

PROPERTIES OF CERTAIN INTEGRAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. For analytic functions $f(z)$ belonging to the class A_p , integral operators $I_n^a(f(z))$ are introduced. The object of the present paper is to derive some interesting properties of integral operators $I_n^a(f(z))$. Our results contain some previous results by M. Obradović ([4]), S. Owa, M. Obradović and M. Nunokawa ([6]), and by D. K. Thomas ([7]).

1. INTRODUCTION. Let A_p denote the class of functions of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk $U = \{z: |z| < 1\}$. For functions $f(z)$ belonging to A_p , we define

$$(1.2) \quad I_0(f(z)) = \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \quad (\mu > 0)$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad I_n^a(f(z)) = \frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^a (I_{n-1}^a(f(t))) dt \quad (a > -1),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $I_0^a(f(z)) = I_0(f(z))$. For $a = 0$, the operators $I_n^0(f(z))$ are introduced and studied by Owa [5].

Let A , B and λ be fixed real numbers such that $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$. A function $f(z) \in A_p$ is said to be in the class $H_p(A, B, \mu, \lambda)$ if it satisfies the condition

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$$(1.4) \quad (1 - \lambda) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \lambda \frac{f'(z)f(z)^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in U),$$

where the symbol " \prec " stands for subordination. We note that $H_1(A, B, \mu, \lambda)$ is a subclass of Bazilevič functions (see [2]): Further, we get the following subclasses of analytic functions:

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(1-2\alpha, -1, \mu, 1) &\equiv B_p(\alpha, \mu) \\ &= \{f(z) \in A_p : \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu > \alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, z \in U\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(1-2\alpha, -1, \mu, 0) &\equiv C_p(\alpha, \mu) \\ &= \{f(z) \in A_p : \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{f'(z)f(z)^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} \right) > \alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1, z \in U\} \end{aligned}$$

In the present paper, we derive some interesting properties of integral operators $I_n^a(f(z))$ for functions $f(z)$ belonging to the class $H_p(A, B, \mu, \lambda)$. Our results in this paper are the generalizations of the results by Obradović [4], Owa, Obradović and Nunokawa [6], and by Thomas [7].

2. PRELIMINARIES AND MAIN RESULTS. To establish our main results, we have to use the following lemmas.

LEMMA 1 ([3]). If the function $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$ is analytic in U , $h(z)$ is convex in U with $h(0) = 1$, and γ is a complex number such that $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma) > 0$, then the Briot-Bouquet differential subordination

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\gamma} \prec h(z)$$

implies

$$p(z) \prec q(z) = \int_0^z t^{\gamma-1} h(t) dt \prec h(z) \quad (z \in U)$$

and $q(z)$ is the best dominant.

For complex numbers a , b , and c with $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$, the hypergeometric series

$$(2.1) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = 1 + \frac{ab}{c} z + \frac{a(a+1)b(b+1)}{2!c(c+1)} z^2 + \dots$$

represents an analytic function in U . It is well known by [1] that

LEMMA 2. Let a , b , and c be real with $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ and $c > b > 0$. Then

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^1 t^{b-1}(1-t)^{c-b-1}(1-tz)^{-a} dt = \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)}{\Gamma(c)} {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z),$$

$$(2.3) \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1(a, c-b; c; z/(z-1)),$$

$$(2.4) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; 2; z) = -\frac{\ln(1-z)}{z},$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad c(c-1)(z-1) {}_2F_1(a, b; c-1; z) + c\{c-1(2c-a-b-1)z\} {}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) + (c-a)(c-b)z {}_2F_1(a, b; c+1; z) = 0.$$

LEMMA 3. For any real number d ($d \neq 0$), we have

$$(2.6) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; 2; dz/(dz+1)) = \frac{(1+dz)\ln(1+dz)}{dz},$$

$$(2.7) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; 3; dz/(dz+1)) = \frac{2(1+dz)}{dz} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\ln(1+dz)}{dz} \right\},$$

$$(2.8) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; 4; dz/(dz+1)) = \frac{3(1+dz)}{2(dz)^3} \{21\ln(1+dz) - dz(2-dz)\},$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; 5; dz/(dz+1)) = \frac{2(1+dz)}{(dz)^3} \left\{ \frac{2(dz)^2 - 3dz + 6}{3} - \frac{21\ln(1+dz)}{dz} \right\}.$$

The proof of Lemma 3 follows from the identities (2.4) and (2.5).

Now, we derive

THEOREM. If $f(z) \in H_p(A, B, \mu, \lambda)$ with $\lambda > 0$, then for $|z| = r < 1$

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re}(I_n^a(f(z))) \geq \rho_n(r) > \rho_n(1),$$

where $n \in N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, $I_0^a(f(z)) = I_0(f(z))$, and

$$0 < \rho_n(r) = 1 + (B-A)p\mu(a+1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1} r^k}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)^n} < 1.$$

The estimate in (2.10) is sharp.

PROOF. We shall prove this theorem by using the mathematical induction on n . Let us define the function $p(z)$ by $p(z) = (f(z)/z^p)^\mu$ with $\mu > 0$. We choose a principal branch of $(f(z)/z^p)^\mu$ so that $p(z)$ is analytic in U with $p(0) = 1$. Since $f(z)$ is in the class $H_p(A, B, \mu, \lambda)$, we see that

$$p(z) + \frac{\lambda}{p\mu} zp'(z) = (1-\lambda) \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu + \lambda \frac{f'(z)f(z)^{\mu-1}}{pz^{p\mu-1}} \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz}.$$

Thus by Lemma 1 with $\gamma = p\mu/\lambda$, we deduce that

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu &\prec \frac{p\mu}{\lambda} z^{-p\mu/\lambda} \int_0^z \frac{t^{(p\mu/\lambda)-1} (1+At)}{1+Bt} dt \equiv q(z) \\ &= \frac{p\mu}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \frac{s^{(p\mu/\lambda)-1} (1+Asz)}{1+Bsz} ds \\ &= \frac{p\mu}{\lambda} \int_0^1 s^{(p\mu/\lambda)-1} (1+Bsz)^{-1} ds + \frac{p\mu}{\lambda} Az \int_0^1 s^{p\mu/\lambda} (1+Bsz)^{-1} ds \end{aligned}$$

By using (2.2) in (2.11), we get

$$(2.12) \quad \left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu \prec q(z) = \begin{cases} {}_2F_1(1, p\mu/\lambda; 1+p\mu/\lambda; -Bz) \\ \quad + \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Az {}_2F_1(1, 1+p\mu/\lambda; 2+p\mu/\lambda; -Bz) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Az & (B=0). \end{cases}$$

Now we show that

$$(2.13) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} \geq q(-r) \quad (|z| = r < 1).$$

Since $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, the function $(1+Az)/(1+Bz)$ is convex (univalent) in \mathbb{U} and

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}\right\} \geq \frac{1-Ar}{1-Br} > 0 \quad (|z| = r < 1).$$

Setting

$$g(s, z) = \frac{1+Asz}{1+Bsz} \quad (0 \leq s \leq 1, z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$d\mu(s) = \frac{p\mu}{\lambda} s^{(p\mu/\lambda)-1} ds$$

which is a positive measure on $[0, 1]$, we get from (2.11) that

$$(2.14) \quad q(z) = \int_0^1 g(s, z) d\mu(s) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\{q(z)\} \geq \int_0^1 \operatorname{Re}\{g(s, z)\} d\mu(s) \geq \int_0^1 \frac{1-Asr}{1-Bsr} d\mu(s)$$

which proves the inequality (2.13).

Now, using (2.13) in (2.12), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{f(z)}{z^p}\right\}^\mu \geq \rho_0(r) = \begin{cases} {}_2F_1(1, p\mu/\lambda; 1+p\mu/\lambda; Br) \\ \quad - \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Ar {}_2F_1(1, 1+p\mu/\lambda; 2+p\mu/\lambda; Br) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Ar & (B = 0). \end{cases}$$

Simplifying the right hand side of the above estimate, we deduce that

$$(2.15) \quad \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{f(z)}{z^p}\right\}^\mu \geq \rho_0(r) = \begin{cases} 1 + (B-A)p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1} r^k}{p\mu+k\lambda} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Ar & (B = 0), \end{cases}$$

which implies that the result of the theorem is true for $n = 0$.

For $n = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{I_1^a(f(z))\} &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^a \left(\frac{f(t)}{t^p}\right)^\mu dt\right\} \\ &= \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r s^a \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{f(se^{i\theta})}{se^{i\theta}}\right\} ds \\ &\geq \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r s^a \left(1 + (B-A)p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}s^k}{p\mu+k\lambda}\right) ds \\ &= 1 + \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} (B-A)p\mu \int_0^r \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}s^{k+a}}{p\mu+k\lambda}\right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|B| \leq 1$, $s < 1$ and $p\mu+k\lambda \geq p\mu+\lambda$ for all $k \geq 1$, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B^{k-1}s^{k+a}/(p\mu+k\lambda)$ is uniformly convergent in s , so that the series can be integrated term by term. Thus we have

$$\operatorname{Re}\{I_1^a(f(z))\} \geq \rho_1(r) = 1 + (B-A)(a+1)p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}r^k}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)}.$$

This shows that (2.10) holds true for $n = 1$.

Next, we assume that (2.10) holds true for $n = m$. Then, letting $t = se^{i\theta}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{I_{m+1}^a(f(z))\} &= \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^a \{I_m^a(f(t))\} dt\right\} \\ &= \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r s^a \operatorname{Re}\{I_m^a(f(t))\} dt \\ &\geq \frac{a+1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r s^a \left(1 + (B-A)(a+1)^m p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}s^k}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)^m}\right) ds \\ &= 1 + (B-A)(a+1)^{m+1} p\mu \frac{1}{r^{a+1}} \int_0^r \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}s^{k+a}}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)^m}\right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that the integrand is uniformly convergent in s , we deduce that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{I_{m+1}^a(f(z))\} \geq \rho_{m+1}(r) = 1 + (B-A)(a+1)^{m+1} p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}r^k}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)^{m+1}}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{I_n^a(f(z))\} \geq \rho_n(r)$$

for any integer $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Finally, let us consider the function

$$\gamma_n(r) = 1 + (B-A)(a+1)^n p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1} r^k}{(p\mu+k\lambda)(k+a+1)^n} \quad (0 < r < 1).$$

The series defined by $\gamma_n(r)$ is absolutely and uniformly convergent for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $0 < r < 1$. By suitably rearranging the terms in $\gamma_n(r)$, it is easy to see that $0 < \gamma_n(r) < 1$. Further, since $\gamma_n(r) \leq \gamma_{n-1}(r)$ and

$$r^{a+1} \gamma_n(r) = (a+1) \int_0^r s^a \gamma_{n-1}(s) ds \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

we have that $\gamma_n'(r) < 0$ and $\gamma_n(r)$ decreases with r as $r \rightarrow 1^-$ for fixed n and increases to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed r . This proves that $\gamma_n(r) > \gamma_n(1)$.

The estimate in (2.10) is sharp for the function $f(z)$ given by

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{z^p} \right)^\mu = \begin{cases} {}_2F_1(1, p\mu/\lambda; 1+p\mu/\lambda; -Bz) \\ \quad + \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Az {}_2F_1(1, 1+p\mu/\lambda; 2+p\mu/\lambda; -Bz) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{p\mu}{p\mu+\lambda} Az & (B = 0), \end{cases}$$

where $\mu > 0$. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Setting $A = 1-2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), $B = -1$, and $\lambda = 1$ in Theorem, we have the following result which in turn leads to the result obtained by Owa [5] for $a = 0$.

COROLLARY 1. If $f(z) \in B_p(\alpha, \mu)$, then

$$\operatorname{Re}\{I_n^a(f(z))\} \geq \gamma_n(r) > \gamma_n(1) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_0; |z| = r < 1),$$

where

$$0 < \gamma_n(r) = 1 - 2(1-\alpha)(a+1)^n p\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{r^k}{(p\mu+k)(k+a+1)^n} < 1.$$

The result is sharp.

COROLLARY 2. If $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies

$$f'(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$, then

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{f(z)}{z} \prec q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + (1 - \frac{A}{B}) \frac{\ln(1+Bz)}{Bz} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{A}{2} z & (B = 0) \end{cases}$$

and $q(z)$ is the best dominant. Further,

$$(2.17) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right) > \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} - (1 - \frac{A}{B}) \frac{\ln(1-B)}{B} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{A}{2} & (B = 0). \end{cases}$$

The function $q(z)$ in (2.16) shows that the estimate in (2.17) is sharp.

PROOF. The first half of the corollary follows from (2.12) by taking $p = \mu = \lambda = 1$ and by using the identities (2.3), (2.4) and (2.7) respectively. The estimate (2.17) is obtained by letting $p = \mu = \lambda = 1$, $n = 0$ and $a = 0$ in (2.10). This completes the proof of the corollary.

In view of Corollary 2, we note that if $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies the condition

$$f'(z) \prec \frac{1 + A^* z}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $A^* = (B \ln(1-B)) / (B + \ln(1-B))$, $B \neq 0$, then $\operatorname{Re}(f(z)/z) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$). From this it follows that if $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > (\ln 4 - 1) / (\ln 4 - 2)$, then $\operatorname{Re}(f(z)/z) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$).

COROLLARY 3. Suppose that $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies the condition

$$f'(z) + \lambda z f''(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $-1 \leq B < A \leq 1$ and $\lambda > 0$. Then

$$(2.18) \quad f'(z) \prec q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+Bz} \left\{ {}_2F_1(1, 1; (\lambda+1)/\lambda; Bz/(Bz+1)) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{Az}{\lambda+1} {}_2F_1(1, 1; (2\lambda+1)/\lambda; Bz/(Bz+1)) \right\} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{Az}{\lambda+1} & (B = 0) \end{cases}$$

and this is the best dominant. Furthermore,

$$(2.19) \quad \operatorname{Re}\{f'(z)\} > 1 + (B-A) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k-1}}{(k\lambda+1)(k+1)^{\lambda}}$$

The function $q(z)$ in (2.18) shows that the estimate (2.19) is sharp.

PROOF. The result (2.18) is obtained by taking $zf'(z)$ instead of $f(z)$ and putting $p = \mu = 1$ in (2.12) followed by using the identity (2.3). The estimate (2.19) can be deduced by setting $p = \mu = 1$, $n = 0$ and $a = 0$ in (2.10).

Putting $\lambda = 1/2$ in Corollary 3, we have

EXAMPLE 1. If $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies

$$f'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z f''(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} - \frac{2}{B^2} \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right) \left(\frac{\ln(1+Bz) - Bz}{z^2}\right) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{2}{3} Az & (B = 0) \end{cases}$$

and this is the best dominant. Further,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{f'(z)\} > \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} - \frac{2}{B^2} \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right) (\ln(1-B) + B) & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{2}{3} A & (B = 0). \end{cases}$$

The result is sharp.

The above example for $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and $B = -1$ was obtained by Owa, Obradović and Nunokawa [6]. We also observe that if $B \neq 0$ and

$$f'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z f''(z) \prec \frac{1 + A^{**} z}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

with $A^{**} = \{2B(B + \ln(1-B))\} / \{2(B + \ln(1-B)) + B^2\}$, then $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$), and hence $f(z)$ is univalent in \mathbb{U} . This gives a new criterion for univalence.

In particular, if $B = -1$ then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{f'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z f''(z)\right\} > \frac{4 \ln 2 - 3}{4 \ln 2 - 2} = -0.2943 \dots$$

implies that $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$).

Letting $\lambda = 1/3$ in Corollary 3, we have

EXAMPLE 2. If $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies

$$f'(z) + \frac{1}{3} z f''(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec q(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} + \frac{3}{(Bz)^3} \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right) \left\{\ln(1+Bz) - Bz + \frac{(Bz)^2}{2}\right\} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 + \frac{3}{4} Az & (B = 0) \end{cases}$$

and this is the best dominant. Further,

$$\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > \begin{cases} \frac{A}{B} - \frac{3}{B^3} \left(1 - \frac{A}{B}\right) \left\{\ln(1-B) + B + \frac{B^2}{2}\right\} & (B \neq 0) \\ 1 - \frac{3}{4} A & (B = 0). \end{cases}$$

The result is sharp.

We observe that if $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{f'(z) + \frac{1}{3} z f''(z)\right\} > \frac{4 - 6 \ln 2}{5 - 6 \ln 2} = -0.1888\dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{U}$).

Finally, taking $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), $B = -1$, $p = \mu = \lambda = 1$ and $n = 1$ in Theorem, we have

COROLLARY 4. If $f(z) \in A_1$ satisfies the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{a+1}{z^{a+1}} \int_0^z t^{a-1} f(t) dt\right\} > \rho \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$\rho = \rho(\alpha, a) = 1 - 2(1-\alpha)(a+1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)(k+a+1)}.$$

The result is sharp.

REMARK. (i) Putting $p = 1$, $\alpha = 0$ and $a = 0$ in Corollary 1, we get the corresponding result due to Thomas [7].

(ii) The results obtained by Owa [5, Corollary 3] can be deduced from Corollary 1 by taking $\mu = 1$, $\alpha = 0$ and $a = 0$.

(iii) Setting $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and $B = -1$ in Corollary 2, we obtain the results contained in [4, Corollary 3].

(iv) Taking $A = 1 - 2\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and $B = -1$ in Example 1, we have the results due to Owa, Obradović and Nunokawa [6, Corollary 2].

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