta)$  by the new defined convolution operator  $\Lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  are in the classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ , respectively.

Finally, we determined sufficient conditions such that the functions  $\Psi_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  obtained as images of  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  via the Alexander integral operator belong to the classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$ .

We emphasize that till now such kind of results doesn't appeared in any previous articles: the general classes  $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\xi, \gamma, \rho)$  are completely new and introduced in [15, 16], while any type of such results were not studied previously.

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